

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Monday ~ April 29th, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

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

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

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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.

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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 March 4th, 2024 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: May 3rd & 4th in Reno Nevada.
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the March 8th & 9th, 2024 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **Integrating Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Wildlife Management - Informational - Dakota Freshman**
This presentation is to show how UAS (Drones) can be an asset for wildlife management and why they should be considered for use by NDOW.
8. **CONSENT ITEMS – For Possible Action**
 - 8.a **Heritage Account Principal Project**
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the South Schell Land Acquisition Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal. The Department is seeking Heritage Account Principal Project funding to acquire 1,720 acres of wildlife habitat in the Schell Creek Range near Ely, NV.
 - 8.b **Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan**
The Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2025 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.
 - 8.c **Commission General Regulation 520 – Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances Revision**
The Commission will hold an adoption to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code that would update the rules related to the timeframe and circumstances surrounding tag deferrals. If approved by the Commission, the Chairman will sign on behalf of the Commission approval of the Department’s standard operating procedure.

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8.d Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review

The Commission will need to re-adopt CGR 500 to amend 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 design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department.

End of Consent Items

9. Consent Calendar items pulled for further discussion – For Possible Action

Consent item(s) removed from consent block will be heard.

10. New Commission Policy 12 – Fee for Habitat, Research and Management

The Commission will review a new Commission Policy 12 for the first time and may take action to recommend revising the policy. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

11. Commission General Regulation 518 – Shed hunting and Big Game skull collecting – For Possible Action

The Department is proposing changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.172 that better identifies unlawful activity for shed hunting and provides provisions for big game mammal skull collection. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

12. Commission General Regulation 519 – Waiting Periods for Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.345 and 502.364 that would adjust the waiting periods for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, California bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat to once in a customer's lifetime. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

13. Commission General Regulation 522 – E-tag Regulation – For Possible Action

The Commission will review language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would update the process related to use of game tags in the field and allow the Department to offer game tags in an electronic format. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

14. Request from the State of Utah for the Desert Bighorn Sheep

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has requested desert bighorn sheep for translocation into the State of Utah. The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission of recent efforts with Utah and potential options for consideration. The Commission may consider the request for possible approval. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

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15. Commission Regulation 24-11, 2024 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting the 2024 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear. WCABMW will take action to make recommendations to the Commission.

16. Commission Regulation 24-12 – Big Game Quotas for the 2024-2025 Season – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2024-2025 season. WCABMW will take action to make recommendations to the Commission.

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

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

18. 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.*

19. 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.