

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Wednesday ~ April 23rd, 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
Jim Rhea

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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/

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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 March 3rd, 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 May 2nd & 3rd 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 2025 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **CORNER CROSSING PROGRAM.** **INFORMATIONAL**
Senior Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett
8. **CONSENT ITEMS – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - 8a. **Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan:** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Amendment #1
 - **Staff Specialist Joe Bennett**

The Commission will review an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan to alter funding distribution between existing projects. The Commission may take action to modify or approve the amendment as presented. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)
 - 8b. **Fiscal Year 2026 Predation Management Plan** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - **Staff Specialist Joe Bennett**

The Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2026 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or approve the plan. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)

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8c. Biennial Big Game Release Plan

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026 Amendment # 4

- Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa

The Commission will review and may take action to approve an amendment to the Department's Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)

8d. Legislative Committee Report

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Committee Chairman Paul Young

A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings. The Commission may review bills of interest and any associated amendments, consider Legislative Committee recommendations and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts. Bill and BDR language may be viewed online at:

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/83rd2025/Bills/List>

[The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding legislation.](#)

9. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

10. Petition – Mr. Cody Knight -

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer

Mr. Knight is petitioning the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners for a hound hunting permit to be implemented in Nevada for hunting with dogs for mountain lion, bobcat, and black bear. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)

11. Discussion on Coyote Hunting Contest Regulations

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight

The Nevada Department of Wildlife will present an outline of proposed seasons and licensing for coyote hunting contests. These may include draft season, coyote calling contest participant license requirements and event organizer Special Licenses and Permits (SLAP) language. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)

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12. Commission Regulations –

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A*. Commission Regulation 25-12, 2025 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits – Wildlife - Staff Specialist Joe Bennett

The Commission will consider adopting the 2025 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)

B*. Commission Regulation 25-13 – Big Game Quotas for the 2025-2026 Season – Wildlife - Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Cody Schroeder, and Cody McKee

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat for the 2025-2026 season. [The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.](#)

13. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

14. 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.*

15. 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