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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, September 17, 2012, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Member Doug Martin
Member John Valley

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:35:35) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairman Zuber and Member Davis were absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:36:15) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Kevin (C.K.) Baily reported that the Tom Brooks Memorial Kids' Fishing Day, hosted by the Carson City Lions Club, had taken place on September 15, 2012 and had been a "tremendous success". Mr. Baily explained that the Clear Creek Bowmen provided free archery lessons to 150 children by experts in the field. He also stated that he had heard of no issues and thanked all those who made for a successful event, calling it an outdoor event and not just a fishing day. Kim Tisdale, Western Regions Fisheries Supervisor at the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) thanked Mr. Baily for his efforts as the "ringleader" of this successful event. Mr. Baily noted the help he had received over the years from Ms. Tisdale and NDOW.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – There were no minutes to approve.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:42:10) – There were no changes to the agenda.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES. (5:42:17) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and indicated that he had received a request for nominations for the Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award from NDOW, noting that any nominations by the Board must be completed by November 15, 2012.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP. (5:43:35) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin clarified that due to scheduling conflicts, the meeting had not yet taken place.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:44:13) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin reported that the meeting was "really good", adding that he had met the newest member of the Board, Bill Young, whom he called "a dedicated wildlife person". He also updated the Board on a presentation regarding shed antler gathering, noting that there may be new regulations next year. Member Martin explained that a tour of the greenhouses both in the elementary and high school in Winnemucca was conducted to view the growing of bitterbrush and sagebrush for after-fire rehabilitation. He stated that they were also able to maximize the hunting opportunities for the adult hunters and conduct two youth hunts within the new duck hunting season. Chairman Yanuck thanked Member Martin for his participation and expertise as a duck hunter. Mr. Baily received confirmation that the upcoming bear hunt tags had already been issued.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:54:49) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that most of the subjects in this item would also be included in the

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consent agenda. Member Martin explained that due to the current fires in Montana, there were modifications and closures to the Sage Grouse season in Area 31.

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT NEVADA UPDATE - BLM Deputy Director Raul Morales, Nevada State Office. Deputy Director Morales will report on 2012 wildfires and wild horse management.

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF DESERT TORTOISE - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Las Vegas Assistant Field Supervisor Michael Senn. An update on the status of desert tortoise in southern Nevada will be provided, including current information on pet desert tortoise issues.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAPPING COMMITTEE - Commissioner McNinch. Commissioner McNinch will provide a committee report.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING NDOW FISCAL YEARS 2014 / 2015 AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET - Deputy Director Patrick Cates. The commission will hear a report from the Finance Committee and the Department on the final Agency Request Budget submitted on August 31st to the Budget Division and the Governor for their consideration.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATE ON LAKE MEAD FISH HATCHERY - Fisheries Division Chief Jon Sjöberg and Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Kelly.

F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING APPLICATION HUNT 2012 DRAW REPORT - Don Sefton, Systems Consultants. Systems Consultants will present an interim annual report of the 2012 Big Game Draw. Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license and tag fees and counts, as well as bonus point and client statistics for the five draws already completed this year.

G. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING CHANGES TO TAG APPLICATION PROCESS - Chief of Operations Bob Haughian. The Department will present information to support a proposal to change the online tag application process to only accept online tag applications for 2013 and is also proposing to change NAC 502.422 to allow automating the reallocation of game tags returned by hunters, beginning in 2013.

H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING WILD HORSE UPDATE - Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull. In accordance with the commission's request, Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING WILDFIRE UPDATE - Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull. Chief Bull will provide an update on wildfires that have occurred in Nevada this fire season, the primary wildlife species affected by those fires, and the rehabilitation efforts which are being or will be implemented in the burned areas.

J. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Secretary Mayer. Secretary Mayer will provide an update on the Governor's Sage Grouse Advisory Committee.

K. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING HERITAGE PROJECT DEADLINE REPORT - Deputy Director Patrick Cates. A report on the status of the 2011 and 2012 Heritage Projects will be presented.

L. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING LITIGATION REPORT - Senior Deputy Attorney General David Newton.

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9. REGULATION WORKSHOP ITEMS. The following items will be presented as part of an informational workshop, including public comment, during the September 21, 2012 Wildlife Commission meeting and for possible action / adoption by the Wildlife Commission during the September 22, 2012 meeting. (5:57:21) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item. Ms. Tisdale clarified that, last spring, the gizzard shad was removed from the prohibited list but was not added to the list that allowed them to be used as live bait. Member Martin clarified that item 9E pertained to allowing the use of rangefinders that were not damaging to the eyes of humans or fish. In response to a question by Member Martin, Ms. Tisdale explained that since the 2006/2007 quagga mussel discovery in Lake Mead, NDOW has been monitoring reservoirs that receive water or fish from the Lake Mead hatchery, in addition to monitoring waters from Lahontan, Rye Patch, Wild Horse and other waters. Ms. Tisdale also noted that a program involving inspections and sticker fees was still in development. Member Martin clarified that the inspections were successful in the Tahoe district, and suggested that NDOW take their results into consideration. Discussion ensued regarding the infrastructure and biological impact of the aquatic invasive species. Mr. Baily inquired about effective chemicals for use against these species.

A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 419, LCB FILE NO. R158-12 - TRAPPING TRAIL CLOSURE - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to trapping; prohibiting trapping adjacent to specific trails and roads in Clark County.

B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 399, LCB FILE NO. 148-12 - SPECIAL PERMIT - Southern Region Wildlife Diversity Supervisor Cris Tomlinson. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; to issue a special permit to allow a person to handle, move or temporarily possess any wildlife which is classified as protected under certain circumstances; setting forth the information which must be included in an application for the special permit; specifying the maximum period of validity of the special permit; requiring a holder of the special permit to submit a report to the Department within a certain period after the special permit expires; and providing other matters properly relating thereto; this regulation would allow for the movement and temporary possession of protected wildlife, i.e., Desert tortoise, Gila monster, out of harm's way as part of approved environmental compliance measures.

C. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 410, LCB FILE NO. R149-12 - GIZZARD SHAD - Chief of Fisheries Jon Sjöberg. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; providing that gizzard shad may be used as live bait fish in certain waters; and providing other matters properly relating thereto; the commission will consider taking action to make gizzard shad legal for anglers to capture and use as bait in Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and the Colorado River in Clark County. () – gizzard shad conversation with kim.

D. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 411, LCB FILE NO. R150-12 - UNIT BOUNDARIES - Game Division Chief Larry Gilbertson. The commission will consider and may take action to adopt area and corresponding unit boundary changes updated with current geographical descriptions and some new unit descriptions designed to simplify, clarify, or more accurately describe both hunt units for big game and wildlife units for the management of all species; the commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; providing for the management of all wildlife within management areas established by the Department; revising the boundaries of certain management areas; creating new management units within certain management areas; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

E. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 412, LCB FILE NO. R151-12 - RANGE FINDING SCOPE - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to hunting; revising the prohibition against using a weapon that is equipped with a certain type of sight while hunting; and providing other matters properly related thereto; if adopted, the regulation would allow for the use of scopes with an internal range finder that casts a beam of light that is not visible to the human eye.

F. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 413, LCB FILE NO. R152-12 - AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - Chief of Fisheries Jon Sjöberg. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to aquatic species; classifying certain aquatic species of wildlife as aquatic invasive species and injurious aquatic species; and providing other matters properly related thereto; certain aquatic species have the potential to greatly alter aquatic

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environments and become economically damaging; classification of certain aquatic species as invasive and injurious will be discussed.

G. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 414, LCB FILE NO. R153-12 - DESERT TORTOISE

- Southern Region Wildlife Diversity Supervisor Cris Tomlinson. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to desert tortoises; prohibiting a person from possessing more than one desert tortoise under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly related thereto; the wildlife commission will consider taking action to restrict the number of pet desert tortoises for adoption / possession as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to *one* per person as of the enactment date, January 1, 2013; pet desert tortoises in possession prior to ordinance are not affected by the regulation, only new possessions of pet desert tortoise; amendment is needed due to the over-breeding of pet desert tortoises in captivity primarily in southern Nevada.

H. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 417, LCB FILE NO. R156-12 - CRAYFISH - Fisheries

Division Chief Jon Sjöberg. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to crayfish; authorizing a holder of a permit to take crayfish from the waters of Lake Tahoe to sell the crayfish to a food wholesaler or restaurant for human consumption; requiring the buyer and the seller of the crayfish to retain certain records of the purchase; and providing other matters properly related thereto; a person may now obtain a permit to commercially capture crayfish from Lake Tahoe; discussion will occur regarding the sale of crayfish taken under this permit by wholesalers and restaurants.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: NORTHEAST NEVADA WILD HORSE ECO-SANCTUARY

Commissioner Jeremy Drew. The commission will review and discuss NDOW's response to the BLM's issuance of a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the potential impacts of the establishment of the Northeast Nevada Wild Horse Eco-Sanctuary; the commission may elect to submit a letter to the BLM in support of NDOW's comment letter. (6:27:27) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the wild horse holding facilities in Nevada.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (6:30:00) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the Commission, chaired by Mayor Crowell, had met and made its recommendations. He added that a final recommendation, compiled by all Commissions, would be forwarded to the Fish and Wildlife Service. He also stated that a Bi-State Sage Grouse Symposium would be held at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden, on October 30-31, 2012.

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (6:35:45) – There were no updates to this item.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (6:36:16) – Chairman Yanuck stated that he would be attending the upcoming meeting.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (6:36:27) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for December 7 and 8, 2012 in Reno. Therefore, the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife would tentatively be scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (6:36:38) – There were no updates from Staff.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (6:37:12) – Chairman Yanuck suggested setting up a committee to discuss an alternative policy to the proposed changes to the City's advisory boards, committees, and commissions operations.

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Member Martin believed that committees could adopt internal by-laws and follow them. Ms. Warren suggested having a two-member committee in order to follow the Open Meeting Law guidelines.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:42:12) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments and announced that the Dream Tag Committee would be meeting on September 19, 2012 to select the funding of projects from those submitted. He added that 24 projects were submitted, for a total of over one million dollars; however, the available award funds were \$267,000. He noted that the public was invited to attend, and that public comments would be entertained. Discussion ensued regarding the decision making process.

18. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (6:48:18) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. Member Valley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Martin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 3rd day of December, 2012.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman