

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Wes Clyde
Member Doug Martin
Member John Valley

STAFF: Jano Barnhurst, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0026) - Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Valley arrived at 6:09 p.m.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-0032) - **Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2009 meeting as presented. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion.** **Motion carried 4-0.** Regarding the May 11, 2009 minutes, Chairman Yanuck asked for clarification of C.K. Baily's comments regarding the urban fishing pond monies. Mr. Baily indicated that Parks and Recreation was asking for their vouchers to come in. Chairman Yanuck verified they were commitments that were made and now they're asking for the money. **Member Martin moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting as corrected. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0098) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0101) - Mr. Baily commented that engineering prints have been modified and are about to go to bid in July. Douglas County is trying to cook up a two acre pot in the Ranchos and Sumway has \$300,000 to put in on it. In response to a question, Mr. Baily replied that Lampe Park is basically an irrigation ditch and water comes down the mountain.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0129) - None.

6. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE APRIL 6, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0133) - Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and Mr. Clyde commented that the April 6 meeting was the legislative meeting.

7. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 26 and 27, 2009 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. **(1-0144)** - Chairman Yanuck entertained requests to hear items separate from the consent agenda. Mr. Baily pulled item 7-I; Member Martin pulled items 7-D and 7-F. **Member Clyde moved to accept the remaining items on the consent agenda with the exception of items 7-D, 7-F and 7-I. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion.** **Motion carried 5-0.**

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7-A. COMMISSION POLICIES, SECOND READINGS - COMMISSIONER SCOTT RAINIE. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission had first readings of the following policies and subsequently may approve the following policies:

- (a) Commission Policy #2, "Sale of Publications"
- (b) Commission Policy #21, "Game and Furbearer Management"
- (c) Commission Policy #22, "Introduction, Transplanting and Exportation"

7-B. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The Commission will review and be asked to approve 22 projects submitted and one equipment request submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. The projects total \$373,969.

7-C. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The Commission will review and be asked to approve 10 project requests submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The projects total \$131,754 plus \$160,000 in associated salary.

7-D. ACTION REGARDING WILD HORSES - COMMISSIONER MCBEATH. The Commission will review a draft letter to be signed and sent by Commission Chairman Gerald Lent to Nevada's federal Congressional delegation encouraging their opposition to HR 1018. (1-0172) Member Martin agreed with the intent of the letter but suggested that the sentence in paragraph 2, 'Nevada has diligently...' be moved to the beginning of the paragraph. The Appropriate Management Levels (AML) get away from the point that Nevada's herd population is nearly double the AML. He also suggested removing paragraph 3 and the rambling language. He opined that 'serious concerns' regarding a ban on horse round-ups without the use of aircraft and creation of new horse management areas should be more strongly worded by saying the Commission is 'opposed' to them. Member Clyde commented that it was discussed at Friday's meeting with stronger language but toned down because of the wild horse advocates. Chairman Yanuck commented that money needs to be budgeted every year for this or devise other methods to keep the population from increasing. Member Martin reiterated that he supports the letter but it needs to be more forceful and less rambling. Chairman Yanuck advised that he will announce at the meeting that CCABMW is opposed and suggest new language to the letter. **Member Martin moved to support sending a letter but would like to see the recommendations on page 2 as being opposed to those items, especially a ban on the use of aircraft and opposing creation of additional horse unit areas.** Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7-E. ACTION REGARDING U.S. FOREST SERVICE NORTHEASTERN NEVADA TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANS - CHAIRMAN LENT. The Commission will review a draft letter to be signed and sent by Commission Chairman Gerald Lent to the U.S. Forest Service regarding the development of the Northeastern Nevada Travel Management Plans.

7-F. ACTION REGARDING MUZZLELOADER VISUAL DISABILITY MODIFICATIONS - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has asked that the Nevada Department of Wildlife implement a process whereby reasonable modifications to the muzzleloader hunting program are available to accommodate hunters with visual disabilities, as a result of a multi-state disability complaint by the North American Muzzleloader Association. (1-0358) Member Martin gave background information on the complaint and the four recommendations ranging from zero magnification to taking away any restriction on scopes. He expressed concern that if Option 4 is chosen, it will significantly impact quotas and tag allocations for muzzleloaders due to success rate. He commented that the minimum option will not impact the seasons and quotas. Discussion ensued regarding the options. Member Martin mentioned that Eureka approved

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Option 3 along with some elements of Option 4. Member Martin moved that CCABMW adopt Option 1 which is the minimal option. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 AMENDMENT #3 - GAME DIVISION STAFF BIOLOGISTS SHAWN ESPINOSA AND KEVIN LANSFORD. The proposed amendment to Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment #3 recommends changes to the season dates for the junior wild turkey season in Lincoln County, various changes to sage grouse seasons, quotas and units for wild turkey seasons, possession limits for falconry seasons, and changes to the bobcat seasons and sealing dates.

7-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 09-01 AMENDMENT #1 - COMMISSIONER CAVIN. Presentation of the Heritage Committee's Heritage tag vendor recommendations to the Commission for approval for the 2010 Heritage tags.

7-I. ACTION REGARDING NORTHEASTERN NEVADA SALMON REINTRODUCTION - SECRETARY MAYER. The Commission will hear a report on the status of reintroduction efforts for salmon in Nevada and may adopt a position statement or resolution. (1-0420) Chairman Yanuck commented on a resolution supporting reintroduction of salmon to northeastern Nevada. Mr. Baily expressed his interest, support and amazement that it's come this far and that the Carson Flyfishing Club is also very interested. Harry Reid supports reintroducing wild salmon and salmon runs into northern Nevada. Member Martin discussed historical information regarding the Bruneau, Jarbidge and Owyhee Rivers. In response to a question, Mr. Baily replied that it's very romantic to have salmon runs in Nevada but at what cost. As with the reintroduction of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Nevada organizations need to look at this with both eyes open regarding the impacts. Member Martin wondered about the impact to the Lahontan Reservoir which currently feeds ag producers. Member Clyde expressed the understanding that it will be a capture in Idaho and stocking issue because of the ag water situation along the Sacramento River. Chairman Yanuck cautioned the members that they might be getting ahead of themselves and read parts of the resolution into the record. He said it may end up not being feasible but they want to make a resolution in favor of supporting efforts to do it. Member Clyde moved to support the resolution to reintroduce salmon to Nevada. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

7-J. PRESENTATION ON PREDATOR DAMAGE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE WESTERN U.S. - MIKE BODENCHUK STATE DIRECTOR FOR COOPERATIVE TEXAS WILDLIFE SERVICES PROGRAM.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 26 AND 27, 2009 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. (1-0599)

8-A. CORRESPONDENCE - CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT. The commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and provide copies for the exhibit file.

8-B. 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.

8-C. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINES.

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8-D. HABITAT DIVISION REPORTS: UPDATES ON WINECUP RANCH, WILD HORSE FEDERAL LAW AND WASHOE LAKE WETLANDS - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM.

8-E. UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011 - UPLAND GAME BIOLOGIST - SHAWN ESPINOSA.

8-F. FISHERY DIVISION REPORTS: UPDATES ON PETITION TO LIST CERTAIN SPRING SNAILS IN NEVADA AND THE LAKE MEAD HATCHERY - CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN. (1-0750) Mr. Baily didn't understand the wording in this item. Member Martin opined that listing may refer to threatened and endangered, but agreed it is not clear. Mr. Baily opined that listing is protecting the species. Chairman Yanuck will ask at the meeting.

8-G. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - VICE CHAIRMAN RON LURIE.

8-H. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.

8-I. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES/LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.

8-J. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINIE.

8-K. ELK DAMAGE AND INCENTIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER WALLACE.

8-L. FINANCE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RON LURIE.

8-M. ONLINE HUNT APPLICATION CHANGES/AMENDMENTS AFTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION - CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT. (1-0621) Member Valley mentioned that he had an issue with applying for an online tag for his son. When he realized what happened, he called and was told that he could pull the application, lose points and fees, but not reapply. Member Martin suggested the need for flexibility when a mistake is made. Discussion ensued. Chairman Yanuck will advise that the CCABMW supports the item.

8-N. SPIKE ONLY ELK HUNT OPTIONS - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER. (1-0712) Member Valley stated he was at the meeting where they talked about a spike only hunt or three point or less hunt in the 111/222 area. He didn't understand whether it would be a depredation emergency hunt or put into the regulations as an application hunt. Ely is a big supporter. Member Martin commented that it was getting into a maintenance type situation. Member Valley reiterated that it wasn't clear which way they were going but wants the community to make a decision this year.

8-O. WELLS RESOURCE AREA ELK PLAN UPDATE - CHIEF OF GAME MARK ATKINSON.

9. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP. (1-0792) - Member Clyde commented that he wanted to make sure the appointments had been publicized. Chairman Yanuck commented that he hadn't seen the application but received an e-mail from Rose Gardner regarding his intentions. Vice Chairman Zuber commented that he was surfing the City's website and saw the announcement. Ms. Barnhurst advised that she had received an e-mail from Ms. Gardner dated June 2nd saying that the position announcement for the wildlife board openings was due to close Friday, June 12th. Chairman Yanuck opined that since it had been publicized, no applications were forwarded to the Board members, and the three members whose terms expire in July

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have all indicated that they want to remain on the Board, it was therefore unnecessary to conduct interviews. The other members agreed.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE. (1-0792) - This Item was discussed in combination with Item 9. Member Clyde moved to accept the three applicants for the positions on the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board. Vice Chairman Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER A JOINT LETTER OF REQUEST WITH THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE USFS REGARDING ALTERNATIVE CLOSURE OPTIONS FOR SPOONER TO KINGSBURY ANNUAL ROAD CLOSURES. (1-0897) - Member Martin advised that Mike Turnipseed was going to draft a letter to request the Forest Service to alternate the closure options. They adopted changing the date of closure to reflect when it's impassable and install alternate gates in order to have an 'A'/'B' closure. A gate could be installed near the highway maintenance station on the Carson City side of Spawner. The Forest Service expressed their approval and requested a joint letter for more emphasis. In response to a question, Member Martin replied that he will call Mr. Turnipseed regarding the status of the letter. Chairman Yanuck suggested re-agendizing the item for the August meeting to allow time to review the letter as the Forest Service will need three to four months to implement it. In response to a comment, both Member Martin and Chairman Yanuck expressed their preference to see the letter before any action was taken on it. Member Martin reiterated that the Forest Service will give it serious consideration.

12. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 14 and 15, 2009, in Elko; and the Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and create new committees. (1-0975) - Chairman Yanuck commented that there will be a representative at the meeting and there will be time to designate who will be going.

13. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (1-0991) - Chairman Yanuck advised that the team did not meet last week as Mr. Espinosa had too much going on and it will be rescheduled in July.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (1-1004) - Chairman Yanuck commented that the Finance Committee approved the augmentation requests from the various advisory boards during their meeting last Friday and will be brought up for the full Commission to vote on this weekend.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (1-1015) - Chairman Yanuck advised that he will attend the meeting in Lovelock this weekend.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for August 14 and 15, 2009 in Elko. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2009. (1-1018) - Chairman Yanuck advised that the next meeting will be August 10, 2009.

17. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (1-1026) - None.

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18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (1-1032) - Chairman Yanuck advised that Item 11 will be added to the August meeting agenda.

Member Valley commented that at the quota setting meeting, the Board made recommendations to increase some numbers for archery and requested those which were adopted. Washoe opposed the recommendation because they had not been contacted and they wanted some input. Mr. Cox advised that there is no biological evidence to not have the tags. The Commission was very open to it and agreed. Member Valley also noted that he will be out of town for the August meeting.

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT. (1-1075) - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Valley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Minutes of the June 25, 2009 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting are so approved this 10th day of August, 2009.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman