

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **AGENDA**

**Monday ~ March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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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**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 January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 minutes** [For possible action]
5. **Approval of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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: March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Las Vegas, NV
7. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
8. **WASHOE LANDS BILL PRESENTATION** **Informational**  
**Katie Andrie, Western Region Supervising Habitat Biologist**  
Presentation on Washoe Lands Bill and importance related to NCA/Wilderness designations, implications for wildlife and habitat.
9. **CONSENT ITEMS – For Possible Action**
  - 9.a **Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan**  
The draft Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for review. A report from the Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC) Meeting, held in February will be shared with the Commission. All comments from the Commission, PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested publics will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at the March 2025 meeting
  - 9.b **Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review**  
The Commission will hold an adoption hearing 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 features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out

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such reviews.

**9.c Commission General Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Designations – The Commission will hold an adoption hearing to consider amending Chapter 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This Regulation would update Wildlife Management Area (WMA) designations and restrictions. Wildlife Heritage Grants Manual**

The Commission will review recommendations made by the Heritage Committee to cap principal balance projects at 50% of the available balance per year.

**9.d Presentation for Interim Natural Resources Committee Meeting**

The Department was asked to give a presentation to the Interim Natural Resources Committee about the commission and its duties at their April 5th Meeting. The Commission will hear an overview of the presentation and have an opportunity to provide input.

## **End of Consent Items**

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

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

**11. Wild Horse and Burro Letter - For Possible Action**

Discussion of the sign-on Wild Horse Burro letter addressed to Tracy Stone-Manning the Director of the Bureau of Land Management from the Coalition for Healthy Nevada Lands, Wildlife and Free-Roaming Horses. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

**12. Petition – Ms. Rebecca Goff – For Possible Action**

Ms. Goff has submitted a petition to add a new section to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (Hunting, Fishing and Trapping; Miscellaneous Protective Measures) regarding Wildlife Killing Contests. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

**13. Commission General Regulation 520 – Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances Revision –**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to amend the circumstances surrounding tag deferrals. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

**14. Commission General Regulation 521 – Junior Tag Transfer – For Possible Action**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to provide for the circumstances surrounding the transfer of a tag to a junior hunter. WCABMW may take action to make a recommendation to the Commission.

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**15. Commission Regulation 24-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands for the 2024-2025 Seasons – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2024-2025 season and adopt regulations consistent with the proposed regulations framework for the 2024-2025 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands. WCABMW may take action to make recommendations to the Commission.

**16. Commission Regulation 23-04 – Amendment 3, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons –For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve an amendment to the 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates. WCABMW may 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.**