

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **AGENDA**

**Thursday ~ September 15, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

## **MEMBERS**

Sean Shea, Chair  
Michelle Spencer, Secretary  
Meghan Di Rocco  
Arnold Pitts  
Steven Robinson

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The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

**Time Limits** – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

**Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

**Responses to Public Comments** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS”** [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS** [Non-action item]
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** [For possible action] – 1) *Chair*; 2) *Vice-chair*; and 3) *Secretary*
5. **APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2016, MINUTES** (For possible action)
6. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) September 23 and 24, 2-16, Las Vegas, Nevada; and 2). November 18 and 19, 2016, in Reno, Nevada.*
7. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1). *Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2). Overview of the August 12 and 13, 2016, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*
8. **OPEN MEETING LAW PRESENTATION** [Non-action item] – *An informational update and discussion on the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Jen Gustafson – Deputy District Attorney*
9. **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** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*
10. **FIRST READING, COMMISSION POLICY 2, PUBLICATIONS – COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES REGULATIONS AND POLICY** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*

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11. **SECOND READING, COMMISSION POLICY 10, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AND VENDORS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify a second reading of Policy 10, Wildlife Heritage Tags and Vendors.*
12. **SECOND READING, COMMISSION POLICY 11, WILDLIFE HERITAGE GRANTS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify a second reading of Commission Policy 11, Wildlife Heritage Grants.*
13. **FIRST READING, COMMISSION POLICY 31, LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*
14. **FIRST READING, COMMISSION POLICY 33, FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*
15. **COMMISSION REGULATION 16 - 02, AMENDMENT #1, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MARCH 1, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*
16. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 468, BONUS POINT TRANSFER, LCB File R104-16** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*

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17. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 469, TRUCKEE RIVER TACKLE RESTRICTION, LCB File No. R094-16** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal 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.*
18. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 458, ELECTRONIC RIFLE TRIGGERS, CALIBER AND CARTRIDGE LENGTH, AND SMOKELESS POWDER RESTRICTIONS, LCB File No. R144-15** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify an amendment to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The proposed regulation amendment will 1) clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder; 2) 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]; 3). 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; and 4) 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.*
19. **2016 FIRE RELATED EMERGENCY ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTS FOR PORTIONS OF UNITS 067 and 068** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify a **proposal** 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.*
20. **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION STRATEGY UPDATE** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal 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.*
21. **NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE UPDATE OF GUIDELINES FOR HARVEST MANAGEMENT IN NEVADA** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve, deny or otherwise modify 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.*
22. **WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the next meeting is November 10, 2016.*

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- 24. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

**IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 11:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.**