

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA - AMENDED

Monday ~ Oct 30, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Matt Melarkey, Chair
Coby Rowe, Vice-Chair
Steven Robinson
Jim Rhea
Ryan Browne

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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 August 7, 2023 minutes** [For possible action]
5. **Approval of October 30, 2023 AGENDA** [For possible action] – Members of the Board or public may request a consent item (or items) be addressed as a single agenda item rather than within the consent block.
6. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: November 3-4, 2023 in Reno, NV
7. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements; and 2) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
8. **Consent Items - None**
9. **Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management - Fourth Reading – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The Committee will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.
10. **Commission Policy 24 – Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups – second reading - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 24, Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups, may make any necessary changes and may advance the policy to a second reading.
11. **Commission General Regulations - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - 11a. **Commission Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review**
The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 278 to provide for the Department review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures, best management practices or required design

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features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out such reviews.

11b. Commission General Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Regulations

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Chapter 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This Regulation would update Wildlife Management Area (WMA) designations and restrictions.

11c. Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulations

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapters 488, 501, 502, 503 and 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003.

12. Commission General Regulation – For Possible Action - Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.

13. Bighorn Sheep Ram Specialty Tag Regulation Review – For Possible Action

The Commission will review bighorn ram specialty tag seasons and unit closures and may decide to make changes to the method used to limit the maximum number of specialty tags for every unit group that has an open season. The Commission Regulations presented at the January 2023 Commission Meeting have not provided the expected results and the Department is seeking an improved method for limiting the number of rams that can be harvested from bighorn ram hunt units or unit groups by specialty tagholders.

14. Elections – Elections for Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Chair Positions.

15. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

16. Public Comment [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.*

17. 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.