

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife**  
**Monday September 19, 2016 ● 4:00 PM**  
**Planning Division Conference Room A**  
**108 East Proctor Street, Carson City, Nevada**

**Board Members**

**Chair – Doug Martin**

**Vice Chair – Stan Zuber**

**Member – Robert Boehmer**

**Member – Gil Yanuck**

**Staff**

Jason Woodbury, District Attorney

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

(4:01:32) – Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order. Roll was called. A quorum was present. Member Boehmer was absent.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	
Robert Boehmer	Absent	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:01:54) – Chairperson Martin advised of having seen a recent newspaper article regarding the Veterans Leather Program. Chairperson Martin introduced Al Bye, who provided background information on the Veterans Leather Program. Mr. Bye distributed informational materials and briefly described the manufacture of wheelchair gloves for veterans. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to comment, and responded to questions regarding the program. Chairperson Martin entertained additional public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

**3. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA.**

(4:07:32) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item, and entertained modifications to the agenda. When no modifications were forthcoming, he entertained a motion. **MOTION: Move to approve the agenda, as written.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (3-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Yanuck
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Zuber
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin, Zuber, Yanuck
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Boehmer

**4. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES**

(4:07:56) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item. Member Yanuck advised of recent discussions with citizens, following the last Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting, regarding NDOW’s proposed license simplification strategy.

**5. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 20, 2016 and August 8, 2016**

(4:09:07) – Chairperson Martin noted that he had been absent from the August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and, therefore, would abstain from commenting on the minutes. Ms. Warren explained that the June minutes were not available in August due to staffing issues. Mr. Woodbury explained the necessity to provide the explanation relative to Open Meeting Law requirements. Chairperson Martin entertained a motion to approve the minutes. **Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Member Yanuck seconded the motion.** Chairperson Martin entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

(4:11:03) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item, and advised of having nothing to report. He entertained comments of the board members; however, none were forthcoming.

**7. For Possible Action: CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.**

(4:11:43) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item, and entertained discussion. Vice Chairperson Zuber provided an overview of extensive discussion which took place regarding item 7-B at the August 8, 2016 meeting. Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Martin entertained a motion. **MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (3-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Yanuck
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Zuber
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin, Zuber, Yanuck
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Boehmer

**7-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 468, BONUS POINT TRANSFER, LCB FILE NO. R104-16 - MANAGEMENT ANALYST 3 MAUREEN HULLINGER.** The commission will consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. Existing regulation provides for the accumulation of bonus points by a person who applies for certain drawings for tags required for hunting certain species. Such bonus points accumulate and give the person a mathematical advantage in subsequent drawings for a tag. Under existing regulations, a person who changes his or her state of residence may request a transfer of any accumulated bonus points to himself or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State, as appropriate. This proposed regulation change provides the authority to the Department to make such a transfer automatic upon the person's change of residence. *The commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September commission meeting.*

**7-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 469, TRUCKEE RIVER TACKLE RESTRICTION, LCB FILE NO. R094-16 - FISHERIES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR JON SJÖBERG.** The commission will consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed change revises NAC 503.504 to require the use of certain types of fishing tackle in portions of the Truckee River. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the Truckee River from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary, from February 1 through May 31 each year, to reduce incidental mortality of spawning adult Lahontan cutthroat trout. *The commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September commission meeting.*

**7-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 458, ELECTRONIC RIFLE TRIGGERS, CALIBER AND CARTRIDGE LENGTH, AND SMOKELESS POWDER RESTRICTIONS, LCB FILE NO. R144-15 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN TYLER TURNIPSEED.** The commission will consider adopting an amendment to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it legal to hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge of .22 or larger [and has a barrel length of 4 inches or more.] The third change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge larger than .50 caliber or with a case length longer than 3 inches. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with any sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism. *Two workshops have been held on this proposed regulation change: one on January 29, 2016 and one on March 25, 2016. The commission directed the Department to change “3.8 inches overall loaded length” to “3 inches case length”; change “.46 caliber or larger” to “larger than .50 caliber”; change the minimum legal handgun cartridge to “caliber .22 or larger”; and change “electronic or computer controlled trigger” to “sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.” Another hearing was held on June 25, 2016; however, the commission only allowed public comment. The commission did not discuss the proposed regulation.*

**7-D. For Possible Action: FIRE RELATED EMERGENCY ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTS FOR PORTIONS OF UNITS 067 AND 068 - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING AND EASTERN REGION GAME DIVISION SUPERVISOR TOM DONHAM.** The Department will brief the commission on the effects of the Hot Pot Fire in portions of Units 067 and 068 north of Battle Mountain, and provide a description of conditions on critical mule deer winter range in the area. The Department plans to use antlerless deer hunts during fall 2016 to reduce deer abundance and subsequent deer mortality on the winter range, and also lessen potential impacts to the remaining habitat. The commission may vote to support the Department's action.

**8. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS AS PART OF THE SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 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 September 23 and 24, 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.

(4:16:27) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item, and Vice Chairperson Zuber discussed item 23 on the Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda, Commissioner Regulation 16-02, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018. Chairperson Martin provided additional clarification of the

proposed amendment, and entertained a motion. **MOTION: To support the Department’s recommendation to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners regarding the limitation on the Truckee River.**

Chairperson Martin entertained public comment. (4:20:20) NDOW Regional Biologist Travis Hawkes explained the purpose of the proposed amendment to protect the spawning Lahontan cutthroat trout “that may or may not start showing up in the next calendar year from Pyramid Lake. We wanted to get out in front of this for the most part and not be reactionary like we have in the past. We’d rather have this catch and release regulation in place and not take opportunity away from the sportsmen while still being able to protect those fish. We were concerned that there would be a push to close the River completely to fishing and we want to avoid that.” In response to a question, Mr. Hawk advised that anglers are currently fishing for warm water species. “There’s a decent catfish population down there, there are some bass down there. ... it’s very limited ... less than a hundred angler days per year on that stretch of the River. We put in an angler drop box two years ago to ... monitor that ... and it’s extremely limited. What we foresee, if these large, adult Pilot Peak Lahontan cutthroat trout start showing up in the lower River, that the word will get out in the angling community and they’ll be there targeting those fish specifically. So that’s what this regulation is meant to address.”

In response to a further question, Mr. Hawkes advised that the particular species has “been showing up in the lower River for a decade now, but they’re not able to pass Marble Bluff Dam. It’s a full barrier. Since 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been passing a limited number upstream of Marble Bluff Dam which, from Marble Bluff to the next dam, Numana, ... there’s about an eight-mile stretch of river ... And those fish are passing and they’re successfully spawning in that stretch of the River. ... in 2016, they put radio frequency tags in 30 of those fish and, within two days, those 30 fish had made the eight-mile trek, from Marble Bluff to Numana, and were stopped at Numana which is the next full barrier. And when they realize they can’t cross there, they start looking for suitable spawning habitat and so they’re spawning in that stretch of River.

“In meetings with the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Tribe, the Fish and Wildlife Service has got permission to start passing fish over Numana. So once they pass Numana, then that’s when they enter the State of Nevada’s jurisdiction because they’ll swim into Nevada off tribal ground and then that’s when they become a sport fish and, basically, people can take them. And, in talks with them, the Fish and Wildlife Service has told us that they could and want to start passing them, this spring, over Numana. So that’s why we want this regulation in place this upcoming year because then they will be showing up.”

Chairperson Martin entertained additional questions and, when none were forthcoming, entertained additional public comment. (4:24:10) Fred Voltz inquired as to whether NDOW had conducted studies to determine “how many fish deaths occur from the catch and release process.” Mr. Hawkes advised that NDOW has not conducted any catch and release studies “but the library on the topic is exhaustive and can be looked up at really any point in time. Basically, the big take-home message from all the studies is it’s mostly a function of handling the fish. How long people are handling the fish directly affects the survival of the fish. ... the single, barbless hook greatly reduces the time it takes to remove that hook from the fish which, in turn, increases survival.”

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (3-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Zuber
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Yanuck
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin, Zuber, Yanuck
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Boehmer

Chairperson Martin entertained additional discussion of items on the Board of Wildlife Commissioners’ agenda. Member Yanuck referred to item 28, Nevada Department of Wildlife License Simplification Strategy Update, and provided an overview of a presentation by Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling at the August Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting. Member Yanuck advised of having solicited input to determine “what it’s really going to cost.” Member Yanuck anticipates the license simplification strategy will “appeal to a good number of people because, currently, a lot of people who are both anglers and hunters will buy a combination license. ... particularly ... seniors have a great advantage in the price they’re paying for a combination hunting and fishing license. ... The concept presented by Mr. Wakeling combines a lot of those things ... You get two rods, you get the hunting and the fishing and you’ll get the upland game.” Member Yanuck provided an overview of comments from citizens and from Department representatives. He pointed out “we have not had an increase in ... over ten years in our fee structure. ... If you look around ... at other states, their fees and license have gone up anywhere from ten to 20 percent and those are just the surrounding states near us.” Member Yanuck advised of having encouraged citizens to attend this meeting or attend the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to provide input. He expressed the belief that the Commission will vote in favor of the license simplification strategy, and the opinion that “some people just don’t like the idea of having to pay for something they know they’re not going to use.”

Discussion took place and Member Yanuck expressed the opinion that NDOW did not conduct sufficient public outreach prior to proposing the license simplification strategy. Mr. Hawkes acknowledged that the license fee structure is established by statute. Additional discussion followed, and Chairperson Martin entertained a motion. **MOTION: To request the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to direct NDOW to provide as much detailed information to the county advisory boards and to the public about the license simplification strategy.** Chairperson Martin entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, entertained discussion on the motion. Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Martin called for a vote on the pending motion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (3-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Yanuck
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Zuber
<b>AYES:</b>	Martin, Zuber, Yanuck
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Boehmer

Chairperson Martin entertained additional requests to hear items from the Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda; however, none were forthcoming.

**9. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 2016 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LAS VEGAS**

(4:46:59) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item, and Member Yanuck acknowledged he would attend the meeting. No formal action was taken.

**10. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2016 in Reno. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is, therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016**

(4:47:44) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item and, in response to a question, Ms. Warren advised that she would check the availability of the Sierra Room for the next CCABMW meeting. (4:50:19) Ms. Warren advised

that the Sierra Room was booked on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> but was available on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The board members agreed to check their schedules, and Ms. Warren advised that she would tentatively reserve the Sierra Room for Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(4:49:54) – Chairperson Martin introduced this item, and discussion took place regarding possible future agenda items. Chairperson Martin requested to agendaize Senior Park Planner Vern Krahn to provide a status report on possible future projects at the Rifle and Pistol Range. Chairperson Martin entertained additional suggestions for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

#### 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:53:05) – Chairperson Martin entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

#### 13. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(4:53:32) – Chairperson Martin entertained a motion. **Member Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Zuber. Motion carried 3-0.**

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

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DOUG MARTIN, Chair