

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Thursday ~ June 17, 2021 ~ 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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http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all_boards_committees/nv_wildlife_commissioners/index.php

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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 April 29, 2021 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 25 and 26, 2021 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 May 7 and 8, 2021 meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. **Fiscal Year 2022 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 proposed request to approve up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

 - 2021-2022 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant, Test, Remove, Monitoring, and Research Programs (\$161,950)
 - Wildlife Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
 - Wildlife Water Development – Emergency Water Haul (\$50,000)
 - Izzenhood WMA Mule Deer Winter Habitat Restoration Project (\$71,850)
 - Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement (\$75,000)
 - Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$200,000)
 - Nelson Creek Mule Deer Improvement (\$57,750)
 - Smith Valley Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)
 - Whistler Mountain Pinyon/Juniper Hand Thinning (\$40,000)
 - Argenta Rim Mule Deer Enhancement Project (\$75,000)
 - Optimizing management towards maximizing brood habitat for Greater Sage-Grouse (\$50,000)
 - Mule Deer radio-collaring study in Northwest Nevada (\$324,099.24)
 - Area 6 Elk Mortality Investigation (\$85,000)
 - Moose Monitoring (\$20,000)
 - Common Raven Monitoring (\$30,000)
 - Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada (\$30,000)

Proposals Submitted by Others

 - Milk Ranch Spring and Habitat Enhancement (\$90,000)

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- Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon Juniper Removal (\$50,000)
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Guzzlers (\$41,000)
- Restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (phase 2) (\$69,521)
- Quantifying the influence of feral horses on Greater Sage-Grouse populations in Nevada (\$5,900)

8. 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 proposed request to approve up to \$118,600 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Duck Stamp Account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvement (\$40,000)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support FY22 (\$10,000)
- Eastern Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)
- Mason Walley WANA Prescribed Burn (\$20,000)
- Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Water Conveyance Improvement Projects (\$20,000)
- Washoe Dam Repairs (\$16,000)

9. 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 proposed up to \$341,081 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Bi-State Sage-Grouse Coordinator (45,000)
- Bi-State Sage-Grouse Monitoring within the Mount Grant and Desert Creek Population Management Unit (\$22,500)
- Desert Creek Weed Treatment (\$2,500)
- Estimating Greater Sage-Grouse Vital Rates (\$22,500)
- Greater Sage-Grouse monitoring (\$44,440)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)
- Monitoring Greater Sage-Grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$22,500)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-Grouse in the Desatoya Mountains of Central Nevada (\$22,500)
- Montana-Humboldt SGI Spring Protection (\$15,000)
- Native Seed Acquisition for Private Landowner Transition to Native Seed Production (\$14,000)
- Nine-Mile Unit Riparian Monitoring (\$19,400)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$19,400)
- Virginia Mountains Greenstrip 2021 (\$22,500)
- Mormon Mountains Post-Fire Restoration (\$20,000)
- Assessing Impacts to Sage-Grouse from Anthropogenic Noise in Nevada (\$50,000)

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- Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement (\$18,750)

10. Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #1, 2021-2022 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 a proposed amendment to the regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2021-2022 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2021 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2022.

11. Commission Regulation 21-07 Amendment #1, 2022 Heritage Tag Vendors– 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 2022 and may take action on the proposals.

12. Commission Regulation 21-13 Amendment #1, 2021-2022 Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Migratory Game Birds– 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 Overton WMA dove application portion of the Commission Regulation to allow for application to be submitted electronically and for the draw to be conducted by the Department's licensing vendor, Kalkomey, for the 2021 season.

13. Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action

A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

14. Wildlife Contests– 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 ban on Wildlife Contests. The Commission may provide direction to the Department regarding Wildlife Contests for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting.

15. 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.*

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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.