

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.

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:

- **November 14, 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 ON THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE.**
2. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**
3. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON USING TRAINED TRACKING DOGS FOR BIG GAME RECOVERY.**
4. **The following items, 4a through 4p, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, February 10 & 11, 2017, at the Nevada Senate Capitol Building, Capitol Assembly Chambers, Second Floor, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, 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.**

4a–4p. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE REPORT ABOUT HUNTING NEAR DWELLINGS AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS. The Department will provide an update on recent complaints and incidents involving people hunting in or near residential areas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9*)

4b. 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 revisions since the first reading of the current draft presented at the November 2016 Commission Meeting. This draft for possible adoption includes only the segment addressing big game management; the segment addressing upland game will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to amend or adopt this draft of the harvest guidelines. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10*)

4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft Fiscal Year 2018 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the

Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2017 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2017 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 11*)

4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings. The Commission may review bills of interest, consider legislative committee recommendations and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts contained within bills rather than specific language. The Commission will consider and may approve a spokesperson(s) who will relay Commission positions and platforms to the Legislature. (Support materials are as of the Legislative Committee meeting held on January 23, 2017. These materials may be updated at the Commission meeting based on the outcome of the February 8, 2017 Committee meeting. Bill and BDR language may be viewed online at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017>) (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 12*)

4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 26A, TRANSPARENCY. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 26A, Transparency, and may take action to amend or repeal. The policy is outdated and unnecessary. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 13*)

4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 464, APPEALS, LCB FILE NO. R074-16. The Commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation revises provisions relating to practice before the Commission. It provides more efficiency in scheduling appeals, will define that "calendar" days are used for calculation of deadlines, and more clearly notify the appellant in advance of a hearing that the Commission has limited jurisdiction. It will also provide for two, separate Attorneys General (one for the Commission and one for the Department) to avoid conflicts with one attorney advising two sides of the appeal. It also requires the appellant to give the agency advance notice of legal representation to improve scheduling for a separate lengthier time needed on agendas.

These changes were approved at the May 12, 2016, meeting of the Board of Wildlife Commission's APRPC Committee which included relevant suggestions from the public and legal counsel. The Commission held a workshop in Reno on August 12, 2016, where the Commission asked to include information regarding the notice to the appellant and also to insert language that if a party fails to file certain information within 14 days they may waive their right to a hearing on the appeal. A revision of the regulation was requested from the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB); which, contained additional edits. No Changes were suggested by the Commission at the November 19, 2016 meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19A*)

4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 467, SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERMIT, LCB FILE NO. R105-16. The Commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 502 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 on August 12, 2016, where several changes were considered. The Commission held another workshop on September 23, 2016 to consider public comment and changes that were implemented at the last meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19B*)

4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-03, 2017 BLACK BEAR SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting 2017 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20*)

4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-04, 2017-2018 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AND HARVEST LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting 2017 - 2018 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 21*)

4j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-05, 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 BIG GAME SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22*)

4k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-06, 2018 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2018 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*)

4l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-07, 2017 DREAM TAG SEASONS. The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Dream Tag seasons. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 24*)

4m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-08, 2017 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*)

4n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-09, 2017 SILVER STATE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26*)

4o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-10, 2017 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINE INFORMATION. The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2017 big game tag application deadline information. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 27*)

4p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-11, 2017 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY. The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2017 big game tag application eligibility, to include ability to apply for bull and spike elk, and ram and ewe of same bighorn subspecies. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 28*)

5. **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.
6. **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2016 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** There will be no action taken.
7. **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.**
8. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 24 and 25, 2017, in Southern Nevada 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 and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed. The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2017.
9. **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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the following locations: Douglas County Community & Senior Center; Douglas County Historic Courthouse; USPS Gardnerville Post Office; USPS Minden Post Office Main Office; Nevada Public Notice Website; and Douglas County Nevada website.

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.