

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, January 22, 2018 ● 4:00 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Robert Boehmer
Member – Gene Green
Member – Gil Yanuck

Vice Chair – Doug Martin
Member – Kirk Stewart

Staff

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:5:48) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived/Left
Robert Boehmer	Present	
Doug Martin	Present	
Gene Green	Present	
Kirk Stewart	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:06:34) – Chairperson Boehmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:06:58) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. He noted that the Chair and Vice Chair elections will be agendized for the March meeting due to a timing issue with agenda posting. Chair Boehmer also stated that he had invited Carl Lackey of NDOW to be present in this meeting; however, Mr. Lackey was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

4. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 30, 2017.

(4:09:15) – **MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2017 meeting.**

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

5. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(4:09:56) – MOTION: I move to adopt the agenda as presented.

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

6. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES

(4:10:18) – Member Yanuck disclosed that he had addressed the issue of a salt lick placed by a neighborhood resident by involving the game warden.

7. Informational Item: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

(4:12:25) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and reported on several youth outings and the distribution of flyers for public education.

8. For Possible Action: CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. (For additional information on the action items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/). *The items agendized hereafter, as 8-A through 8-J 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.*

(4:14:10) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Vice Chair Martin wished to discuss items 8-F and 8-K. Chair Boehmer wished to discuss item 8-E. There were no additional suggestions from the public.

(4:17:44) – MOTION: I move to support all items on the Consent Agenda except items 8-E, 8-F, and 8-K.

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

8-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION POLICY 26, RE-ESTABLISHING, INTRODUCING, TRANSPLANTING, AND MANAGING PIONEERING ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK, SECOND READING - COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY (“APRP”) COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH. The commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 26, and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy.

8-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION POLICY 3, APPEALS, SECOND READING - COMMISSIONER AND APRP COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH. The commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 3, and may take action to official revise and adopt the policy.

8-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION POLICY 66, MANAGEMENT AND USE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, SECOND READING - COMMISSION AND APRP COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH. The commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 66, and may take action to official revise and adopt the policy.

8-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION POLICY 51, WAYNE E. KIRCH CONSERVATION AWARD, FIRST READING - COMMISSIONER AND APRP COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH. The commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 51, and may take action to revise the policy. The commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

8-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 475, SHED ANTLERS, LCB FILE NO. R134-17 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN TYLER TURNIPSEED. The commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation would prohibit a person from collecting shed antlers at any time during a year unless the shed antlers are collected by the person from the field from April 15 to December 31, inclusive, of that year. *A workshop was held in Carson City on November 3, 2017. The commission directed the Department to amend the antler season closure to January 1 through March 31, inclusive. The commission also directed the Department to include an hours limitation for the months of April and May to be open from 10 a.m. to sunset. All of these restrictions would apply to public lands in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties.*

(4:14:35) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and explained that he had received three emails from members of the community, especially regarding starting the season in April. Vice Chair Martin stated that he had watched the Commission meeting video and was in support of the agenda item. He reported on conversations with other county wildlife advisory board chairs, which cited incidents of commercial harvesters, reported “harassing wildlife and putting them under stress”. Both members Green and Yanuck were in agreement that commercial enterprises were the issue and not the local collectors. Chairperson Boehmer favored the regulation; however, he was bringing the concern to the Board as requested by community members. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion and noted that public comment will be taken after the motion.

(4:26:29) – MOTION: I move that the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board Support the regulation as proposed and make it known to the Commission at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:27:10) – Jim Davis of the Clear Creek Bowmen indicated his support of the proposed regulation, adding that due to regulations in states surrounding Nevada, most collectors prefer to collect in Nevada because no license or tag requirement. Mr. Davis believed that the collectors “harass the elk”. There were no additional public comments. Chairperson Boehmer called for the vote.

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

8-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 440, TRAIL CAMERAS AND OTHER DEVICES, LCB FILE NO. R012-16 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN TYLER TURNIPSEED. The commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and not held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit (with certain exemptions) the use of trail cameras within 200 feet of a spring, water hole, or artificial basin, from August 1 to December 31 of each year. The proposed language would further prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any location, from August 1 to December 31 of each year. *The commission held a workshop on March 25, 2016, and directed the Department to remove previously drafted language prohibiting the use of trail cameras only for the purposes of scouting or hunting. A second workshop was held in Carson City on November 3, 2017. The commission directed the Department to prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any time during the year, to prohibit the use of trail cameras within 300 feet of a water source, from January 1 through July 31, and to prohibit the use of any trail camera from August 1 through December 31.*

(4:29:07) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and noted that this item had been previously addressed by the Commission. Vice Chair Martin noted that over 300 cameras were being used for big game and noted that installing cameras on public lands to sell a service and to make a profit. He also cited an example of how an archery hunter had witnessed the harassment of wildlife, adding that he interpreted the regulation as allowing a camera on private property such as a campsite for surveillance of personal property. Member Green was in agreement with Vice Chair Martin and indicated that drones used by guides should also be addressed, without prohibiting nature photography. Member Yanuck inquired about enforcement and suggested addressing identification and possible confiscation during the Commission Meeting. Chair Boehmer expected a policy “later on down the road” and was in favor of consequences. Member Green suggested confiscating the cameras and leaving information on where to pick them up. Member Stewart spoke in favor of having ownership information on each camera. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(4:38:28) – MOTION: I move that the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board support this [regulation] as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:40:16) – Mr. Law preferred to have the cameras removed in July to allow time between the removal of the cameras and the archery hunts that start on August 1 to “prevent a stampede the day before a hunt”. Vice Chair Martin wished to amend his motion.

(4:42:03) – **AMENDED MOTION:** I move to let the Department [of Wildlife] know that we support this [regulation] in concept; however, after looking at the seasons and getting local input, we would like to start it on July 1 instead of August 1, and end it on December 31. The seconder accepted the amended motion.

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

8-G. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 473, SAFE HUNTING DISTANCE, LCB FILE NO. R111-17 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN TYLER TURNIPSEED. The commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation would make it unlawful for a person to discharge a firearm, to draw or release an arrow from a bow or to draw or release a crossbow arrow for bolt from a crossbow within a certain distance of any occupied dwelling without the consent of the owner or occupant of the dwelling.

8-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 476, PROCESSING FEES, LCB FILE NO. R142-17 - DATA AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502.118 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation reduces the current convenience fee of \$2.00 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents per item purchased online to a processing fee of \$1.00 per item purchased regardless of residency and method of purchase. This fee change will reduce fees to individual customers while preserving the necessary means of paying the Department's credit card processing charges.

8-G. For Possible Action: DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2019 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PAT JACKSON. The draft FY 2019 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee. All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee for their consideration at their March 2018 meeting. The commission will receive an update at the March 2018 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

8-H. For Possible Action: LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING. The Department will provide a briefing to the commission on ideas generated by stakeholders regarding processes by which compensation tags might be equitably distributed should the allocation of tags reach the statutory limit, as amended during the 2017 legislative session. The commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft Commission General Regulation regarding the general concepts presented.

8-I. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-02, 2018 BLACK BEAR SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PAT JACKSON. The commission will consider adopting 2018 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal gender, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

8-J. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-03, 2018 – 19 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AND HARVEST LIMITS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PAT JACKSON. The commission will consider adopting 2018 - 19 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

8-K. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 17-05, AMENDMENT 2, 2017 - 18 AND 2018 - 19 BIG GAME SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF BIOLOGIST CODY McKEE AND GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING. The commission will consider amendments to the 2018 - 19 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.

(4:44:10) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and referenced the proposed amendments as part of the Commission’s agenda materials. Vice Chair Martin suggested taking input from the sportsmen in the audience and Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:45:58) – Mr. Davis reintroduced himself and believed that the archery season was getting “squeezed out” with “more rifle hunters wanting to hunt the rut”. He also requested maintaining the season dates they’ve had in the past for archery hunters. Vice Chair Martin clarified that the archery bull hunt season dates “are exactly the same as last year”, and that no changes were proposed. He also reviewed the changes that were being proposed, noting that they did not impact Mr. Davis’ constituency of archers.

(4:56:35) – Mr. Law also reintroduced himself and expressed his agreement to Mr. Davis’ request. He believed that a much cooler September season was preferable. Discussion ensued regarding rifle hunts at the same time. There were no additional public comments.

(5:02:47) – Vice Chair Martin relayed a personal hunting experience and noted the overcrowding of the area which had led to an “elk exodus”, requesting that the dates change to ensure that the “bulls eye hunts or the wilderness only hunts” not overlap with regular cow hunts. Discussion ensued regarding overcrowding hunts and the fact that “it takes away from the experience” and creates safety issues as the scouts encroached upon the archery hunters. Chairperson Boehmer also discussed the difference between management projections and increased elk population. Vice Chair Martin noted that having an early/late hunt may work well.

(5:23:50) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained discussion on other species or quotas and Vice Chair Martin noted that the proposed changes were mostly for the elk hunts. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:24:32) – MOTION: I Move that the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board support the concepts of the Department but we recommend that they create more late season cow hunts and make those seasons later, especially in those areas where they are having overcrowding and conflicts with other hunts, such as the 061 and 071 cow late hunts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:26:10) – Mr. Davis noted his agreement to the motion and cited examples of overcrowding. There were no additional comments. Chairperson Boehmer called for the vote.

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

8-L. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-04, 2019 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS - DATA AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas.

8-M. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-05, 2018 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE TAGS - DATA AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons, and quotas.

8-N. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-06, 2018 SILVER STATE TAGS - DATA AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will consider adopt a regulation to set the 2018 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quotas.

8-O. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-07, 2018 DREAM TAG - DATA TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quotas.

8-P. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-08, 2018 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINES - DATA AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

8-Q. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-09, 2018 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND TAG LIMITS - DATA AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR CHET VAN DELLEN. The commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

9. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS AS PART OF THE SEPTEMBER JANUARY 26 AND 27, 2018 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. *Other than those items listed under the CCABMW consent agenda (item 8 above), the remaining items on the attached January 26 and 27 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.*

(5:27:54) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. The Board noted that they did not have any non-regulatory agenda items for discussion at this time. There were no public comments.

10. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE JANUARY 26 AND 27, 2018 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LAS VEGAS AND TO THE FEBRUARY 9, 2018 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING BEING TELECONFERENCED IN RENO AND LAS VEGAS.

(5:2:11) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Martin clarified that the January Commission Meeting is in Reno and not in Las Vegas and that the following meeting will take place on March 16 and 17, 2018, and not in February. Chairperson Boehmer and Member Green noted that they would be able to attend the Friday, January 26th meeting. Member Stewart stated that he might be able to attend the morning sessions on Saturday, the 27th, and Vice Chair Martin noted that he could attend the entire Saturday session.

(5:34:01) – Chairperson Boehmer stated that he could attend the March teleconference at the Reno facility if available, and Member Yanuck would attend in person in Las Vegas.

11. Informational Item: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:35:03) – Vice Chair Martin requested an update and discussion on the reopening of Ash Canyon Road.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:39:17) – Mr. Davis noted that while walking on Ash Canyon Road he had noticed that the road “looked like it had been completed all the way to the top” and was interested to find out the opening date. Vice Chair Martin encouraged the Board to reach out to the sportsmen in the area and thanked the Clear Creek Bowmen for their involvement.

13. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(5:42:09) – Member Yanuck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Green. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

The minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 12th day of March, 2018.

ROB BOEHMER, Chair