

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday May 9, 2016 ● 4:00 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Doug Martin

Vice Chair – Stan Zuber

Member – Robert Boehmer

Member – James Powell

Member – Gil Yanuck

Staff

Jason Woodbury, District Attorney

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:02:41) – Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	
Robert Boehmer	Present	
James Powell	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:03:06) – Member Martin commented that this spring the moisture caused unusual plants to bloom and circulated a book and a sample plant for the members to see. Discussion ensued regarding tree limb and pine needle cleanup as well to prevent fire danger. Member Powell asked the public to watch for newly-hatched goslings.

3. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2016.

There were no minutes for approval. District Attorney Jason Woodbury explained that he had reviewed the circumstances of the delayed minutes with the Deputy Clerk and had found good cause to delay the approval of minutes at the next meeting.

4. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA.

(4:08:17) – MOTION: I move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Boehmer
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

5. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES

(4:08:32) – Member Yanuck disclosed that he had been contacted by a member of the public regarding the presence of Cormorants at Baily Pond and their role in the reduction of the stocked fish population. Chairperson Martin suggested placing the item on a future meeting agenda.

6. For Possible Action: UPDATES ON URBAN WILDLIFE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY NDOW AND UNR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION STAFF.

(4:11:02) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and noted that quite a few items had been posted on the Facebook page to keep the information fresh. Member Yanuck stated that he had taken brochures to a Chamber of Commerce meeting that had resulted in “great conversations” regarding urban wildlife. Chairperson Martin reminded everyone that does are very protective during fawning season. Member Boehmer added that the City’s coyote eradication program may have helped in reduced sightings. Discussion ensued regarding coordination with the Open Space Program and Chairperson Martin offered to speak to Open Space Administrator Ann Bollinger and report back.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:24:30) – Fred Voltz recommended placing a kiosk on the newly-acquired land by the City from BLM in the Prison Hill area. He also suggested discussing wildlife issues with and recommending conducting an analysis to Lee Plemel, Community Development Director, specifically in the areas where three new developments are planned, adding that those areas have been known as wildlife nesting and feeding areas. Member Boehmer echoed Mr. Voltz’ sentiments, and suggested that the Planning Commission receive a recommendation to conduct a study on the impact of new developments on wildlife habitats in the City. Chairperson Martin suggested Mr. Woodbury advise the Board at their next meeting on the current codes regarding urban wildlife, and wished to agendize it for action.

(4:31:10) – Tom Cavin stated that the urban sprawl had been a problem for many years and did not believe the Planning Division had authority regarding urban wildlife, however, he suggested attending the meetings that discuss the upcoming developments and expressing their opinions. Discussion ensued regarding when the Planning Commission would discuss the upcoming developments.

No action was required for this informational item.

7. For Possible Action: CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/: *The items agendized hereafter, as 7-A through 7-F, 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.

(4:36:04) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and Member Powell suggested discussing item 7F.

(4:38:33) – MOTION: I move to approve the consent agenda items with the exception of item 7F.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Boehmer
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

7-A. For Possible Action: HUMBOLDT COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN (SECOND READING) - Committee Chairman Eddie Booth and Western Region Biologist 3 Ed Partee. *The commission will be presented with the draft Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan for review and possible action. The draft Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan has incorporated edits from discussion with the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Humboldt County Commission, and at a sub-planning meeting held on April 12, 2016. The subject draft is for final review and possible adoption by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*

7-B. For Possible Action: PRESENTATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017 DRAFT PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (FINAL DRAFT) - Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson and Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling. *The commission will review with the Department the third and final draft of the fiscal year 2017 Draft Predation Management Plan. The Board of Wildlife Commissioners may take action to modify or endorse the plan.*

7-C. For Possible Action: CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO EXISTING COMMISSION POLICY 23 ON PREDATION MANAGEMENT (SECOND READING) - Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling. *On March 24, 2016, the commission heard a proposed revision to make existing Policy 23 consistent with provisions included in Assembly Bill 78, from the 2015 legislative session, and current practice. The commission moved the policy forward with removal of predation policies in subsections B.6 and B.7, on page 3 of the policy, because these dealt with expenditures on habitat management, which had been specifically excluded through AB 78. The commission may take action to modify or adopt this revision of Policy 23.*

7-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 460, DEFINITION OF “SPIKE ELK,” LCB FILE NO. R013-16 - Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling. *The commission will consider amending NAC 502.104 and 502.1045 to define “spike elk” in a manner that limits inadvertent errors in the field. The intent is to consider and possibly broaden the definition of spike in a manner that is consistent with the management objective of defining a spike while reducing the likelihood of errors in harvest identification.*

7-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 456, SPECIAL INCENTIVE ELK ARBITRATION PANEL, LCB FILE NO. R031-15 - Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling. *The commission will consider amending Nevada Administrative Code 502.42283, by which the commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary.*

7-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 16-12, 2016 BIG GAME QUOTAS FOR THE 2016 - 17 SEASON - Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Cody Schroeder, and Pat Jackson. *The commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for the 2016 - 17 seasons.*

(4:39:32) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and referred to the supporting documentation that contained “an extensive list of recommendations” incorporated into the record. Cody Schroeder, Big Game Biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), introduced himself and, at Chairperson Martin’s suggestion, introduced the agenda materials, noting that the recommendations were by species.

(4:42:06) – Chairperson Martin introduced the resident and non-resident black bear hunt. There were no changes from the Board. In the form of public Comment, Mr. Voltz objected to the “killing of bears for trophies” and suggested that the season be “set at one bear, and no females”.

(4:43:12) – MOTION: I move to support the Department’s recommendation [regarding the bear hunt].

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(4:44:21) – Chairperson Martin introduced the resident antelope recommendations. Member Powell was informed by Mr. Schroeder that out of state tags do get sold out. Discussion ensued regarding landowner tag usage. There were no public comments.

(4:49:39) – MOTION: I move to support the Department’s recommendation regarding the antelope hunts.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Zuber
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(4:50:51) – Chairperson Martin introduced the recommendations for all sheep hunts. Mr. Schroeder clarified the restrictions placed on certain specialty tag holders in order to prevent all from “going to the same areas every year”. There were no public comments.

(4:55:27) – MOTION: I move to support the Department of Wildlife’s recommendation on the big game quotas of all three species of bighorn [sheep].

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Boehmer
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(4:56:07) – Chairperson Martin introduced the mountain goat quota recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the previous year’s harvest and the concern for potential illnesses and Mr. Schroeder noted that even though they had not seen many kids, the death rate has been reduced. There were no public comments.

(5:00:44) – MOTION: I move to support the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s recommendation on 2016 quotas for mountain goats.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Boehmer
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(5:01:55) – Chairperson Martin introduced the recommendations for elk species and observed that the elk population had increased. Mr. Schroeder noted that a tri-state (Nevada, Utah, and Idaho) discussion is taking place, adding that collar data showed certain elk were spending more time in Idaho; therefore, they were classified as such. Discussion ensued regarding the early season hunts to prevent overcrowding. In the form of public comment, Mr. Cavin inquired about wolf issues and was informed that no wolf pack sightings had been confirmed in Nevada.

(5:13:01) – MOTION: I move to support the proposed elk quotas for the 2016 season as recommended by the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Boehmer
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(5:13:39) – Chairperson Martin introduced the mule deer recommendations. Discussion ensued regarding the harvesting of does, specifically in Area 7. Mr. Schroeder noted that for the past two years the fawn ratio had decreased, citing the drought and this year’s harsh winter. He also reviewed the habitat improvement projects in the area. Mr. Cavin inquired about ways of increasing the recommended quotas and Mr. Schroeder noted that the

habitat recovery took long. Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, clarified that collaring information showed more resident deer than previously assumed, however, they were coming to Nevada during the winter which provided for a better archery season. John Valley received information regarding the youth tags and youth hunt schedules.

(5:37:58) – MOTION: I move to support the mule deer big game quotas given by the Nevada Department of Wildlife for the 2016 season.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Boehmer
SECONDER:	Powell
AYES:	Martin, Zuber, Boehmer, Powell, Yanuck
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

8. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS AS PART OF THE MAY 13 and 14, 2016 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. *Other than those items listed under the CCABMW consent agenda (item 7 above), the remaining items on the attached May 13 and 14, 2016 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.*

(5:30:20) – There were no discussion items by the Board members.

9. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE MAY 13 AND 14, 2016 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN RENO.

(5:39:59) – Chairperson Martin noted that he had a conflict and could not attend the meeting. Vice Chairperson Zuber offered to attend the meeting.

10. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING.

(5:41:06) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and noted that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for June 24 and 25, 2016 in Elko. Members Yanuck and Boehmer noted that they would attend. Chairperson Martin announced that the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2016.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:42:20) – Chairperson Martin noted that the next meeting’s agenda will include discussion on issues and concerns regarding community fishing ponds. Additionally, a report back from the District Attorney’s Office regarding regulations for upcoming developments pertaining to wildlife and this Board’s authority would be agendized. Member Boehmer wished to discuss invasive species at Baily Pond. Member Powell suggested having the rifle range improvements as a recurring agenda item.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:46:25) – Mr. Voltz suggested a report on the water quality of Baily Pond. Member Boehmer announced that the Wild Sheep Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will hold a Nevada Outdoor Experience Youth and Family Expo at Capital City Gun Club on June 18, 2016, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

14. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(5:49:26) – Member Boehmer moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Yanuck. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 20th day of June, 2016.

DOUG MARTIN, Chair