

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

MEETING AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
(CERAMICS ROOM)
1329 WATERLOO LANE
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

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5:30 P.M.
JUNE 26, 2018

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:

- **May 1, 2018**

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. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**
2. **FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION ONLY. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE AGENDA PROCESS, MEETING LOCATION, POTENTIAL COSTS, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH HOLDING A DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEETING.**
3. **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 4 & 5, 2018 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** There will be no action taken.
4. The following items, 4a through 4m, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, June 29 & 30, 2018, at the Dyer Community Center, Highway 264 at Blue Bird Road, Between Mile Marker 11 & 12, West Side of Highway North of Dyer, Dyer, 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–4m. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DUCK STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$128,510 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- Technician Support for Nevada Waterfowl Projects - Project # 384 (\$13,910)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support - Project # 352 (\$10,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Moist Soil Food Plots - Project # 382 (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$2,600)
- Overton WMA Pipe Replacement Project - Phase 2 - Project # 360 (\$7,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control - Project # 349 (\$10,000)
- Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Pond Leveling - Project # 351 (\$60,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Saltcedar Treatment - Project # 381 (\$15,000)

(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6)

4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$252,234 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring – Project # 373 (\$55,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring – Project # 368 (\$14,264)

- Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada – Project # 365 (\$3,100)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape-Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse within the Desatoya Mountains – Project # 369 (\$15,000)
- Measuring Corticosterone Metabolites in Greater Sage-grouse - Project # 393 (\$25,000)
- Estimating Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada’s Most Novel Habitats - Project # 367 (\$53,470)
- Effects of Conventional Raven Control and Wildfire on Greater Sage-grouse within the Virginia Mountains – Project # 370 (\$25,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Upland Food Plots – Project # 383 (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$3,900)
- Edwards Creek Lek Pinyon Juniper Hand Removal Project – Project # 282 (\$25,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control – Project # 349 (\$10,000)
- Eastern Nevada Properties Restoration – Project # 390 (\$12,500)

(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7)

4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE WILDLIFE HERITAGE COMMITTEE’S HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS. Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8B)*

4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE’S HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8C)*

4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE’S FISCAL YEAR 2019 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$887,474.01 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. These recommendations may change at the 8am, June 29 Heritage Committee meeting.

- Bighorn Sheep Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 19-01 (\$75,000)
- NDOW Helicopter Acquisition – Project # 19-02 (\$200,000)
- Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project # 19-03 (\$100,000)
- Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Ponds Leveling – Project # 19-04 (\$60,000)
- Willow Creek Reservoir Habitat Structures and Other Improvements – Project # 19-05 (\$21,500)
- South Steptoe Watershed Restoration – Project # 19-06 (\$35,000)
- Kern Mountain Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-07 (\$30,000)
- Izzenhood Basin Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-08 (\$30,000)
- Bighorn Sheep Gene Transcription Analysis – Project # 19-09 (\$84,500)
- Comins Lake Boat Ramp – Project # 19-10 (\$55,000)
- Rebuild of Last Chance #6 Hanging Basin Water Development – Project # 19-11 (\$25,100)

- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 19-12 (\$36,700)
- Simkins/Doc Pass PJ Chaining Maintenance Project – Project # 19-13 (\$75,000)
- Cave Valley Ranch PJ Removal Project – Project # 19-14 (\$59,674.01)
- Delineation and Nutritional Value of Desert Bighorn Lambing Habitat – Project # 19-15 (not recommended for funding)

(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8D)

4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 477, LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM, LCB FILE NO. 096-18. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for equitably allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9)*

4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 474, TRAP REGISTRATION, LCB FILE NO. R038-18. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.150. This regulation revises provisions relating to the registration of traps as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 364 of the 79th Legislative Session. SB 364 states that with certain exceptions, each trap, snare, or similar device used by a person in the taking of wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is used. It also states that for each trap, snare, or similar device registered with the Department, the person registering the device shall pay a registration fee of \$5. This proposed regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to register traps and charge \$5 per trap registered. The Commission held a workshop on May 4, 2018 and directed the Department to clarify the first sentence of the regulation as it relates to SB 364. The Commission also directed the Department to gain clarity on the transfer of trap registration numbers. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10)*

4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 50 and may take action to officially suspend the policy. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 18)*

4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 18-01, AMENDMENT #1-FISHING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD MARCH 1, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2020. The Commission will consider Amendment #1 of CR 18-01, the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters, and Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters, in Nye County, to remove harvest limits on trout species. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19)*

4j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 18-12, 2018-2019 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG

LIMITS. The Commission will consider and may vote to establish regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2018 and 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2019 and 2020. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20*)

4k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 18-04 AMENDMENT #1, 2018 HERITAGE TAG ORGANIZATION/VENDOR SELECTION AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS. The Commission will consider selection of the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 21*)

4l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE'S FISCAL YEAR 2019 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$39,186.01 for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife budgets for fiscal year 2019. Carson City estimate \$1,742.50; Clark estimate \$9,389.69; Douglas estimate \$2,127.02; Eureka estimate \$373.71; Humboldt estimate \$583.54; Lander estimate \$2,063.99; Lincoln estimate \$2,378.27; Lyon estimate \$1,347.17; Mineral estimate \$5,477.85; Pershing estimate \$4,982.56; Washoe estimate \$3,771.37; White Pine estimate \$4,948.34. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22B*)

4m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019. The Commission will review and may take action to amend the Department's biennial upland game release plan for fiscal year 2019 to include beavers. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*)

- 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. 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 DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 10 and 11, 2018, in Caliente. 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, August 7, 2018.

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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 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 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.