

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife –
November 4, 2025 minutes

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]

Members in Attendance

1. Ryan Browne, Vice Chairman
2. Steve Robinson
3. Kristie Marchese

Members Absent

1. Coby Rowe, Chairman
2. Matt Melarkey

Others in Attendance

1. Mel Belding
2. John Ewanyk, NDOW

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**-[Non-action item]

No public comment.

4. **Approval of September 22, 2025, minutes and approval of agenda** - [For possible action]

Vice Chair Browne motioned for approval of September 22, 2025 CAB minutes. and to remove agenda items 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18. Member Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT**-[Non-action item]

Vice Chair Browne asked who would be able to attend the upcoming Commission meeting. Board members noted they would be able to be in attendance for the upcoming Commission meeting.

6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES**-[Non-action items]

There were no updates or communications from members of the public since the September meeting.

7. **WCABMW ELECTIONS – REMOVED/NOT HEARD**

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8. **Reports INFORMATIONAL - REMOVED/NOT HEARD**
 - A. Division Activity Reports
 - B. Litigation Report
 - C. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report
 - D. Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy (APRP) Committee Report
 - E. Emerging Technology Committee
 - F. 2025 Wildfire Report
 - G. Department Project Donation Guidance Update

9. **Appeal – Five Year Loss of Hunting and Fishing License- REMOVED/NOT HEARD**

10. **Adaptive Population Objectives – Addendum #2 to the Elk Species Management Plan – [For possible action]**

Vice Chair Browne opened the item to discuss a process for revising elk population objectives associated with various Elk Management Sub-plans. Member Robinson and Vice Chair Browne both noted they were pleased to see this occurring. There was no public comment.

Member Robinson moved to approve the Adaptive Population Objectives – Addendum #2 to the Elk Species Management Plan as presented. Vice Chair Browne seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

11. **State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Biennial Big Game Release Plan Amendment #1– [For possible action]**

Vice Chair opened the item to discuss an amendment to the Biennial Big Game Release Plan for State Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and may take action to adopt the plan. John Ewanyk, NDOW, spoke members of the CAB about the item and clarified questions members of the board had regarding the plan. He also spoke about herd health in different units in the state and noted that some herds were having more success than others. Mr. Ewanyk also went into detail regarding the Department's work in the Sheldon range. Member Robinson asked if there was any concern that sheep would go back into Oregon from the Sheldon. Mr. Ewanyk said there is always a chance that some of the sheep may wander, but the vast majority should stay in Nevada because the habitat they are being moved into is good.

During public comment, Mel Belding said he recommended that there be no transplants of sheep into unit 013 until there could be mountain lion removal. He said he would like to see sheep transplanted into Units 012 or 014 instead.

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Mr. Ewanyk added that there was an oversight in the plan and that any unit that sheep would be transplanted to would have lion mitigation efforts both before and after the transplant had occurred

Vice Chair moved to approve State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Biennial Big Game Release Plan Amendment #1 as written, with the following change. Recommend pre-predator removal plans on all items for all transplants, and specifically with Unit 033 if predation removal can't be conducted then other Units should be considered. Member Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Presentation on Regulatory Modifications to Link Master Guide and Subguide Accountability – REMOVED/NOT HEARD
13. Wayne E. Kirch 2024 Award Presentation – REMOVED/NOT HEARD
14. Service Recognition – REMOVED/NOT HEARD
15. Daily Harvest Questionnaire – REMOVED/NOT HEARD
16. Bighorn Sheep Management Plan Revision – REMOVED/NOT HEARD
17. Predator Management Status Report – REMOVED/NOT HEARD
18. Presentation on Disability Permit Program Modification – REMOVED/NOT HEARD

19. Commission General Regulations – Adoption/Public Comment– [For Possible Action]
 - A. Commission General Regulation 528 – Motor Restrictions and Revisions Related to Fisheries

Vice Chair Rowe opened the item to discuss amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to set motor restrictions on Battle Born Pond (NAC 488.470), establish a “mandatory catch and kill” regulation for Northern Pike (NAC 503.110), revise bait restrictions statewide (NAC 503.500 – 515), amend ice hole size restriction to allow for larger sized holes for spear/bow fishing at Comins Lake (NAC 503.583), and update scientific names in the classification of fish species (NAC 503.060 – 065). There was no board discussion or public comment.

Vice Chair Browne moved to approve Commission General Regulation 528 as written. Member Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Commission General Regulation 525 – Coyote Hunting Contests

Vice Chair Rowe opened the item to discuss a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for season and licensing requirements for participants of coyote hunting contests. There was no board discussion or public comment.

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Vice Chair Browne moved to approve Commission General Regulation 525 as written. Member Robinson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no discussion.

21. Public Comment [Non-action item]

Mel Belding said he wondered if the McGee Mountains should be kept in Unit 033. He said he would like to see the Department provide a rationale for keeping the McGee Mountains in Unit 033.

22. Adjournment [Non-action item]

Chair Rowe adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.