

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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011, in the Business Resource Innovation Center, 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Jim Davis
Member John Valley

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:33:27) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Martin was absent.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES. (5:33:43) – **Member Valley moved to approve the March 7, 2011 and April 11, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by member Davis. Motion carried 4-0.**

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA. (5:34:13) – Chairman Yanuck requested to address agenda item 11 after agenda item 7.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS. (5:34:50) – None.

5. DISCLOSURES. (5:35:41) – Chairman Yanuck disclosed correspondence from Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, incorporated into the record, opposing Commission Policy number 10. He also disclosed a letter from Rex Flowers, incorporated into the record, opposing any predation projects without a completed scientific study from a qualified Source. Lastly, Chairman Yanuck read a treatise from nobearhuntnevada.org, incorporated into the record, regarding their opposition to the reappointment of any incumbent Wildlife Commissioner who voted to legalize bear hunting in Nevada.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (5:48:43) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and reported that no new information was received from Member Martin.

7. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE APRIL 15 AND 16, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:39:06) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and reported that the first day of the meeting was spent listening to interviews for the Director's position. He mentioned that the candidates were scored by the listeners, however, the candidates selected by the Commission were not the ones preferred by the listeners in the room. He added that letters were written to the Governor regarding the process. Chairman Yanuck also updated the Board on the "Green Tag" discussion, its process, and its cost. He also advised the Board members to watch the videotaped session. He stated that there was discussion about the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, which was to be discussed in agenda item 11. Matt Maples, Fisheries Biologist, stated that a public input process was still being devised, and that he was surprised to see it on the agenda. He added that they were stocking the trout in Lake Tahoe, and called it "experimental at this point". Discussion ensued regarding non-native fish species, and Mr. Maples confirmed that they had no plans to eradicate them at this point. In response to a question by Member Davis, Mr. Maples confirmed that sterile Rainbow Trout would also be stocked. He added that they would be doing public outreach but did not have the timelines for it. Chairperson Yanuck thanked Mr. Maples for his time.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 15 AND 16, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (6:06:22) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and reminded the Board that these reports were informational and asked whether the Board would like to discuss any of the items below. There were no requests for discussion.

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8-A. COMMISSION POLICY #28, MULE DEER POLICY - CHAIRMAN RAINE.

8-B. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FERAL HORSE COMMITTEE - COMMITTEE CHAIR MIKE STREMLER.

8-C. COMMISSION POLICY #67, "HORSE POLICY" - COMMITTEE CHAIR MIKE STREMLER.

8-D. SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY #10, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AND VENDORS - COMMISSIONER LENT.

8-E. SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE - COMMISSIONER LENT.

8-F. DREAM TAG REGULATION - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER.

8-G. SAGE GROUSE AND UPLAND GAME SEASON STATUS REPORT - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON.

8-H. GIFTS, GRANTS, DONATIONS, AND BEQUESTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES.

8-I. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - ACTING SECRETARY KENNETH E. MAYER.

8-J. 2011 HERITAGE PROJECT STATUS UPDATE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

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

9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:07:28) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Valley moved to accept all the items on the Consent Agenda, except items 9G and 9I. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 4-0.

9-A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PETITION OF NoBearHuntNV.org.

9-B. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGETS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER 2 DALE HANSEN.

9-C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES ("WAFWA") ANNUAL CONFERENCE - CHAIRMAN RAINE.

9-D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS - CHAIRMAN LENT.

9-E. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 2012 WILDLIFE HERITAGE SILVER STATE AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE TAGS CR 11-06, AMENDMENT #1, HERITAGE TAG VENDORS - COMMISSIONER LENT.

9-F. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE HAGE LAWSUIT UPDATE AND RESOLUTION - CHAIRMAN RAINE.

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9-G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #10 - WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AND VENDORS, FINAL READING - COMMISSIONER LENT. (6:12:07) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. He explained that the County Advisory Boards were feeling “a little left out of this process”. He added that the policy instituted by the Commission caused organizations that had raised a considerable amount of funds for the Heritage Projects to feel left out. He stated that Advisory Board members felt there was disregard for their opinions, and they had voiced their displeasure in the matter. Chairman Yanuck addressed the similarities between the dissatisfaction with the Heritage Projects and the Wayne Kirsch Award.

9-H. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE, FINAL READING - COMMISSIONER LENT.

9-I. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 11-10, BIG GAME QUOTAS 2011 AND 2012 - BIG GAME BIOLOGISTS MIKE COX AND TONY WASLEY. (6:18:20) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Mike Cox and Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife Biologists, addressed the issue of quotas. Mr. Lackey explained that the herds were doing fine and that their population was identical to last year's. He also discussed seasons, stating that all archery and muzzle-loader hunts remained the same; however the Junior hunt was a week shorter. He added that for herds 194 and 196, the early season had been taken away, and 50-60 fewer people would hunt this year. Mr. Lackey stated that the Virginia Range, the Pine Nuts, and Carson Front were at or above the state-wide average success rate for all three weapons classes. Mr. Cox. Discussed the deer migration patterns and the findings that the 194 and 196 deer herds were not coming to Nevada until December, therefore many resident deer were being killed. He proposed a short season in December for all weapons classes. Discussion ensued regarding late-season hunts. Mr. Cox asked for feedback on seasons for next year's hunts. A non-trophy elk hunt was recommended by the Board. Chairman Yanuck announced that 784 applications had been received for the bear hunt, as of May 5, 2011.

(7:14:25) – **Member Valley moved to accept the Department's recommendation for Resident Youth Hunt 1107 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 4-0.**

Member Davis moved to accept the Department's recommendation for Resident Hunt 1331 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Davis moved to accept the Department's recommendation for Resident Hunt 1371 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 4-0.

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Member Davis moved to accept the Department's recommendation for Non-Resident Hunt 1331 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Valley moved to accept the Department's recommendation for Non-Resident Hunt 1371 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. Motion carried 4-0.

Member Valley moved to accept the Department's recommendation for Non-Resident Hunt 1341 as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 4-0.

9-J. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #28, "MULE DEER POLICY," FINAL READING - CHAIRMAN RAINE.

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9-K. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #67, "HORSE POLICY," FINAL READING - CHAIRMAN RAINE.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUALS TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT AND / OR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE NEVADA WILDLIFE COMMISSION.

(7:22:59) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that there were four Commission seats, belonging to Commissioners Gerald Lent, Michael McBeath, Thomas Cavin, and Grant Wallance, that would be vacant. He stated that he had had discussions with Commissioners McBeath, Cavin, and Wallace and they had expressed interest in being reappointed. He added that he had been unable to reach Commissioner Lent. Chairperson Yanuck also expressed disappointment in the votes taken as a block by the Commission. He recommended the reappointment of Commissioners McBeath, Cavin, and Wallace, in addition to the appointment of Jack Robb from Washoe County. He stated that he liked Commissioner Lent as an individual, however, he was "not in favor of some of the things he has done as a Commissioner". Discussion ensued on bill AB 322, and on the Governor's selection of candidates. **Chairperson Yanuck moved to recommend Governor Sandoval the reappointment of Commissioners McBeath, Cavin, and Wallace, and the appointment of Jack Robb to the Nevada Wildlife Commission. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The motion carried 4-0.**

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS THE REINTRODUCTION OF LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT INTO LAKE TAHOE. (7:47:03) – Previously discussed in agenda item 7.

12. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (7:47:05) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. He announced that he had attended the Governor's Conservation Team meeting on the previous Thursday. He explained that a number of summer interns would be hired by the Fish and Wildlife Service, and another was being hired by NRCS. He also stated that the Bi-State Sage Grouse was close to being considered endangered, and that conservation agreements were being instituted with private landowners, with a 30-day escape clause. Mr. Lackey gave background on the Sage Grouse Conservation Projects in the Bi-State and Pine Nut area. He also said that BLM had received funds to collar some of the Sage Grouse and to date they had collared five male and five female birds, which, he stated, is extremely hard to do. Chairman Yanuck indicated that no wind turbines would be allowed in the Sage Grouse habitat area. Another meeting is designated in June, according to Chairman Yanuck.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (7:53:56) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the first release of the upcoming meeting minutes incorrectly indicated that Carson City had not submitted a budget. Chairperson Yanuck had made certain another copy was received. He believed that an older version of the budget was being used, hence to a discrepancy in the available balance.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (7:55:03) – Chairman Yanuck advised that the next meeting of the Wildlife Commission was scheduled for August 12 and 13, 2011, in Fallon. He reminded the Board that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife would take place on Monday, August 8, 2011.

16. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (7:56:10) – Ms. Warren explained that agenda changes by the Commission could not be accommodated if submitted after the Board's agenda posting date. Chairman Yanuck clarified that the agenda changes were done within the Commission's posting window, even though County Boards met days ahead of the Commission meetings.

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17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (7:58:20) – Member Valley wanted to explore the possibility of a lifetime hunting and fishing license. He stated that California offered one prorated by age. Mr. Cox suggested speaking with Maureen Hullinger in licensing. Chairman Yanuck also reminded the Board of the upcoming rafting trip to which the Board members had received an invitation.

18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT. (8:06:28) – **Member Davis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

The minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 8th day of August, 2011.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman