

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday September 8, 2014 • 5:30 PM
City Hall Capitol Conference Room
201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members:

Chair – Doug Martin
Member – James Powell
Member – Gil Yanuck

Vice Chair – Stan Zuber
Member – John Valley

Staff:

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:29:33) – A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	
James Powell	Absent	
John Valley	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:30:21) – CK Baily explained that there would not be a fishery at Incline Lake. He expressed his disapproval and called it a “lost opportunity”.

(5:32:34) – Chairperson Martin noted that the meeting recordings would be posted on the City's website, and advised Board members to stay on topic and remain professional throughout the meetings.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2014.

(5:33:10) – MOTION: I move to accept the August 11, 2014 meeting minutes with one correction.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

(5:34:30) – MOTION: I move to adopt the agenda as submitted.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Valley
AYES:	Martin, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell

5. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES.

(5:34:51) – Chairperson Martin noted that his disclosure would take place during agenda item 7.

6. Informational Item: GREETING AND BRIEFING BY CITY MANAGER NICK MARANO.

(5:35:16) – Chairperson Martin introduced Carson City Manager Nick Marano and thanked him for attending this meeting.

(5:35:56) – Mr. Marano thanked the Board for their service. Member Yanuck identified the issue of bears eating the fruit off trees, going through garbage, and other actions that might be considered nuisance. He also noted that no citations had been issued because law enforcement had to see the nuisance to cite it. Member Yanuck stated that the causes for the nuisance were humans who were careless with their trash, adding that with the new bear-proof trash containers had been installed, bear presence was evident but no damage had been caused.

(5:27:20) – Mr. Marano clarified that since June was Bear Logic Month, the City had partnered with Bear Logic to educate residents. He also stressed the importance of communication with the public. Discussion ensued on how the Board could help the City and how feedback on the Board's activities could be obtained from the City. Mr. Marano encouraged further hunter safety classes. Mr. Baily noted the absence of the public at the meeting, adding that criticism of the Board outside this meeting would not be beneficial to both parties.

7. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(5:56:03) – Chairperson Martin presented the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 207.200, incorporated into the record, and noted that the Commission was informed that any trespassing citation must be compliant with the aforementioned NRS and posted property. He also noted that three versus 12 demerits were discussed, and a compromise was reached for nine demerits, which could be reduced to five after attending a hunter safety class. Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate marking of the areas, the enforcement and the “habitual law breakers”, and Chairperson Martin noted that every Advisory Board “was opposed to the idea”. He also shared information about a program that placed the burden on property owners and not the hunting/fishing community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:11:14) – CK Baily urged Vice Chairperson Zuber to bring this item to the Fly Fishing Club.

(6:12:25) – Chairperson Martin also reported on the trapping discussion, explaining that all the County Advisory Boards (CABs) were against the 24-hour trap check mandate, especially in rural Carson City, against which he had spoken. He also noted that the Commission believed that Carson City should have brought up this issue one or two months ago. Chairperson Martin suggesting taking action much sooner, in the future. He also believed that the Board may ask for a reversal of the decision regarding Carson City, after the new Commission takes effect.

(6:31:33) – Chairperson Martin announced that the “waterfall regulations” had been adopted, and that a specific goose hunt was eliminated in Mason Valley. He also suggested that all Board members attend a Commission meeting in the future.

8. For Possible Action: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: *The items addressed hereunder are consent agenda items. They are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Although a member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether or not to pull an item from the consent agenda. There will be no public comment unless an item is pulled for separate discussion and action.*

(6:28:30) – Member Yanuck inquired and received clarification about bow and crossbow use for disabled hunters. Discussion ensued regarding the use of crossbows. Chairperson Martin clarified the definition of permanent disability to mean “the disability of the upper torso, or the amputation of one or both arms, prohibiting a hunter from manually drawing and holding, at full draw, a bow”.

(6:47:09) – MOTION: I move to accept the consent agenda as proposed.

(6:47:25) – In response to a comment by Mr. Baily, Chairperson Martin clarified that the opportunity to hunt with a crossbow existed in Nevada by obtaining “any legal weapon tag”, formerly known as a rifle tag, and by using a scope.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Zuber
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	Powell

8-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 439, WATER SKI TOWABLE DEVICE, LCB FILE NO. R108-14 - GAME WARDEN CAPTAIN DAVID PFIFFNER. *The commission will hear a regulation relating to watercraft to clarify what is considered a towed device behind a vessel or restricted areas closed to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels or certain water bodies not large enough to accommodate the activity. The regulation will clarify what type of device can be towed behind a vessel. It will further clarify what areas are restricted to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels, and in certain water bodies that are too small to accommodate the activity.*

8-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 444, LAUGHLIN FISHERMEN'S ACCESS, LCB FILE NO. R086-14 - GAME WARDEN DAVID PFIFFNER. *The*

commission will hear a regulation relating to watercraft that will prohibit swimming or bathing around a dock or boat ramp or using a dock or boat ramp to swim or bathe; and docking a vessel or otherwise trespassing in a prohibited area at Laughlin Fishermen's Access. The regulation addresses safety concerns of people swimming and / or bathing in a heavily congested boating area. The regulation will reduce potential injuries which may include prop injuries, vessel collisions, and trauma injuries incurred by vessel striking users in the launch area, and will prohibit trespassing or docking in prohibited areas, allowing the area available for emergency vessel use at Laughlin Fishermen's Access.

8-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 435, ARCHERY CLEANUP, LCB FILE NO. R107-14, CONSERVATION EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR TERESA MOIOLA. *The commission will hear a regulation relating to hunting: authorizing the Department to issue an archery disability permit to a person with a permanent disability; revising the definition of "longbow" for certain purposes; revising the circumstances under which a person may use a crossbow to hunt a big game mammal or a bow to hunt a game mammal or game bird; authorizing a person to use a scope permit during a type of hunt that is restricted to bows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation will allow for the use of crossbows in archery seasons for hunters with specific disabilities and clarifies archery equipment legal for any bow hunter in an archery season.*

8-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 449, LCB FILE NO. R111-14, TANNERY / TAXIDERMIST - CHIEF GAME WARDEN TYLER TURNIPSEED. *The commission will hear a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal, or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation clarifies the licensing requirements for tanneries by including the activities licensed as a taxidermist and will reduce the amount of record keeping taxidermists must complete when receiving hides, pelts, or other wildlife parts from another taxidermist. The regulation was requested through a petition accepted by the commission.*

8-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 452, TRAIL CLOSURES, LCB FILE NO. R112-14 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN TYLER TURNIPSEED. *The commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping, other than with a box or cage trap, within 1,000 feet of certain trails and campgrounds, and within one-half mile of certain residences; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Department was directed to develop this draft regulation by the commission at the June 20 and 21, 2014 meeting in Tonopah. The regulation will prohibit trapping within 1,000 feet or each side of certain designated hiking trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, and recreation areas, located in a portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. The regulation expands that prohibition to include the Bonanza Trail, Cold Creek Campground, and Willow Creek Campground located within that portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.*

8-F. For Possible Action: SPECIAL INCENTIVE ELK ARBITRATION ISSUES - EASTERN REGION BIOLOGIST KEN GRAY. *An overview of private land elk programs and discussion of issues and problems encountered with the special elk incentive tag arbitration process was provided at the August meeting. Recommendations to improve the system may be selected.*

8-G. For Possible Action: TRAPPER EDUCATION - CHIEF OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION TERESA MOIOLA. *The commission will hear a follow-up presentation on options for trapper education. Items for consideration may include, among others, regulatory authority, course content development and objectives, course delivery, and associated costs and budget. The commission may take action to provide guidance on the development of related regulations.*

9. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS OF THE SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13, 2014 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

Other than items 8-A through 8-G, above, the remaining items on the attached September 12 and 13, 2014 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda typically require no action of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Occasionally, one or more advisory board members may have a desire to discuss these items and such discussion may result in action in the form of advice or a recommendation by this advisory board to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. There will be no public comment unless action will be taken on an item.

10. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

(6:50:35) – Member Yanuck noted that he would attend the next Commission meeting.

11. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING.

(6:50:05) – The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for November 14 and 15, 2014 in Reno. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is, therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2014. Member Valley stated that he would be absent that day.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(6:55:24) – Further discussion with Open Space regarding Ash Canyon Road and feedback received on the Maintenance Plan. Vice Chairperson Zuber also suggested inviting the new BLM District Manager or the BLM Field Office Manager. Member Valley inquired about an update to recently-collared deer.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

(7:07:45) – Mr. Baily explained that he had seen 10 large bucks near his residence. Member Valley noted that they were not new to the area.

(7:09:19) – Member Valley indicated that many residents were afraid to report people who are feeding wildlife for fear of repercussions. Chairperson Martin noted that the hunter education manual provided a phone number for anonymous reporting.

14. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:11:49) –Member Valley moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Zuber. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 10th day of November, 2014.

DOUG MARTIN, Chairman