

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## AGENDA

**Wednesday ~ June 17, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Teleconference Meeting**

### MEMBERS

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86536862362?pwd=VHVicy9sTIJsRXVsSjduNU80S3RhQT09>

**No members of the public will be allowed in the NDOW Meeting Room due to concerns for public safety resulting from the COVID-19 emergency and pursuant to the Governor of Nevada's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 1 which suspends the requirement in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate. This meeting will be held by teleconference only.**

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, the Agenda for the Board of County Commissioners has been electronically posted at [http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all\\_boards\\_committees/nv\\_wildlife\\_commissioners/index.php](http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all_boards_committees/nv_wildlife_commissioners/index.php) and <https://notice.nv.gov>. Pursuant to Section 3 of the Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 ("Directive 006"), the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and further, the requirement that notice agendas be physically posted within the State of Nevada has been suspended.

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](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/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/County_Advisory_Boards/Washoe/)

This notice may also be found on the State of Nevada Public Notice website at: <https://notice.nv.gov>

Support material can be found at [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Com/Commission/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Commission/)

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. **As required by the Governor's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006 Section 2, members of the public may submit public comment by logging into the ZOOM webinar by accessing the following link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86536862362?pwd=VHVicy9sTIJsRXVsSjduNU80S3RhQT09>. The meeting can also be accessed by using the ZOOM meeting ID **840 8371 0215** and password **327005**.

**NOTE:** This option will require a computer with audio and video capabilities. Additionally, public comment can be submitted via email to [Steve@nevadaperio.com](mailto:Steve@nevadaperio.com) or by leaving a voice message at: 775-849-2958. Voice messages received will be transcribed for entry into the record. The County will make reasonable efforts to include all comments received for public comment by email and voice-mail into the record.

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**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 APRIL 29, 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) June 26 and 27, 2020, in Yerington, Nevada.
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2) Overview of the May 1 and 2, 2020, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. **Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19 [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow children under 12 to purchase a bonus point if they turn 12 before the first day of the last season for that species. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline.
8. **Commission General Regulation 491, Notification of Draw Results [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 amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) NAC 502.4208 relating to providing notification of draw results to clients who have opted out of having their results made public.
9. **Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics [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 to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 and NAC 503.1485 relating to wildlife; prohibiting the use of certain night-vision equipment and devices for locating, hunting and taking game mammals and game birds; revising the definition of “trail camera or similar device”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
10. **Mandatory Indoctrination/Seminar for Bighorn Ram Tag Holders [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a presentation on mandatory indoctrination/ seminar for bighorn ram tag holders.

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11. **Commission Regulation 20-04 Amendment #1, Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for Fiscal Year 2021 and may take action on the proposals.
12. **Fiscal Year 2021 Heritage Project Proposals [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal of up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account: 1) Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant and Monitoring; 3) Project # 20-01 (\$68,900); Rocky Mountain Elk Population Monitoring and Harvest Validation; 4) Project # 21-02 (\$61,000); Marlette Lake Broodstock Facilities/Passage Improvement Project, Phase 2 – Project # 21-03 (\$100,000) 5) Wildfire Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project #21-04 (\$100,000); 6) Desert Creek Conservation Easement – Project # 21-05 (\$100,000); 7) Middle Rock Creek Habitat Improvement – Project # 21-06 (\$125,000); 8) Continued Monitoring of Moose Expansion in Nevada; 9) Project # 21-07 (\$20,000); 10) Snake Range Aspen Habitat Restoration – Project # 21-08 (\$30,000); 11) Toano Mountain Restoration – Project #21-09 (\$66,000) 12) Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration – Project #21-10 (\$75,000); 12) Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement; 13) Project #21-11 (\$50,000) Toiyabe PMU (Bates, Hickison, and Wolf Ranches) Pinyon Juniper Thinning; 14) Project # 21-12 (\$75,000); SE Schell Habitat Enhancement; 14) Project # 21-13 (\$75,000); 15) Enhancement of Crucial Habitat for Antelope and Mule Deer in Washoe County, Nevada; 16) Project # 21-14 (\$100,000); A New Population Model for Antelope to Improve Accuracy, Identify Limiting Factors, and Improve Management Decisions – Project # 21-15 (\$37,500); 17) Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada – Project # 21-16 (\$65,000); 18) East Walker River Fish Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-17 (\$11,191); 19) The Interaction Between Restoration, Foraging Ecology, and Mating Behavior in Greater Sage-grouse; Project # 21-18 (\$65,855) Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments; Project # 21-19 (\$36,000) Diet Quality and Composition of Mule Deer in the Toiyabe Mountains Following Removal of Pinyon-Juniper – Project # 21-20 (\$32,000) Cave Valley Collaboration – Project # 21-21 (\$50,000); Dissemination of Results from Delineation of Lambing Habitat, Population demographics, Resource Selection, and Movement Patterns of Desert Bighorn Sheep – Project # 21-22 (\$46,000)
13. **Duck Stamp Request [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal to approve up to \$50,100 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved: Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000); Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000); Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600); Ducks Unlimited Wetland Enhancement Support at Mason Valley WMA (\$5,000); Mason Valley WMA Habitat Improvements (\$10,000); and Mason Valley WMA Water Control Structure Replacement (\$12,500)

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14. **Commission Regulation 20-12, 2020 - 2021 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag 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 amended to regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2020 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2020 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2021.
15. **Upland Game Bird Stamp Request [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposal to approve up to \$264,840 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved: Bi-State Sage-grouse Coordinator (\$5,000); Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$22,003); Eastern Complex WMA Weed Control (\$10,000); Estimating Greater Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada's Novel Habitats (\$21,250); Estimating the Effects of Large Ungulate Grazing on Greater Sage-grouse in Northwestern Nevada (\$18,397); Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$47,640); Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900); Monitoring Greater Sage-grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$12,750); Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse in the Desatoya Mountains (\$19,500); Soil Health Restoration on WMAs (\$10,000); Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$12,400); Using Hunter and Population Survey Data to Investigate Drivers of Upland Game Bird Populations and Forecast Harvest in Nevada (\$24,600); Genette Creek Conservation Easement (\$30,000); Toiyabe PMU (Bakes, Hickison, and Wolf Ranch) pinyon Juniper Thinning (\$25,000); A Multi-scale Resilience-based Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$2,400).
16. **Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, Amendment 1 [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.
17. **Review and Consideration of Possible Changes to Waterfowl Hunt Zones for 2021-2025 [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations on possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by July 1, 2020 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until the 2021 waterfowl seasons and would remain in effect until 2025.
18. **Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Predation Management Plan (Final Draft) [For Possible Action]** - A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Predator Management Plan with the Department.

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**19. Change of meeting Schedule [For possible action]** – A review, discussion and possible action to modify the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manager Wildlife meeting schedule revert to the previous Thursday meeting schedule or the Monday before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

**20. 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.

**21. 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.**