

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Wednesday ~ January 15, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Steven Robinson, Chair
Arnold Pitts, Vice-chair
Anthony DoMoe
Ray Kabisch
Jim Rhea

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This agenda has also been posted on the Washoe County web site at:

http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all_boards_committees/nv_wildlife_commissioners/index.php

The NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/County_Advisory_Boards/Washoe/

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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 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 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 OCTOBER 24, 2019, MINUTES** [For possible action]
5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) January 24 and 25, 2020, 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 1 and 2, 2019, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. **Request for up to 30 Pygmy Rabbits by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a recommendation from The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife request for up to 30 pygmy rabbits from Nevada during late winter-early spring 2020 to augment their restoration efforts. Pygmy rabbits from Nevada are similar genetically to the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits, and these rabbits would be used to augment their semi-wild breeding population. The Commission may vote to endorse this request.
8. **Draft Fiscal Year 2021 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 draft Fiscal Year 2021 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 2020 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2020 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

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9. **Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19** – [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a suggested regulation to amend Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). A federal statute was adopted in 2019 which allows a state to provide for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the maximum allowable days of the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would provide authority to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a season at some future point if they choose.
10. **Commission Regulation 19-05, Amendment #1, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 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 proposed amendments to the 2020–2021 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. The Department is limiting amendments to those that correct errors from last year, address emerging management needs, address substantial changes in wildlife abundance, or address conflicts.
11. **Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment #1, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer 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 a proposed amendment to the 2020–2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.
12. **Commission Regulation 20-02, 2020 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 proposed 2020 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 20-03, 2020–2021 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits** – [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed 2020–2021 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.
14. **Commission Regulation 20-04, 2021 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation to set the 2021 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quota.
15. **Commission Regulation 20-05, 2020 Dream Tag** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve,

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deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation to set the 2020 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.

15. **Commission Regulation 20-06, 2020 Partnership in Wildlife Tags** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation to set the 2020 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota.
17. **Commission Regulation 20-07, 2020 Silver State Tags** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation to set the 2020 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota.
18. **Commission Regulation 20-08, 2020 Big Game Application Deadlines** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application deadlines and related information.
19. **Commission Regulation 20-09, 2020 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.
20. **CHANGE OF MEETING DATE** [For possible action] – A review, discussion and possible action to modify the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meetings from Thursday to Wednesday.
21. **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.*
22. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 10:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.