

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, November 28, 2011, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

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

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:36:19) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:36:50) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2011. (5:37:42) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to approve the September 19, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Motion carried 5-0.**

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. – There were no changes to the agenda.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES. (5:38:29) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and stated that he had received a letter from Ms. Abigail Johnson, incorporated into the record, which was sent to all the Advisory Boards and the Wildlife Commission. Ms. Johnson, on behalf of Great Basin Water Network, attached a letter and a resolution in opposition to the proposed Southern Nevada Water Authority pipeline project, stating it would jeopardize Nevada's wildlife.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: PRESENTATION BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE LAKE TAHOE FISHERIES ECOSYSTEM RELATIVE TO OPTIONS FOR THE POSSIBLE CO-EXISTENCE OF LAKE AND CUTTHROAT TROUT. (5:40:11) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Lisa Heki, Stephanie Byers, and Derek Bloomquist from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delivered a PowerPoint presentation describing the current activities on Lake Tahoe. Ms. Byers presented the history of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout (LCT), its characteristics, and its recovery efforts. In response to a question, Ms. Byers explained that they had not stocked LCT in Walker Lake for the past two years. Mr. Bloomquist presented the research process, and its adaptation to the management of lake systems. Member Davis expressed concern over the LCT feeding on smaller fish and endangering other fish. Mr. Bloomquist noted that they "have been working on this for eight years", and they had developed methods for survival. In response to a question, Mr. Bloomquist explained that the LCT were a desert fish, and therefore had a high thermal tolerance; however, as they grew larger, they adapted to colder water environments as well. When asked about diet, Mr. Bloomquist noted that the LCT "eat everything from fish to insects on the surface", and elaborated on the feeding habits as a response to several questions. Discussion ensued regarding the application of results from Fallen Leaf Lake to Lake Tahoe and Walker Lake. In response to Member Martin's question, Ms. Byers explained that this phase of research was directed to "understand Lake Tahoe", "how LCT use Lake Tahoe", and "to find a space for the species in Lake Tahoe". Chairman Yanuck thanked Ms. Heki, Ms. Byers, and Mr. Bloomquist and invited them to return for updates on their progress.

(6:44:25) – Chairman Yanuck recessed the meeting for ten minutes to allow the guest speakers time to disconnect the presentation equipment.

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7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (6:59:01) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that there were no new updates at this time.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (6:59:25) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the minutes of the meeting had not yet been published, adding that the Sage Grouse initiative had received “a lot of interest”, and Directory Mayer would have another presentation at the upcoming meeting. He also updated the Board on several discussions that had taken place, such as the challenges facing Lake Mead, muzzle-loader black powder issues, and wild horse gathers. He also expressed his pleasure in seeing that input from the County Advisory Boards were frequently sought and valued.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEMS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AS PART OF A REGULATION WORKSHOP DURING THE DECEMBER 2, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION DURING THE DECEMBER 3, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (7:07:19) – Chairman Yanuck stated that many of the items in this section also appeared in Agenda item 11, and suggested addressing only those that were not. (7:25:14) – **Member Martin moved to support Agenda items 9A, 9B, and 9C. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber.** Chairman Yanuck called for discussion. In response to a question by CK Baily, Kim Tisdale, representing Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), explained that the commercial removal of crayfish was currently prohibited in any waters in the State, adding that a petition had been received “to allow for the commercial taking of the crayfish from Lake Tahoe under permit”. She also confirmed that this was not a temporary regulation, but a permanent one. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 390 - LCB FILE NO. R102-10 - INLAND NAVIGATION RULES - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. (7:16:48) – Chairman Yanuck entertained comments on this agenda item. Mr. Baily requested further clarification, and Chairman Yanuck interpreted the regulation as a compliance with the interstate boundary water laws. He added that licenses would be purchased in Nevada, with an agreement with neighboring states to fish in “border waters” with a Nevada fishing license. Jake Kreamer, NDOW Game Warden, explained that this regulation would help recover lost revenue. Member Valley received clarification that item 9A was a verbiage ensuring Nevada laws were consistent with Federal laws, and item 9B discussed the fee structure of licenses.

9-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 398 - LCB FILE NO. R025-11 - INTERSTATE BOUNDARY WATER LICENSE - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

9-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 400 - LCB FILE NO. R054-11 - COMMERCIAL CRAYFISH / FILLETING OF FISH / RESTRICTIONS IMPORT / TRANSPORT - CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN.

9-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 401 - LCB FILE NO. R056-11 - CLASSIFICATION REPTILES / FURBEARING / GAME BIRD - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. (7:15:55) – Member Valley moved to not classify the Eurasian Collared Dove as an Upland Game Bird. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Motion carried 5-0.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (7:33:17) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that these were informational items. He entertained comments and when none were forthcoming, advised moving to agenda item 11.

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10-A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: APPLICATION HUNT 2011 DRAW REPORT - DON SEFTON, SYSTEMS CONSULTANTS.

10-B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: 2006 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MULE DEER - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST TONY WASLEY

10-C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WALKER LAKE UPDATE - CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN.

10-D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: NEVADA'S WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN UPDATE - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS.

10-E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.

10-F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN AND REPORT FY 11 - FY 12 - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON.

10-G. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER.

10-H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DONATIONS REPORTS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

10-I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.

10-J. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - WILDLIFE COMMISSION SECRETARY KEN MAYER.

11. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (7:33:52) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and asked the Board members' and the public's input on any items to be removed from the consent agenda. Member Valley moved to accept the consent agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. Motion carried 4-1, with Member Davis opposing the motion.

11-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER POSITION LETTER - WILDLIFE COMMISSION VICE CHAIR ROBB.

11-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY RESOLUTION - WILDLIFE COMMISSION VICE CHAIR ROBB.

11-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN ("CCP") POSITION LETTER - WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER DREW.

11-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SOLAR DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP FOR PUBLIC LANDS - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.

11-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT - WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER MCNINCH.

11-F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: HERITAGE REGULATIONS AND POLICIES - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

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11-G. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHANGE CLASSIFICATION OF GRAY WOLF - WILDLIFE COMMISSION CHAIR MCBEATH.

11-H. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY #27, PROTECTION OF NEVADA WILDLIFE RESOURCES - WILDLIFE COMMISSION CHAIR MCBEATH.

11-I. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - WILDLIFE COMMISSION CHAIR MCBEATH.

11-J. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES ("WAFWA") MID-WINTER AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES - WILDLIFE COMMISSION CHAIR MCBEATH.

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (7:36:01) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the team had met several times and in different locations, including California. He was pleased to see the participation and input, especially from the Mono County area. Chairman Yanuck stated that they were gathering information on various completed projects and collected data. He reported that collared birds were increasing in number, and that things were moving in the right direction. He also noted that Director Mayer was working on a program to specifically address the bi-state area.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (7:42:15) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that there were no budgetary issues at this point.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (7:43:01) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and reported that the February meeting, originally scheduled to be held in Reno, would now take place in Las Vegas.

15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.

16. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (7:53:01) – There were no reports from Staff.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (7:44:03) – There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT (7:44:16) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Mr. Baily thanked the Board for inviting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to speak, calling it “very informative”.

19. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:44:32) – **Member Davis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

The minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 30th day of January, 2012.

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GIL YANUCK, Chairman