

## **CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

### **Minutes of the January 28, 2013 Meeting**

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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, January 28, 2013, 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 John Valley

**Staff:** Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/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.** (5:29:44) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Martin was absent as excused.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT** (5:30:12) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. C.K. Baily noted that he and Vice Chairperson Zuber had attended National Fishing in the School Program, a certification and training seminar for a program administered by a teacher, sixth grade to college level, to teach students how to cast and catch fish. Mr. Baily also announced that he was in search of a teaching willing to administer this program. Member Valley stated that he had forwarded this information to a teacher at Carson High School. Fred Voltz indicated that he had expected a discussion on trapping and trap registration tonight, and requested adding it to the next meeting's agenda.

**3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5:35:49) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 4-0.**

**4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.** (5:36:15) – The agenda was adopted as is.

**5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES.** (5:36:58) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Valley introduced into the record two e-mails, one from Judy Caron regarding CR 13-08, proposed mountain lion hunting hour restrictions; and another from Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife, opposing the petition to prohibit the use of dogs in bear hunts. Chairman Yanuck disclosed that the legislative luncheon would take place on February 13, 2013, in Room 3100, adding that the various Advisory Board members would be invited, and that over 100 people were expected to attend.

**6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.** Member Martin was not present to provide an update.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** (5:42:17) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that since he and Vice Chairman Zuber had attended the meeting on two separate days, they would both provide updates. Chairman Yanuck questioned why petitions could not be discussed as part of this Board's agenda. He also noted that most of Friday's agenda items were informational, adding that he had learned quite a bit from listening to various experts of different hunts. Vice Chairman Zuber explained that the "online-only" tag application, opposed by this Board, had been discussed and was not approved by the Commission. He noted that a one year delay request by several boards had not been pursued at that point. He also stated that the NoBearHuntNV.org had noted that many pages of the public information had not been scanned correctly; therefore, public comment was accepted but no action could be taken at that point. Vice Chairman Zuber stated that the Sheldon Wildlife Refuge petition had been withdrawn for the time being, and would be resubmitted by to incorporate other wildlife refuges as well.

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**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 1 AND 2, 2013 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** (5:52:47) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item and noted that he had not been contacted for additional information regarding this agenda item. He also stated that the hunt committee would be discussing many of these items further on the evening of the next meeting.

**8-A. 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.

**8-B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - DISCUSSION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2012 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2013 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN - GAME DIVISION CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON AND STAFF PETE BRADLEY.** A report will be made describing expenditures and results of fiscal year 2012 predator management activities and predator management projects scheduled for fiscal year 2013.

**8-C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - DISCUSSION REGARDING TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN ROBB.** A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

**8-D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - DISCUSSION REGARDING SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - SECRETARY MAYER.** Secretary Mayer will provide an update on the status of sage grouse.

**8-E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - DISCUSSION REGARDING HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER WALLACE.** Reports will be provided on the recent Heritage Committee, and the funds available (interest and principal) for expenditure from the Heritage Trust account in the upcoming year.

**8-F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM - DISCUSSION REGARDING LITIGATION REPORT - SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON.**

**9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the February 1 and 2, 2013 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 advisory board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting. (5:55:36) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to accept the consent agenda with the exception of item 9B. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**9-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - COMMISSION REGULATION 13-03, BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND DEADLINE INFORMATION - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.** The commission will adopt language regarding 2013 (2013 - 14) big game application eligibility and deadline information.

**9-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - COMMISSION REGULATION 13-04, BIG GAME SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MIKE COX, TONY WASLEY, AND PETE BRADLEY.** The commission will consider adoption of 2013 (2013 - 14) and 2014 (2014 - 15) hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, and black bear, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions and legal weapon requirements, emergency depredation hunt structure, and statewide quotas, the 2013 (2013 - 14) nonresident restricted deer tag quotas and seasons, and dates and times for indoctrination courses. *NDOW Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.* (6:00:44) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Mike Dobel,

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Game Supervisor, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) explained that this was the beginning of a bi-annual process, adding that they did not have many changes this year, and none that affected this Board. Chairman Yanuck suggested addressing the exceptions and changes only. He also relayed a request from Member Martin that an archery hunt should not simultaneously occur during a legal weapon hunt. Member Davis shared similar concerns about overlapping seasons in Ely. Mr. Dobel believed that the long rifle season was due to the overabundance of elk. Discussion ensued regarding rifle hunters checking their cameras during archery season and disrupting the archers' opportunities. **Member Valley moved to accept the Department's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Davis.** Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**9-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - COMMISSION REGULATION 13 - 05, 2013 (2013 - 14) SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASON AND QUOTAS 2013 - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX.** The commission will consider the adoption of the 2013 (2013 - 14) Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons, and quotas. *NDOW Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.*

**9-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - COMMISSION REGULATION 13 - 06, 2013 (2013 - 14) DREAM TAG SEASONS - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX.** The commission will consider the adoption of the 2013 (2013 - 14) Dream Tag seasons. *NDOW Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.*

**9-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - COMMISSION REGULATION 13 - 07, 2014 (2014 - 15) HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX.** The commission will consider the adopt of the 2014 (2014 - 15) Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons, and quotas. *NDOW Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.*

**9-F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - COMMISSION REGULATION 13 -08, 2013 (2013 - 14) BIG GAME MOUNTAIN LION HARVEST LIMITS - CHIEF OF GAME LARRY GILBERTSON.** The commission will consider the adoption of 2013 (2013 - 14) mountain lion harvest limit recommendations. *NDOW Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.*

**10. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK.** (6:35:59) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that now the Sage Grouse “is in the hands of the US Fish and Wildlife Service”. He did not expect to hear any further details for six months. He also noted that due to the use of helicopters and recent counts, it was revealed that the Bi-State population was larger than anticipated and that the volunteers were doing everything they could “to make things better”. As for the Greater Sage Grouse, he stated that the deliberation would take place later, and would include the involvement of private land owners.

**11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET.** (6:41:07) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that soon they would be working on a new budget.

**12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** (6:43:54) – Chairman Yanuck announced that he would be attending the upcoming Commission meeting.

**13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** (6:44:58) – Chairman Yanuck announced that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013.

**14. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF** (6:48:45) – Ms. Warren informed the Board that the Carson River Advisory Commission had approved the removal of rocks from Lloyd's Diversion near Buzzy's Ranch. She also noted that the rocks would be left in the river to enhance fishing experience.

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**15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (6:51:10) – Chairman Yanuck requested agendizing the discussion of teleconferenced Commission and Committee meetings, and the registration of traps. Mr. Voltz explained that he had suggested to the Commission the creation of an available resources list which would include teleconferencing equipment.

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT** (6:57:05) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Mr. Voltz suggested regionalizing the County Advisory Boards to incorporate multiple counties. Chairman Yanuck gave the example of the Tri-County Wildlife Working Group as a cooperative effort between counties and outlined the benefits of working together. Discussion ensued regarding the particular needs of individual counties.

**17. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (7:06:12) – Chairman Yanuck suggested a motion. **Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.**

The minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

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**GIL YANUCK, Chairman**