

## **CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

### **Minutes of the June 23, 2008 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2008 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Gil Yanuck (via conference call)  
Wes Clyde  
Doug Martin  
John Valley

**STAFF:** Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A recording of these proceedings, the advisory board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record, on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. These materials are available for review during regular business hours.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007)** - Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Zuber was absent. Member Martin arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 5, 2008 (1-0015)** - Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0022)** - Discussion took place with regard to modifying the agenda to address those items in which Chairperson Yanuck was most interested, thus allowing him to "leave" the meeting after Member Martin's arrival. Chairperson Yanuck advised he would be available to participate in the entire meeting. Member Martin arrived at 6:05 p.m.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0068)** - C.K. Baily advised he would be traveling to Marlette Lake to assist NDOW personnel with their "egg take" on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He advised that, to date, 521,000 Tahoe rainbow trout eggs and 439,000 bowcut eggs had been taken. Chairperson Yanuck thanked Mr. Baily for his participation in the project. (1-0098) At the request of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, Member Valley invited each of the advisory board members and the public to a fundraiser banquet on June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Legacy. He reviewed the details, and provided informational materials to the recording secretary.

**5. DISCLOSURES (1-0113)** - None.

**6. ACTION TO APPOINT A CHAIR *PRO TEM* IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** - Deferred.

**7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BEAR-PROOF TRASH CONTAINERS AND TO PROHIBIT FEEDING WILDLIFE (1-0120)** - Chairperson Yanuck's notes from the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with City Manager Larry Werner, NDOW Biologist Carl Lackey, and other City representatives, together with the Douglas County ordinance were distributed to the advisory board members prior to the start of the meeting. Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of discussion which

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took place at the meeting, and advised that Mr. Werner had indicated he would provide the appropriate information to the Board of Supervisors and inquire as to their interest in enacting an ordinance. Discussion took place regarding enforcement authority and the point at which NDOW personnel becomes involved. Chairperson Yanuck acknowledged that Mr. Werner would be carrying the issue forward to the Board of Supervisors. Member Clyde suggested forwarding a letter to Mr. Werner indicating the advisory board's support of a City ordinance. Discussion followed, and Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion. **Member Clyde moved to draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors in support of a bear nuisance ordinance. Member Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Chairperson Yanuck offered to draft the letter and provide copies to the advisory board members.

**8. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 9 AND 10, 2008 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0376)** - Chairperson Yanuck referred to the commission meeting minutes. Member Valley advised of having attended the Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, and provided an overview of the tag allocation process. He noted there were nearly 300 youth tags left unallocated this year. Discussion took place regarding possible reasons for the decline in youth tag applications. Chairperson Yanuck called for additional questions or comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 27 and 28, 2008 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting (1-0472) - Chairperson Yanuck entertained requests to pull items from the consent agenda. When none were forthcoming, **Member Clyde moved to accept the consent agenda, as written. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**9-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 357 - LCB FILE NO. R059-08 - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KEVIN LANSFORD.** The commission is requested to amend a regulation relating to wildlife, classifying the gray wolf as a game mammal, and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and for action on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**9-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 358 - LCB FILE NO. R066-08 - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER.** The commission is requested to amend regulation relating to wildlife, revising the circumstances under which a resident of Nevada or a nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag to hunt an antelope, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat; and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and for action on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**9-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 359 - LCB FILE NO. R068-08 - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER.** The commission is requested to amend language requiring the Department of Wildlife to return the fees submitted for a tag for a subspecies of bighorn sheep or mountain goat under certain circumstances, prohibiting the Department from returning the fees submitted for a tag for elk or deer under certain circumstances, and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and for action on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.*

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**9-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 360 - LCB FILE NO. R067008 - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER.** The commission is requested to amend language to expand the amount of hunter choice numbers allowed when applying for a tag to hunt mountain goat, and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and for action on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**9-E. ACTION REGARDING ELK DAMAGE REGULATIONS, REVISIONS TO NAC 502.42259, 502.42261, 502.42263, AND 504.350 - CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON.** The commission will review and may approve submission of proposed language pertinent to elk damage management to the legislative counsel bureau for review.

**9-F. ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 08 UPLAND GAME STAMP PROGRAM UPDATE AND FISCAL YEAR 09 PROJECTION PROPOSALS - WILDLIFE STAFF BIOLOGIST JOHN GEBHARDT.** The commission is requested to review and approve 14 Upland Game Stamp Program projects, as described in support material, totaling \$292,672.

**9-G. ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 08 DUCK STAMP PROGRAM UPDATE AND FISCAL YEAR 09 PROJECT PROPOSALS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST ELMER BULL.** The commission is requested to review and approve 22 projects, totaling \$121,995.

**9-H. ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS OF THE YAKIMA NATION FOR PRONGHORN ANTELOPE - JIM STEVENSON, BIG GAME BIOLOGIST, YAKIMA NATION.** The commission will review and may approve a request from the Yakima Nation for surplus pronghorn from Nevada.

**9-I. ACTION REGARDING EXPLANATION OF NEW REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING ON THE NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE (“NTTR”) - COLONEL KENNETH KESKEL.** The commission will hear and may take action in response to new special access requirements at NTTR, including that all hunters and their parties must be at least 14 years of age, comply with all other Nevada hunting requirements, give their consent to a criminal background check, and attend a hunter’s safety briefing.

**9-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07, AMENDMENT 2 - SHAWN ESPINOSA, CRAIG MORTIMORE, KEVIN LANSFORD.** The commission will review and may approve hunting seasons for upland game, rabbit, dove, and crow, and trapping / sealing dates for furbearing mammals.

**9-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-05, AMENDMENT 1 - CHAIRMAN BENTLEY.** Presentation of the Heritage Committee’s heritage tag vendor recommendations for approval of the 2009 heritage tags.

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**10. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 27 AND 28, 2008 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** A report on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting (1-0470) - Neither the advisory board members nor the citizens present had any comment on these items.

**10-A. DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND AUDIT REPORT - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER III DAVE PRATHER**

**10-B. ORIENTATION COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER McNINCH**

**10-C. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER**

**10-D. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN**

**10-E. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE**

**10-F. EAST FORK OF THE WALKER RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PAT SOLLBERGER**

**10-G. UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO ECONOMICS SURVEY - DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KIM ROLLIN**

**10-H. CANADA GEESE TRANSLOCATION PROGRAM - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST CRAIG MORTIMORE**

**10-I. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON**

**10-J. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ISSUES: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, CLARK COUNTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ROAD CLOSURES, WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT UPDATE, AND FIRE SUPPRESSION EFFORTS FOR 2008 FIRE SEASON - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WORKSHOP HELD IN WINNEMUCCA ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008 (1-0491)** - Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of discussion which took place at the workshop, and reviewed his notes, copies of which had been included in the agenda materials. Following discussion, consensus of the advisory board was to indicate a preference to access regulatory and similar information via the NDOW website, and to request NDOW staff to continue sending the commission agenda materials to the advisory board members and City staff by regular mail. Chairperson Yanuck anticipates that NDOW Management Analyst Kim Jolly will be sending a letter to the advisory board members outlining a number of proposed changes resulting from the workshop. Based on the feedback received, the advisory board manual will be presented to the commission for approval. Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion to approve the workshop recommendations, and for staff to request NDOW Executive Assistant Suzanne Scourby to continue

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sending commission agenda materials to the advisory board members and City staff via regular mail. **Member Valley so moved. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-0845)** - Chairperson Yanuck anticipates that the advisory board's budget will be augmented in July.

**13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-0851)** - Chairperson Yanuck expressed the understanding that Member Valley had offered to attend the Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> commission meeting. Member Clyde offered to attend the Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> commission meeting. Member Valley advised he would attend the Thursday night tag allocation meeting. (1-0878) Discussion took place regarding advisory board representation at the August 15 and 16 commission meeting in Eureka.

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for August 15 and 16, 2008 in Reno. The next meeting of the CCABMW is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 11, 2008 (1-0862) - Member Martin clarified that the August 15 and 16 commission meeting would be held in Eureka. Consensus of the advisory board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. (1-0912) Chairperson Yanuck advised of the possible presentation of the landowner incentive program at the August 11<sup>th</sup> advisory board meeting. Discussion took place regarding a possible joint meeting with the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Member Martin suggested that, if Douglas County ABMW representatives indicate an interest in scheduling a joint meeting, staff could check into the availability of the Topsy Lane Fire Station as a possible meeting location. Member Martin further suggested that Mike Turnipseed may want to attend the meeting, as a representative of the Douglas County ABMW, and report back to his advisory board. He offered to convey this suggestion to Mr. Turnipseed.

**15. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1042)** - None.

**16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1044)** - Previously covered.

**17. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1048)** - Member Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the June 23, 2008 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008.

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GILBERT A. YANUCK, Chair