

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
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A meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16 2013, in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Doug Martin
Member James Powell
Member John Valley

Staff: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:33:30) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:33:57) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Fred Voltz introduced himself and reiterated his request to have input from community members and from “a broader spectrum” of wildlife protection organizations. He also submitted a suggested list of organizations for the record. CK Baily introduced himself and noted that he did kill animals for food and other resources, adding that Baily Bond had recently been stocked with protein-rich rainbow and brown trout. Mr. Baily stated that the pond was a place for education to properly harvest the fish, and noted that water was once again flowing in the pond, even though it was one-half foot lower than wished. He cited that the pond had received approximately 1.5 tons of protein-rich fish which helped people feed themselves. Member Powell requested demographic information on the users of the pond and was informed that users ranged from age two to those in their nineties, adding that according to the Nevada Department of Wildlife, it was the most utilized urban fishery within the State. Member Valley was informed that stocking started in April and ended in November 2013. Member Martin inquired about the number of fish and their weight and was informed by Mr. Baily that the information resided on the NDOW website and consisted of the stocking locations, water temperature, fish weight, and fish quantity. He was also informed that the water flow provided necessary oxygen to the pond. Member Valley explained that he had proposed an outdoor education class at Carson High School, and noted that some of the students may attend future Board meetings, adding that he may request the expertise of Board members as needed.

3. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6:54:36) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Member Martin moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:43:51) – It was agreed to approve the minutes at a later time during the meeting.

5. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES. (5:44:38) – There were no disclosures from the Board members.

6. For Possible Action: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP. (5:45:14) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin indicated that the Group had not met and that the next meeting would be coordinated by Douglas County.

7. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:45:31) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that

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there had been meetings in September and October. He stated that the latter had been about trapping regulations and had revealed issues with trappers and law enforcement. Mr. Voltz informed the Board that a phone meeting had also taken place but was not aware of its outcome. Discussion ensued regarding wild sheep coming into contact with infected domesticated sheep carcasses. Chairman Yanuck also noted that he had relayed the transportation tag issues raised by this Board, which had raised awareness and originated much discussion, and would be continued in the next meeting. He also stated that the waterfowl regulations discussed at the previous meeting were also discussed.

8. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 6 AND 7, 2013 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:58:45) – Chairman Yanuck noted that the Finance Committee face-to-face meeting would take place in the January/February meeting as several of the members resided in Las Vegas. He also informed the Board that the conferencing equipment would be in place for the upcoming meeting. It was also noted that the Bear Committee report would be a preliminary one for now. Chairman Yanuck reported that the number of returned tags had decreased this year.

8-A. PREDATION MANAGEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2013 REPORT - GAME DIVISION STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY. Staff will present the fiscal year 2013 Predator Management report.

8-B. BIG GAME DISEASE INVESTIGATION UPDATE - DR. PEREGRINE WOLFF. Staff will present findings regarding current big game disease investigations.

8-C. ELK DAMAGE AND INCENTIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER WALLACE AND GAME DIVISION STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX. An update will be provided on the status of exclusionary elk-proof fencing projects statewide and recommendations for a proposed antlerless elk landowner tag voucher program as an additional tool to address elk damage of private property.

8-D. BEAR COMMITTEE REPORT AND BEAR MANAGEMENT - CHAIRMAN ROBB AND COMMISSIONER McNINCH. A report will be provided on the recent Bear Committee meeting and on the letter authorized at the last meeting soliciting involvement of additional entities to assist with education on bear-related issues.

8-E. TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE (“TAAHC”) - CHAIRMAN ROBB. A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

8-F. SAGE GROUSE AND SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL UPDATE - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY AND COMMISSIONER DREW. An update on the status of the sage grouse and the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council will be provided.

8-G. COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE - PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER II AARON MEIER. A presentation will be provided by the Department on proposed updates to Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp Procedures.

8-H. APPLICATION HUNT 2013 DRAW REPORT - DON SEFTON, SYSTEMS CONSULTANTS. Systems Consultants will present an interim annual report of the 2013 Big Game Draw. Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license and tag fees and counts, as well as bonus point and client statistics for the five draws already completed this year.

8-I. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY WARD

8-J. FARM BILL UPDATE - SECRETARY WASLEY. A report will be provided on the federal Farm Bill.

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8-K. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY. Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

9. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION WORKSHOP (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH) AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS (SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH). (6:07:49)- Chairman Yanuck noted that during the discussion of item 9A, this Board's concerns and comments regarding inflatable vessel exclusions were discussed.

9-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 431, LCB FILE NO. R054-13, AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DECAL USE DEFINED - CHIEF ROB BUONAMICI. (6:15:33) – Member Martin suggested requesting clarifying language regarding this item. **Member Martin moved to request that Section 2, Item 1 be clarified further, when discussing inflatables. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber.** Chairman Yanuck entertained additional discussion. Mr. Baily stressed the importance of this clarification. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 432, LCB FILE NO. R055-13, JIGGS FLATWAKE - CHIEF JON SJOBERG. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions related to waters on which a reduced speed is required; and providing other matters properly related thereto. Currently Jiggs Reservoir has no special regulation limiting boating speed, but does prohibit water skiing. The reservoir is too small (max 45 surface acres) and shallow (max 10 feet) to safely accommodate water skiing and other high speed activities. The reservoir has not been maintained at full capacity for many years since water seeps from the permeable bottom soil. Nevada Department of Wildlife is currently sealing the bottom in order to increase the water level that will restore the trout and bass fisheries. Recreational fishing is the principal management for this reservoir. It is expected that jet-ski use will increase as the water level increases and the agency feels that excessive speeds from jet skies and larger boats will become unsafe. Most users are expected to come from Elko, about 35 miles to the north. However, South Fork Reservoir is located 20 miles south of Elko, which has vast boating and jet skiing accommodations and use because of its large size (1,640 acres and depth of 67 feet).

9-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 433, LCB FILE NO. R056-13, REMOVE FISHING TACKLE RESTRICTIONS - CHIEF SJOBERG. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; removing Andorno Creek, Coleman Creek, and the North Fork of Battle Creek from the waters restricted to use only artificial lures with single barbless hooks; and providing other matters properly related thereto. NDOW proposes to change the special fishing regulations (use of artificial lures and single barbless hooks only) for Andorno, Coleman, and North Fork Battle Creeks to a general fishing regulation (any legal fishing method) for Humboldt County. These streams fall within the Lahontan cutthroat trout recovery program and fish populations have been restored and are self-sustaining. These streams are remote and receive very little angling use and, therefore, they are to the point that the public can now harvest some of these fish. Local public support for future LCT restoration may increase by allowing anglers to use less restrictive fishing tackle for catching a Nevada native fish.

9-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 434, LCB FILE NO. R057-13, UNIT BOUNDARIES - CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife management areas and units; and providing other matters properly related thereto. Inconsistencies exist between the hunt units map and corresponding written boundary descriptions. This regulation legally describes wildlife management units throughout the state that are used for the management of wildlife species. The written description provides a legal basis for the enforcement of unit specific harvest regulations.

9-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 436, LCB FILE NO. R089-13, RECIPROCAL LAKE MEAD, LAKE MOHAVE, AND COLORADO RIVER FISHING LICENSES - CHIEF SJOBERG AND PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to licenses required for fishing in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead, and Lake Mohave; and providing other matters properly related thereto. This regulation amends

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language making the requirement for a minor to fish in the Colorado River, Lake Mead, and Lake Mohave system consistent with the rest of the state. Recent changes in Arizona fishing license requirements, and the Memorandum of Understanding under which both states administer reciprocal waters makes differential age requirements unnecessary.

9-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 437, LCB FILE NO. R090-13, CREATING EWE HUNT - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX AND PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the assessment of demerit points for conviction of certain wildlife violations; establishing distinct tags for the hunting of ram and ewe bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly related thereto. The request for regulation change to establish the authority for a ewe hunt will assist the Department in addressing concerns related to bighorn sheep population densities, disease events, and water and resource impacts.

9-G. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 438, LCB FILE NO. R091-13, BONUS POINT PROGRAM - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX AND PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; providing an exception to the prohibition on the submission of applications for hunting tags and bonus points under certain circumstances; prohibiting the award of bonus points for depredation hunts and management hunts; providing for the award of bonus points in the categories of ewes of certain bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly related thereto. The regulation amendment would provide the commission the ability to determine species application eligibility in annual regulation to meet the department's management needs. Additionally, the exclusion of depredation and management hunts from the bonus point program is to promote harvest regardless of age or antler size; the premise being that an applicant with a high number of bonus points is more likely to trophy hunt once they draw a tag for these types of hunts. This regulation also addresses the bonus point category for ewe hunts if the hunt becomes established by the commission.

10. CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:20:33) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Member Valley moved to accept the consent agenda items with the exception of item 10B. The Motion was seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried 5-0.**

10-A. For Possible Action: SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY #23, PREDATION MANAGEMENT - COMMISSIONER McBEATH AND STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy #23, Predation Management, and may take action to adopt the policy.

10-B. For Possible Action: ELK HUNT MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER. (6:22:44) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the Department was considering new elk hunt management strategies to include: removal of depredation hunts from the bonus point program; antlerless elk management tag awarded when a deer tag is drawn within specified units; antlerless elk management tag awarded when an antlered elk tag is drawn; and to allow applications for both antlered elk and antlerless elk in the same draw period; and implementation of spike hunts. He also noted that the commission will hear a report from the Department regarding the guidelines for these proposals, and County Advisory Boards will have an opportunity to comment and make recommendations regarding the application eligibility options presented. Member Valley stated that he had received hunter feedback regarding this item and that he was ready for a motion. Discussion ensued. **Member Valley moved to endorse Strategy 4, Option 3. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Motion carried 5-0.**

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (6:36:19) – There were no updates regarding this item.

12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (6:36:41) – Chairman Yanuck explained that the next Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting would take place on January 31 and February 1, 2014 in Las Vegas.

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13. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (6:36:57) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Management Wildlife will take place on Monday, January 27, 2014.

14. Informational Item: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (6:37:10) – There were no reports from Staff.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (6:37:25) – Per Mr. Voltz's request, strategies for full spectrum input regarding wildlife issues, and upcoming officer elections per the new board policies and procedures, would be agendized for the next meeting.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT. (6:46:08) – Mr. Voltz reported a trapping incident in Lyon County where a dog had died after being caught in a trap, which could not be opened without a specific device. He also noted that trailsafe.org had documented the issues with traps. Mr. Baily commented that it was the responsibility of the owners of domestic animals not to have their pets off leash and provide them with snake bite avoidance training. Member Powell received clarification that two percent of the Carson City population had received big game tags, which excluded other hunting and fishing licenses.

17. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:58:50) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. **Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Valley.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 27th day of January, 2014.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman