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A meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013, in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Member Doug Martin
Member James Powell
Member John Valley

Staff: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:35:04) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed Member Powell to the Board. A quorum was present. Vice Chairman Zuber was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:35:32) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Fred Voltz introduced himself and noted that regarding agenda items 10A and 10B, and per SB213, adding a non-hunter member to the Trapping Committee was very important. He also deemed it essential to have this Board make that recommendation to the Commission. Mr. Voltz suggested the addition of an electronic chip to the traps. Member Valley announced that he and his wife had taught archery to 48 children who had not experienced the outdoors, at an outdoor recreation camp, the previous week, and thanked all those who were involved in organizing and participating in the event.

3. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5:41:05) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Member Martin moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Motion carried 4-0.**

4. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:43:02) – **Member Valley moved to adopt the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried 4-0.**

5. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES. (5:43:45) – There were no disclosures by Board members.

6. For Possible Action: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP. (5:43:55) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin indicated that the Group had not yet met this quarter.

7. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:44:05) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and provided highlights from the past Commission meeting. He also presented the ranked Tag Allocation and Applicant Hunt Committee recommendation, incorporated into the record and agendized as item 8F. Discussion ensued and Member Martin received confirmation that this Board was in favor of applying for more than one tag; however, recommended receiving only one.

8. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE AUGUST 2 AND 3, 2013 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

8-A. Informational Item - DISEASE EVENT UPDATE - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP - DR. PEREGRINE WOLFF. A wild sheep disease report will be provided.

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8-B. Informational Item - SAGE GROUSE AND SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL UPDATE - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY AND COMMISSIONER DREW. An update on the status of the sage grouse will be provided as well as an update on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council.

8-C. Informational Item - WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE - COMMISSIONERS DREW AND McNINCH AND SECRETARY TONY WASLEY. A report will be provided from the conference attendees.

8-D. Informational Item - WILDFIRE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ALAN JENNE. Chief Jenne will provide an update on wildfires that have occurred in Nevada this fire season.

8-E. Informational Item - PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER DREW. A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

8-F. Informational Item - TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE ("TAAHC") - COMMISSIONER ROBB. A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

8-G. Informational Item - WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ALAN JENNE. A report will be provided on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

8-H. Informational Item - LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL HARRY WARD

8-I. Informational Item - DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - SECRETARY TONY WASLEY. Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:20:55) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, with the exception of items 9A and 9F. The motion was seconded by Member Powell. Motion carried 4-0.

9-A. For Possible Action - AMENDED UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP ACCOUNT FUNDING REQUEST - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MARK FARMAN. The commission will review and be asked to approve a request to amend an action taken at the June 21, 2013 Wildlife Commission meeting in Ely. NDOW staff is seeking commission approval to add a new project to the list of approved projects to be funded in the FY 2014 Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The new project is Wildlife Heritage Program Project No. 14 - 03, "Pine Nut Vegetation and Sage Grouse Research Project." This project would benefit upland game bird species, including sage grouse, and staff is proposing that the commission fund \$12,000 of this project's total cost of \$30,000 with Upland Game Bird Stamp Account funds. The remainder of the project's costs will be funded by the Wildlife Heritage Program Account, as approved by the commission at their June 20, 2013 Heritage Program meeting. (6:22:51) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Martin noted that he had reviewed the materials online and was in support of augmenting the total budget request. Member Powell gave additional background information regarding a past fire in the area, and suggested combining these funds with any federal rehabilitation funds allocated to the area. **Member Martin moved to support agenda item 9A with a request that Staff look into dovetailing it with any federal rehabilitation funds.** The motion was seconded by Member Powell. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 4-0.**

9-B. For Possible Action - REPORT ON WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING; FIRST READING OF PROPOSED COMMISSION POLICY #23, "PREDATION MANAGEMENT"; DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2014 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN - COMMISSIONER McBEATH AND STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY. Commissioner McBeath and Staff Specialist Pete Bradley will provide a report on the Wildlife Damage Management Committee's recent meeting; the commission

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will conduct a first reading of proposed Commission Policy #23, "Predation Management," in accordance with Commission Policy #1; the commission will review changes to the draft FY 2014 Predator Management Plan and may take action to approve the plan.

9-C. For Possible Action - BIENNIAL BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015 - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX. The commission will review and may take action to approve the department's proposed biennial big game release plan for FY 2014 and 2015.

9-D. For Possible Action - PROPOSED TRAIL CAMERA REGULATION - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife requested the development of a regulation to limit trail camera usage. The commission will accept public input pertaining to usage of trail cameras and a proposed regulation.

9-E. For Possible Action - BEAR AWARENESS / MANAGEMENT - COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON. The commission will report on the letter, authorized at the last meeting, soliciting involvement of additional entities to assist with bear awareness education and may take action to amend the letter to address other bear management related issues.

9-F. For Possible Action - COMMISSION REGULATION 14 - 01 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE, AND SWANS) AND MIGRATORY WEBLESS BIRD (COOTS, GALLINULES, AND SNIPE) SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PUBLIC HUNTING ON OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND KEY PITTMAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HUNTER RESERVATION SYSTEM - 2013 - 14 SEASON - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS RUSSEL WOOLSTENHULME AND MIKE ZAHRADKA. The commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese, and swans) and migratory webless game birds (coots, gallinules, and snipe) for the 2013 - 14 season, and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2013 - 14 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The commission may also adopt changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands and may take action to change the current method of awarding duck hunt reservations at the Overton Wildlife Management Area and Key Pittman Wildlife Management Area. (6:31:06) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and gave background, indicating the changes that were made to the document that was released earlier to the public. Member Martin provided additional information as well, including photographs of various waterfowl in flight, to indicate the difficulties of identifying them. He also noted a corrected typographical error and encouraged the Board to support the recommended regulations. Discussion ensued regarding the increased breeding population of waterfowl. Member Martin moved to accept the Commission Regulation outlined in item 9F, with the aforementioned changes. The motion was seconded by Member Powell. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Motion carried 4-0.

9-G. For Possible Action - COMMISSION REGULATION 11 - 12, AMENDMENT #1, WILDHORSE RESERVOIR - CHIEF OF FISHERIES JON SJOBERG. The commission will consider the emergency regulation, adopted June 21, 2013 by the Director and approved by the Governor, effective through October 15, 2013. Due to extremely poor winter precipitation, drought conditions, and irrigation demands, Wildhorse Reservoir is expected to decline to around 20,000 acre feet of storage or 30 percent of capacity by late summer. Based on past history of these conditions in the reservoir, a similar fish die-off occurred in 2007. This emergency regulation authorizes unlimited take of trout species from Wildhorse Reservoir through October 15, 2013. This will maximize the opportunity for angler harvest of the many large (14"+) trout in the reservoir prior to conditions likely to cause the fish kill.

10. COMMISSION REGULATION WORKSHOP – INFORMATIONAL. (6:45:38) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the Board had received two public comments and entertained Board member comments. Discussion ensued regarding trap visitations and the accidental trapping of domestic animals. Mr. Voltz noted that according to the President of the Trappers' Association, certain individuals possessed over 300 traps, and believed

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that number is difficult to manage. He also wished that wild animal welfare and suffering, in addition to human accidents be taken into consideration. Discussion ensued regarding a discrepancy between low fees paid by trappers for an unlimited number of traps and the incentives for trappers to frequently visit their traps. Mr. Voltz also noted that he would attend the workshop and present his comments.

10-A. Informational Item - COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 427, LCB FILE NO. R018-13, TRAP VISITATION - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The commission will discuss and consider CGR 427, LCB File No. R018-13, Trap Visitation, a regulation relating to trapping which defines visitation of a trap, "visit or cause to be visited;" specifying the minimum period during which a person must visit or cause to be visited certain traps, snares, or similar devices, and designates that each trap, snare, or other lawful device be visited at least once each 96 hours.

10-B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 429, LCB FILE NO. R017-13, TRAP REGISTRATION - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The commission will discuss and consider CGR 429, LCB File No. R017-13, Trap Registration, a regulation revising provisions governing the registration of a trap, snare, or similar device; setting forth requirements for affixing a registration number to the trap, snare, or similar device; and the issuance of trap registration numbers and establishes the manner of marking traps, snares, or other lawful devices.

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION REGARDING THE TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE'S TOP FIVE ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION. – This item was discussed during agenda item 7.

12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET. (7:09:48) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that the budget would be augmented this week, and would be dispersed prior to the upcoming Commission meeting.

13. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (7:10:21) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that Member Martin would be representing this Board at the upcoming Commission meeting.

14. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (7:11:05) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2013. Therefore, the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Management Wildlife was tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2013. Chairman Yanuck also notified Mr. Voltz that he had relayed his request to publicize County Advisory Board meeting information on the Commission's website.

15. Informational Item: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF – There were no reports from Staff.

16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. (7:13:38) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Valley suggested discussing a petition to change the Washoe Lake waterfowl hunts from seven to three days. He also noted that NDOW may wish to discuss the deer population in Carson City in an upcoming meeting.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT (7:22:03) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Mr. Voltz noted that there had not yet been an official response on the implementation of the teleconferencing equipment for which \$70,000 had been appropriated. Chairman Yanuck explained that the item had been discussed during the budget meeting, and addressed several of Mr. Voltz's concerns.

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18. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:28:40) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. **Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Powell.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The minutes of the July 29, 2013 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 16th day of September, 2013.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman