A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Christopher MacKenzie
Vice Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Greg Davis
Steve Walker

ALSO PRESENT:
Robert Parry

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(ABMW 11/20/00; Tape 1-0001)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson MacKenzie. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. As he had advised at the last meeting, Member Blank was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 16, 2000 (1-0003) **-** Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the minutes as published. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0012) **-** None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0014) **-** Vice Chairperson Pedersen introduced Robert Parry; however, no public comments were made.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0036) **-** None.

6. REVIEW OF VARIOUS AGENDA MATTERS FOR UPCOMING DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 2000 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0045) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie advised that he had received a fax copy of the Wildlife Commission (the "Commission") agenda. He did not receive the Commission agenda materials prior to this meeting, nor had any of the other Board members.

A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 293 (LCB FILE NO. R116-00) (1-0460) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item. The Board members had no comment.

B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 295 (LCB FILE NO. TEMPORARY) (1-0502) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item. The Board members had no comment.

C. LEGISLATION (1-0510) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie noted that the bill drafts would have been included in the Commission agenda materials which were not received prior to this meeting.

D. HATCHERY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT (1-0516) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie advised that the Lake Mead hatchery will be refurbished first, and that trout stamp revenue will pay for the project. Member Davis acknowledged that an increase in the cost of the trout stamp is being considered. (1-0558) Discussion took place regarding needed habitat improvement.

E. QUESTION 5 PROJECT CONCURRENCE (1-0534) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item. The Board members had no comment.

F. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (1-0541) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie advised that this item is agendized for action at the Wildlife Commission meeting. The Board members had no comment.

G. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 294 (LCB FILE NO. TEMPORARY) (1-0580) **-** Discussion took place regarding the increase in non-resident big game tag fees and previous Board discussions regarding this issue. Member Davis commented that habitat improvements cannot be made nor can additional biologists be hired without fee increases. Discussion followed with regard to communicating Board recommendations and personal opinions at Commission meetings. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested that the Board submit written opinions for the Commission meetings at which it will not be represented.

H. PETITION - MR. JEFF JONES (1-0750) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item. Discussion took place regarding the differences, in terms of weapon use during the season, between the Partnership in Wildlife tag and the auction tag. Member Davis expressed the understanding that auction tag fees are allocated to the Wildlife Heritage Trust account. Chairperson MacKenzie noted that because the Commission agenda materials were not available, there was no way to determine the portion of the regulation for which Mr. Jones is requesting conformance. No formal action was taken.

I. PETITION - RANSOM E. SPURLOCK II (1-0794) **-** Vice Chairperson Pedersen and Member Davis expressed opposition to this petition. Vice Chairperson Pedersen commented that allowing the use of scopes on muzzle loaders would be contrary to the whole concept of hunting with a muzzle loader. He indicated he knows of no other western state which allows scopes on muzzle loaders. Discussion took place regarding the capabilities of in-line muzzle loaders. Member Walker commented that the Commission had accepted the petition to allow the use of holographic sights. **Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved that the Board stand opposed to the use of telescopic sights on muzzle loading rifles. Member Davis seconded the motion.** Member Davis recommended standing by the opposition. He commented that a trend seems to be developing where "everybody is pushing the limit." Chairperson MacKenzie concurred, and commented on the fair chase factor involved in every confrontation and in every season. Member Walker commented on the increase in technology as applied to archery hunting. Chairperson MacKenzie called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 4-0.** Discussion took place regarding presentation of the Board's recommendation to the Commission at its December meeting.

J. COMMISSION REGULATION 00-15 (1-0973) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item. Discussion took place regarding the reptile collection business, data collected by Nevada Division of Wildlife ("NDOW") biologists, and the "hunting" season. Consensus of the Board was to support the proposed regulation. No formal action was taken.

K. COMMISSION REGULATION 00-12 AMENDMENT #1 AND 00-16 AMENDMENT #1 (1-1106) **-** Consensus of the Board was to support these amendments, as they are administrative in nature. No formal action was taken.

L. COMMISSION POLICIES (1-1114) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie deferred discussion and action on this item until the Commission agenda materials can be reviewed.

M. PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PROJECT REPORTS (1-1122) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie expressed an interest in any discussion of this matter at the upcoming Commission meeting. Member Walker advised of a conversation with Wildlife Commissioner Ford, who expressed opposition to planting big horn sheep in any area where predator management has not taken place. He advised that an animal advocate was present at the last Commission meeting and inquired as to numbers. The Animal Damage Control ("ADC") representative advised that all numbers have been reported to NDOW. Member Walker discussed problems created for sage hens by ravens and cattle. Vice Chairperson Pedersen distributed a sample monthly report published by the ADC. Discussion took place regarding depredation methods, depredation restrictions on federal land, and previous big horn sheep transplants.

Vice Chairperson Pedersen read into the record a cover letter and petition from the Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife regarding a proposed predator management program. He expressed support for the petition, and commented that it is an opportunity for year-round hunting and that the proposal could possibly defray ADC costs. Discussion took place regarding the proposal, and Chairperson MacKenzie commented that it "mixes apples and oranges" in terms of bonus points and predator control. He expressed opposition to a new resident being awarded bonus points for shooting coyotes. Member Walker expressed support for the stamp from the standpoint of offsetting predator management costs. Discussion took place regarding the difference in ADC accomplishments on behalf of the ranchers and the hunters. Member Davis discussed the need to focus on habitat and other factors rather than just predators. He commented on his experience in predator management. Discussion took place regarding wolves. Consensus of the Board was to monitor this issue. Vice Chairperson Pedersen provided the letter, petition, and the most recent ADC report to Member Walker for the upcoming Commission meeting. Member Davis advised that one-half to two-thirds the cost for predator management is federally funded. No formal action was taken.

N. 2001-02 BIG GAME SEASONS (1-1623) **-** Discussion took place regarding the quota setting process, and Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested monitoring this matter and providing information when requested. Chairperson MacKenzie advised that NDOW Administrator Terry Crawforth had called to thank the Board for taking time to send the letter regarding the Stillwater Management Program. Discussion took place regarding the Commission agenda materials, the timing of Board meetings, and including a copy of all Board correspondence in the official meeting record.

7. ROSS GOLD PARK FISH PLANTING (1-1824) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie advised that C.K. Bailey has developed a proposal to create an urban pond. In the interim, Ross Gold Park will be used. Mr. Bailey has secured the cooperation and approval of the City and NDOW. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested thanking Supervising Fisheries Biologist Mike Sevon for the fish planting. Discussion took place regarding previous drainage of the Ross Gold Pond and the authorization received from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Director.

8. BUDGET STATUS - LARRY BLANK (1-2012) **-** Vice Chairperson Pedersen advised of having submitted receipts for the appreciation gifts purchased for former members Groth, Heath, and Mason. Chairperson MacKenzie thanked Vice Chairperson Pedersen for his selection of the gifts. Discussion took place regarding presentation of the gifts.

9. DISCUSSION OF ATTTENDING FUTURE NEVADA WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS: DECEMBER 1 AND 2, 2000 IN LAS VEGAS AND FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 2001 IN RENO (1-2042) **-** Member Walker acknowledged that he will attend the December 1 and 2 meeting in Las Vegas. Consensus of the Board was to attend the February 9 and 10, 2001 meeting in Reno as a group. The meeting will be posted as a possible quorum if three or more members commit to attending.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION (1-2078) **-** Consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting for January 29th at 7:00 p.m.

11. REVIEW OF OCTOBER WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0065) **-** Member Walker commented on the experience. He reported that the matter of allowing scopes on muzzle loaders had been deferred to the December Commission meeting. The Commissioners discussed the NDOW budget. The petition to allow disabled persons to hunt with a crossbow was denied. With regard to the tag fee workshop, the Commissioners considered immediate implementation of a fee increase to $7. Member Walker expressed the opinion that the Commission should increase the fee to the statutory limit of $10. He advised of the 90-page Big Game Survey which was distributed, and indicated that the independent company whose representatives made the presentation did a very good job. Member Walker further reported that hunters in Area 23 indicated they are in favor of the spike bull hunt management tool, and are opposed to raising non-resident big game tag fees. He advised that the Partnership in Wildlife tag will be re-agendized for the next Commission meeting, and discussed the proposal to decrease the fee to $10. Discussion took place regarding the purpose for decreasing the fee, inappropriate issues presented at the Commission meeting, and NDOW documentation and reports. Member Walker indicated that he looks forward to attending the next two Commission meetings. Chairperson MacKenzie thanked Member Walker for his attendance and his report.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-2095) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie will agendize presentation of the appreciation gifts for the next meeting. Vice Chairperson Pedersen will keep the gifts until then. Chairperson MacKenzie will agendize discussion regarding election of officers for the next meeting. Discussion took place regarding four-wheelers and go devil boats, activities of The Nature Conservancy, fencing and private property, and depredation tags.

13. ADJOURNMENT (1-2820) **-** Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the November 20, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of January, 2001.

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CHRISTOPHER F. MacKENZIE, Chairperson