

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **AGENDA**

**Monday ~ June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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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**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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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 April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Elko, Nevada.
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the April 2025 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **CONSENT ITEMS – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

7a. **Appeal – Mr. Dallas Mark Lewis -** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer**

Mr. Lewis is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license. The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

7b. **Legislative Committee Report –** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
**Management Analyst Alejandra Medina**

A final report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings and the results of the 2025 Legislative Session. The Commission may still choose to 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.

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**7c. Fiscal Year 2026 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Budget Requests – Finance Committee Chairman Shane Rogers** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will consider and may approve an amount to fund the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife for Fiscal Year 2026. The Finance Committee recommended to approve an allocation of \$34,361 at their meeting on May 14, 2025. The Commission may discuss approving funding up to \$38,573. The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

**7d. Biennial Small Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Upland Game Staff Specialist Justin Small** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve the 2026 and 2027 Biennial Small The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission regarding legislation.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

**9. Trail Cameras and Thermal Imaging Regulation Discussion - Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will hear an outline of proposed regulations that were formed from the Emerging Technology Committee for trail cameras and thermal imaging. The presentation may contain prohibited dates of use and/or possession and an increase of penalties associated with violating the regulations. The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

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## **10. Elk Management Plan and Sub Plan Direction - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa & Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody McKee**

The Department will discuss the revision of the Statewide Elk Management Plan, elk population objectives and present options for the Wildlife Commission and County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife to consider with the intent to provide the Department with direction for reviewing population objectives and future elk management in Nevada. The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

## **11. Heritage Project Extension Requests – Committee Chairman FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Tom Barnes**

The Commission will review recommendations and may approve extensions requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years. A total funding amount of \$883,193.97 may be approved for extension. The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

## **12. Heritage Funding Reallocation – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Committee Chairman Tom Barnes**

The Commission will review Heritage Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year. A total funding amount of \$0 maybe approved for reallocation. The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

**13. Fiscal Year 2026 Heritage Project Proposals**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Committee Chairman Tom Barnes**

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve up to \$2,199,756.70 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2026 from the annual year project funds. In addition, the Commission may take action to approve up to \$278,440.38 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2026 from the principal balance for a total of \$2,478,197. Funding requests are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- FY26 Area 7 Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration (\$180,000)
- FY26 Sheep Creek Range Restoration, Phase 2 - Facilitating Succession for Mule Deer Survival (\$220,000)
- FY26 Nevada Spring Protection and Enhancement Project (\$150,000)
- FY26 Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$250,000)
- FY26 Management Area 10 Fence Modification and Removal in Mule Deer Migration Corridors (\$200,000)
- FY26 North Pequop & Murdock Mountain Sagebrush Habitat Conifer Removal (\$200,000)
- FY26 Wildlife Health (\$40,000)
- FY26 Bighorn Sheep & Mountain Goat Restoration and Management (\$125,000)
- FY26 : Mule deer capture and antelope translocations for up to 150 animals (\$75,000)
- FY26 Abel Creek YY Brook Trout Project (\$45,000)
- FY26 Elk monitoring in central Nevada: Identifying seasonal habitats, movement corridors,  
and opportunities for habitat enhancement (\$47,000)
- FY26 Eastern Nevada Pronghorn Antelope Collaring (\$200,000)
- FY26 State-Owned Lands Improvement Project (\$150,000)
- FY26 Warmwater Fisheries Enhancement (\$80,000)
- FY26 Wall Canyon Sportfish Protection Project (\$100,000)
- Little Fish Lake and Monitor Valley Sage-Grouse Habitat Improvement Project (\$100,000)
- Truckee River Trout Habitat Enhancement Project (\$16,500)
- Habitat Suitability and Movement Pathways for Black Bears in Nevada (\$36,000)
- Tonkin Reservoir Wildlife Heritage Account Project (\$147,788)

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- How Changes in Snow Accumulation & Water Retention Alter Ecosystem Health in
- Sagebrush Steppe Habitats Impacted by Pinyon-juniper Encroachment (\$115,906.08)

The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

## **14. Fiscal Year 2026 Habitat, Research and Management**

## **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **Project Proposals – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes**

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve up to \$373,111 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2026. Funding requests are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- FY26 Integrating Big Game Harvest and Nevada Record Book Data to Guide Habitat Management for Ungulate Species in Nevada (\$50,000)
- Strategic Mapping and Prioritization of Mule Deer Habitats in Nevada (\$100,000)
- Raven Management in Nevada: Assessing the Impact of Spatially Variable Ecological Thresholds on Sage-Grouse Conservation Efforts (\$100,000)
- Statewide Mule Deer Fawn Survival Study (\$123,111) The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

## **15. Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Matt Glenn**

## **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$98,000 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2026 funding from the Duck Stamp Account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- FY26 Carson lake WMA Improvement Project (\$31,000)
- FY26 Carson Lake WMA Grazing Management (\$25,000)
- FY26 Eastern Complex WMA Improvement Project (\$20,000)
- FY26 Eastern Complex RX Burn (\$20,000)
- FY26 Full Lifecycle Conservation of International Migratory Waterfowl and Other Avian Species (\$2,000) The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

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## **16. Upland Game Bird Stamp Request**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**Wildlife Staff Specialist Matt Glenn**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$332,855 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2026 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- FY26 Upland Game Water Development Maintenance and Upgrades (\$60,000)
- FY26 Carson Valley Conservation District - Carson River Bank Stabilization (\$20,000)
- FY26 Mason/Smith Valley Conservation District - Weed Management (\$15,000)
- FY26 Eastern Complex WMA Improvement Project (\$20,000)
- FY26 Mineral Development Effects on Greater Sage-grouse (\$60,000)
- FY25 Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$30,000)
- FY26 Greater Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$46,330)
- FY26 Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$24,400)
- FY26 Raven Monitoring and Removal (\$57,125) The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

## **17. Commission General Regulations – Workshop**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

### **A\*. Commission General Regulation 525 – Coyote Hunting Contest Regulations – Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 to provide for season and licensing requirements for participants of coyote hunting contests.

## **18. Commission Regulations –**

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.

### **A\*. Commission Regulation 24-13 Amendment #1, 2025-2026 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialists Justin Small and Russell Woolstenhulme**

The Commission may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2025-2026 season.



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**B\*. Commission Regulation 25-01 Amendment #1, 2025 Application Deadlines, Draw Result Dates and 2026 Spring Turkey Application Deadlines and Draw Result Dates –**  
**Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples**  
The Commission will review and may approve the proposed addition of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge Special sage grouse hunt application deadline and draw date.

**C\*. Commission Regulation 25-04, Amendment #1, 2026 Heritage Tag Vendors –**  
**Committee Chairman Tom Barnes and Data and Technology Division**  
**Administrator Matt Maples**  
The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals and Wild Turkey Quota for 2026 and may take action on the proposals.

**D\*. Commission Regulation 25-14, 2026 Silver State Turkey Tag – Data and Technology**  
**Services Division Administrator Matt Maples**  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2026 Silver State wild  
turkey season and quota.

**19. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only**  
Members may propose future topics for discussion.

**20. 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.*

**21. 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**