Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

**MEMBERS**

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**AGENDA**

**Thursday ~ January 21, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Nevada Department of Wildlife**

**Conference Room B**

**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

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The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may consider items on the agenda out of order.

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 WILDLIFEMEMBERS 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 AND ROLL CALL** (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. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015, MINUTES** (For possible action)

**5. 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) November 13 and 14, 2015, in Reno, Nevada; and 2). January 29 and 30, 2016, in Las Vegas, Nevada.*

**6. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** (Non-action items) **–** *1). Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2). Overview of the November 13 and 14, 2015, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*

**7. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the proposed Draft Fiscal Year 2017 Predation Management Plan for submission to the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee.*

**8. 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 recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It revises provisions relating to hunting big game mammals with a rifle; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

**9. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 459, UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (DRONES), LCB FILE NO. R145-15** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. It restricts the use of aerial devices to aid in hunting and adds additional types of aerial devices.*

**10. COMMISSION REGULATION 15–09 – AMENDMENT #2, BIG GAME SEASONS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2016–2017 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 emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.*

**11. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–09, BIG GAME MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST LIMITS FOR 2016–2017** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the proposed 2016 – 2017 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.*

**12. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–10, 2016 BLACK BEAR SEASONS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify 2016 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.*

**13. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–03, 2017 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2017 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.*

**14. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–04, DREAM TAG 2016 SEASONS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2016 Dream Tag seasons.*

**15. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–05, PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (PIW) 2016 SEASON AND QUOTAS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2016 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.*

**16. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–06, SILVER STATE TAG 2016 SEASON AND QUOTAS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify 2016 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.*

**17. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–07, 2016 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINE INFORMATION** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify language regarding the 2016 big game tag application deadline information.*

**18. COMMISSION REGULATION 16–08, 2016 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify 2016 big game tag application eligibility.*

**19. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 456, SPECIAL INCENTIVE ELK ARBITRATION PANEL, LCB FILE NO. R031-15** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on March 20, 2015, and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and no further changes were made. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted this regulation as a permanent regulation on September 26, 2015; however, on October 27, 2015 the Legislative Commission deferred the regulation. A workshop was held yesterday, January 29, 2015, and subsection 3 on page 3 was suggested for removal by the Department.*

**20. POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL LAND TRANSFER TO THE MOAPA BAND OF PAIUTES IN SOUTHERN NEVADA** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a potential congressional land transfer and discuss possible issues with wildlife management and public access in and around lands being considered for transfer. The Commission may choose to develop correspondence and provide input to the Congressional delegation as part of their consideration of the Bill.*

**21. 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 March 17, 2016*.

**22. 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.*

**23. 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.**