

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Date changed from August 11th to August 12th.

AGENDA

Tuesday ~ August 12th, 2025 ~ 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
Vacant seat

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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/

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 <https://www.ndow.org/events/may-2024-commission-meeting/>

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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 of June 9th, 2025 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 August 15th & 16th in Ely, Nevada.
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the June 2025 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **Wildlife Health Update – Wildlife Health Specialist Dr. Nate LaHue** **INFORMATIONAL**
A presentation will be provided on the status of Chronic Wasting Disease in mule deer, *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (M. ovi.) in various bighorn sheep herds in Nevada and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1).
8. **Nevada Revised Statutes 338 Public Works Contracts - Deputy Director Jordan Goshert** **INFORMATIONAL**
A report will be provided on public works contracts awarded by the Department in the previous fiscal year.
9. **Mule Deer Population Ecology and Management in Nevada – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder** **INFORMATIONAL**
A presentation will be provided to the Commission on population ecology, habitat use, migrations and management within Nevada.
10. **Bats and Abandoned Mine Lands – Biologist Joey Danielson** **INFORMATIONAL**
A summary of statewide bat conservation efforts under the Department's bat conservation program, focusing on habitat assessments, mine closures that protect roosting sites, and interagency partnerships to mitigate impacts while supporting bat populations.

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11. Trespass Discussion **INFORMATIONAL** **– Nevada Cattlemen’s Association Representative Mr. Pete Mori**

A presentation will be given to the Commission on Trespass related concerns.

12. Reports **INFORMATIONAL**

A*. Emerging Technologies Committee Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia

A report will be provided on the recent Emerging Technology Committee meeting.

B*. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report - Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia

A report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting.

C*. Statewide Raptor Activities - Biologist Mackenzie Jeffress and Biologist Moira Kolada

An overview of statewide raptor conservation efforts in Nevada, highlighting current monitoring programs and collaborative research initiatives for our annual winter raptor surveys, aimed at better understanding raptor populations across Nevada.

13. Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A*. Commission General Regulation 515 – Demerit Points Associated with Trail Cameras and Thermal Imaging Devices – Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to change demerit points associated with trail cameras and thermal imaging devices. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding legislation.](#)

B*. Commission General Regulation 521 – Junior Mule Deer Tag Transfer – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for the circumstances surrounding the transfer of a mule deer tag to a junior hunter. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding legislation.](#)

14. Commission Regulations – Public Comment Allowed **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A*. Commission Regulation 25-04, Amendment #2, 2026 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota – Data and Technology Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will review, revise, and consider for adoption the recommended changes to 6 the Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep 2026 Heritage Tag season. anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding legislation.](#)

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15. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

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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