

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

MEETING AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
(CARSON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ROOM)
1329 WATERLOO LANE
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

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5:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action Can be Taken)

At this time, public comment will be allowed on those items not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction and control of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker. If you are going to comment on a specific agenda item scheduled for discussion and action, please do so when that item is opened for public comment.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Douglas County Wildlife Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner; to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and; to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **August 9, 2016**

The Administrative Agenda will be handled as follows:

- (1) The Chairman will read the agenda title into the public record.
- (2) The Presenter, if any, will provide a report.
- (3) The Board will then discuss the matter.
- (4) The public will then be allowed to comment on the item and comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker.
- (5) Once public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any

follow-up questions and take action.

1. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**
2. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA WILDLIFE COMMISSION THAT THE NUMBER OF BEAR TAGS AVAILABLE BE INCREASED TO 51 WITH THE INTENTION THAT A GOVERNOR'S TAG BECOME AVAILABLE AND THAT HUNTING BE ALLOWED IN ALL AREAS OF HUNT UNITS THAT ARE OPEN TO BEAR HUNTING.**
3. **The following items, 3a through 3q, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, September 23 & 24, 2016, at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Classrooms A & D, Las Vegas, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.**

3a–3q. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

3a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REQUEST FOR 20 WILD-TRAPPED FEMALE SAGE GROUSE FOR TRANSLOCATION TO THE YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INCREASE GENETIC DIVERSITY. The Department received a request from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in cooperation with Joint Base Lewis-McChord Yakima Training Center (JBLM YTC) to capture and translocate 20 female sage-grouse from Nevada to JBLM YTC. This request is in support of a collaborative effort by JBLM YTC, WDFW, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to continue efforts in conducting genetic augmentation of the JBLM YTC sage-grouse population in south-central Washington. The Department is proceeding to fulfill the request and seeks the support of the Commission. The Commission may vote to support the Department's action. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6*)

3b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 2, PUBLICATIONS. The Commission will have a first reading and may take action on the committee's recommendation to repeal Commission Policy 2, Sale of Publications. The policy is outdated and redundant with the Public Record fee schedule and requirements applicable to Executive Branch agency's limiting fees. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7*)

3c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 10, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AND VENDORS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy 10, Wildlife Heritage Tags and

Vendors, and may take action to approve recommendations from the policy's first reading. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8*)

3d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 11, WILDLIFE HERITAGE GRANTS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 11, Wildlife Heritage Grants, and may take action to approve the recommendations from the policy's first reading. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9*)

3e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 31, LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management Guidelines. The committee recommends updating the policy with current requirements and Fisheries Division plans will be considered. The Commission may take action on the committee's recommended changes to Policy 31. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10*)

3f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 33, FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. The Commission will conduct a first reading on Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program. The committee recommends updating the policy with current requirements and Fisheries Division plans will be considered. The Commission may take action on the committee's recommended changes to Policy 33. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 11*)

3g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 463, DUTIES OF PERSON TRANSPORTING VESSEL OR CONVEYANCE, LCB FILE NO. R093-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The change amends Chapter 488 of NAC by adding a new section that requires the owner, operator or person in control of any vessel or conveyance that is launched on any body of water in this State to drain the water from the vessel or conveyance and any equipment on the vessel or conveyance and also requires the owner, operator or person in control of a vessel or conveyance that has been taken out of any body of water in this State ensure that the drain plugs, drain valves and any other devices used to control the draining of water remain open while transporting the vessel or conveyance on public roads in this State. The proposed regulation also amends language in NAC 488.520 to accommodate the changes above and remove repetitive language. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14*). *This item is agendaized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.*)

3h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 465, ANTELOPE AND ELK WAITING PERIODS, LCB FILE NO. R141-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation allows a person to apply in any year for an antelope tag. If they receive an antelope tag for horns longer than ears and harvest an antelope they are in a waiting period of five years before they are eligible to apply again. Existing regulation for antlered elk allows a person to apply in any year if they did not receive a tag in the previous five years and did not harvest, it also stipulates a person is eligible to apply after 10 years if they harvest an antlered elk. The amendment to the regulation would standardize the waiting period for a person to be

eligible to apply for each of the species after receiving a tag. Antelope waiting period after receiving a tag would be three years. Antlered elk waiting period after receiving a tag would be five years. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 15.*) *This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.*)

3i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 467, SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERMIT, LCB FILE NO. R105-16.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Through Assembly Bill 136 of the 2015 Legislative Session, the Nevada State Legislature mandated the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person may assist a licensed hunter with certain disabilities in the killing and retrieval of a big game mammal. The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016, where several changes were considered.

(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16). This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.)

3j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 471, CLOSURE OF TRUCKEE RIVER TO MOTORIZED VESSELS, LCB FILE NO. R139-16.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation sets forth certain bodies of water on which only vessels without motors are allowed and certain bodies of water on which only vessels without motors and vessels powered by electric motors are allowed. This regulation adds the Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to the list of waters with such a restriction. This regulation also extends the exception to the restrictions to all such specified waters and to any vessel that is owned, operated and used for official purposes by a federal, state or local governmental entity, or any vessel operating pursuant to a permit for a marine event that is requested by a federal, state or local governmental entity. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 17*). *This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.*)

3k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 16-02, AMENDMENT #1, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MARCH 1, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018.

The Commission will consider Amendment #1 of the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2016, through February 28, 2018. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Truckee River from 1,000 feet below Derby Dam to the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to be three game fish of which zero (0) may be trout (catch and release only) from February 1 through May 31, in Storey and Washoe Counties, and an amendment to change the harvest limit for trout in Lake Mohave and the Colorado River below Davis Dam to be five trout in Clark County. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*).

3l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 468, BONUS POINT TRANSFER, LCB FILE NO. R104-16.

The Commission will consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation provides for the accumulation of bonus points by a person who applies for certain drawings for tags required for hunting certain species. Such

bonus points accumulate and give the person a mathematical advantage in subsequent drawings for a tag. Under existing regulations, a person who changes his or her state of residence may request a transfer of any accumulated bonus points to himself or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State, as appropriate. This regulation change provides the authority to the Department to make such a transfer automatic upon the person's change of residence.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September Commission meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 24*).

3m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 469, TRUCKEE RIVER TACKLE RESTRICTION, LCB FILE NO. R094-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The change revises NAC 503.504 to require the use of certain types of fishing tackle in portions of the Truckee River. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the Truckee River from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary from February 1 through May 31 each year, to reduce incidental mortality of spawning adult Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September Commission meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*).

3n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 458, ELECTRONIC RIFLE TRIGGERS, CALIBER AND CARTRIDGE LENGTH, AND SMOKELESS POWDER RESTRICTIONS, LCB FILE NO. R144-15. The Commission will consider adopting an amendment to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it legal to hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge of .22 or larger [and has a barrel length of 4 inches or more]. The third change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge larger than .50 caliber or with a case length longer than 3 inches. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with any sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.

Two workshops have been held on this regulation change; one on January 29, 2016, and March 25, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to change "3.8 inches overall loaded length" to "3 inches case length," change ".46 caliber or larger" to "larger than .50 caliber," change the minimum legal handgun cartridge to "caliber .22 or larger," and change "electronic or computer controlled trigger" to "sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism." Another hearing was held on June 25, 2016; however, the Commission only allowed public comment, the Commission did not discuss the regulation. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26*).

3o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON 2016 FIRE RELATED EMERGENCY ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTS FOR PORTIONS OF UNITS 067 AND 068.

The Department will brief the Commission on the effects of the Hot Pot Fire in portions of Units 067 and 068 north of Battle Mountain and provide a description of conditions on critical mule deer winter range in the area. The Department plans to use antlerless deer hunts during fall 2016 to reduce deer abundance and subsequent deer mortality on the winter range and also lessen potential impacts to the remaining habitat. The Commission may vote to support the Department's action. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 27*).

3p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION STRATEGY UPDATE.

The Department has conducted substantial data analysis and public input since the effort to simplify hunting and angling license structures was initiated about one year ago. The Department will provide an overview of the information obtained to date, along with suggestions for bundled privileges and fees. The Commission may vote to support the Department's license structure proposal. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 28*).

3q. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE UPDATE OF GUIDELINES FOR HARVEST MANAGEMENT IN NEVADA.

The Department will provide an update on the status and process of refining the draft harvest guidelines for consideration by the Commission. The Department will provide a briefing on feedback received at public meetings held on August 24 - 26 and September 6 - 7, 2016 in Ely, Elko, Winnemucca, Las Vegas, and Reno. The Commission may provide the Department with direction regarding further development. The Department intends to provide the Commission with a final briefing on the Harvest Guidelines at their meeting in November. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 29*).

4. **CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.** This is an opportunity for Board members to discuss any correspondence or communication they may have received regarding matters over which the Board has jurisdiction and control. No action will be taken other than to possibly have an item placed on the next agenda.
5. **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 12 & 13, 2016 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** There will be no action taken.
6. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.**
7. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Nov. 18 and 19, 2016, in Reno, and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time

and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting. The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** This is an opportunity for Board members to request that items be placed on future agendas. There will be no deliberation or action taken other than to request the Chair to place the item on an agenda.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICES: The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any citizen who wishes to attend this meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact Craig Burnside, Chairman, at 775-901-2882, or, in writing, at 1388 Saratoga Street, Minden, Nevada 89423, as soon as possible.

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241, this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting day and has been posted before 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the following locations: Douglas County Community & Senior Center, Douglas County Historic Courthouse, USPS Gardnerville Post Office, and USPS Minden Post Office Main Office.

Copies of supporting material can be found at:

www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/. Copies of supporting material can be requested in person from Lorraine Kabat by calling 775-782-0029.

On some occasions, a quorum of this Advisory Board may be attendance at the Nevada Wildlife Commissioners meetings. No action will be taken by the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on those occasions other than to have a spokesperson inform the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners of the recommendations that this Advisory Board has duly acted upon at previous meetings.