

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, March 12, 2018 ● 4:00 PM
Community Center Bonanza 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

(4:01:58) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:01 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

(4:02:27) – Due to the unavailability of a flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was cancelled.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:02:33) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments. C.K. Baily announced the re-opening of the Baily Fishing Pond on Friday, March 9, 2018 after 38 days of closure. Mr. Baily had been informed by Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) that the fungus in the pond was a common occurrence in the Sierras. He also thanked NDOW and the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department for their efforts, and called the fungus a “benign occurrence, with no detrimental effects on humans or animals”.

(4:10:18) – Vice Chair Martin informed the Board that he had attended an adult hunter education class and thanked the Clear Creek Bowmen and Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Budge. He believed that the archery facility should be converted into a permanent hunter education instruction facility with the added help of NDOW.

4. For Possible Action: ELECTION OF CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

(4:11:59) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and entertained nominations.

(4:12:35) – Vice Chair Martin nominated Member Green to the position of Chair. The nomination was seconded by Member Yanuck. There were no other nominations and Chairperson Boehmer called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0-0.

(4:13:37) – Vice Chair Martin nominated Member Yanuck to the position of Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Chairperson Elect Green. There were no other nomination and Chairperson Elect Green called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0-0.

5. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 22, 2018.

(4:14:33) – MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting.

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

6. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(4:15:17) – MOTION: I move to adopt the agenda as written.

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

7. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES

(4:15:47) – Chairperson Green entertained disclosures; however, none were forthcoming.

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

(4:16:24) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Member Martin reported that NDOW was continuing their educational program, and that they had recently posted an update to their Urban Wildlife Program site. He also encouraged members to visit the NDOW website page and view updates. Member Boehmer indicated that he had inquired with the City and had been made aware of two bear sightings which were reported. He notified the

Board of several coyote sightings as well, and one of which had been aggressive toward a dog. Member Boehmer also reported on two songbird events with two boy scout troops.

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

(For additional information on the 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 9-A through 9-H, 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.

(4:22:20) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Member Boehmer suggested pulling items 9-E and 9-G. There were no public comments.

(4:24:15) – MOTION: I move to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items 9-E and 9-G.

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

9-A. For Possible Action: WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2019 DRAFT PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN – VICE CHAIRMAN / WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHNSTON AND WILDLIFE STAFF BIOLOGIST PAT JACKSON.

The commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee Chair regarding the proposed FY 2019 Predator Management Plan, and the commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the draft for the May commission meeting.

9-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION POLICY 51, WAYNE E. KIRCH CONSERVATION AWARD, SECOND READING - COMMISSIONER / ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH AND CONSERVATION EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR CHRIS VASEY.

The commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 51, and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy.

9-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION POLICY 50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE, FIRST READING - COMMISSIONER / ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH AND CONSERVATION EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR CHRIS VASEY.

The commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 50, and will discuss suspending the policy. The commission may take action to revise, suspend, or repeal the policy. The commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

9-D. For Possible Action: STATUS OF COMMISSION POLICY REVIEW - COMMISSIONER / ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH.

The status of the commission's policy review will be discussed and items may be prioritized.

9-E. 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 or bolt from a crossbow, within a certain distance of any occupied dwelling without the consent of the owner or occupant of the dwelling.

(4:27:05) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Member Boehmer read into the record an email sent by Mr. Rex Flowers to County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife members, opposing the proposed regulation, and noted that most counties had their own regulations, based on their topography and needs. He also saw NDOW's point which was to ensure public safety. Vice Chair Yanuck read into the record a letter from the Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife which also opposed the regulations and suggested deferring the matter to counties to handle at the local level. Member Martin believed that the two letters read earlier brought forth some good points and noted that the issue stemmed from archery shooting instances where people have been hunting in urban settings; however, the outcome should not be overregulation. He wished to be able to shoot his bow or teach archery in his backyard in a very safe manner. He also offered to make a motion.

(4:43:22) – MOTION: “I move that the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board strongly not support this item, and that message gets delivered in Laughlin by our attending member, and also gets delivered by our Chairman in correspondence to the department that we do not support this, and in fact, we support the continuation of the existing system giving this control to the local entities.”

(4:44:10) – Chairperson Green was also in agreement that rural regulations were different from those in urban areas. Member Boehmer believed that archery classes could not be taught in certain places should this regulation pass. Chairperson Green entertained public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:48:01) – John Valley introduced himself and noted that should the regulation pass, it should be limited to hunting only, and not recreational shooting. He stated that his wife ran an archery in the schools program at Fritch Elementary School and the regulation would prevent her from doing so in the future.

(4:49:02) – Mr. Baily reintroduced himself and expressed his opposition to the proposed regulation.

(4:49:43) – Chairperson Green invited Member Martin to repeat his motion after which he called for the vote.

(4:51:31) – Member Stewart inquired about sending this information to the legislature to “explain our distaste for this kind of time and effort”. Member Boehmer explained the legislative process and the feedback opportunities.

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

9-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 470, MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS, LCB FILE NO. R095-16 - COMMISSIONER /ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID McNINCH.

The commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The regulation was developed by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee after several public meetings incorporating relevant suggestions from the public, legal counsel, the Department and the committee. The amendments will simplify petition form requirements and the petition process overall. Two workshops have been held on this regulation, November 18, 2016 and August 11, 2017.

9-G. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 18-10, MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WATERFOWL AND WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS; PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS - 2018 / 19 SEASON - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST RUSSELL WOOLSTENHULME.

The commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2018 / 19 season, and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2018 / 19 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

(5:53:31) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Member Martin gave background and introduced NDOW Waterfowl and Furbearer Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme to discuss waterfowl seasons and the external factors that influence them. Mr. Woolstenhulme gave an update on the waterfowl seasons, specifically swans, and clarified that they were different from other species due to federal regulations, adding that the hunt must begin no sooner than the last Saturday of September and must end on the Sunday closest to January 1, with a current five Trumpeter Swan limit in Nevada. He also indicated that the expected outcome was to have a review of the quotas and to have the swan season match the rest of the waterfowl season. Discussion ensued regarding the number of permits available and the changes. Member Martin gave several reasons to explain his proposed motion [to follow].

(5:12:38) – MOTION: “I move to support the recommendations of the department as written with the exception of moving the Northwest Zone opener from October 6 to October 13 and the closure from January 20th to January 27th with the two-day closure remaining the same [as in the past years] and to move the youth hunt one week on the front end and one week at the back end.”

(5:17:05) – Mr. Woolstenhulme believed that the solution is “not that simple”, and that “we need to go through this regulation species-by-species because it shifts everything”. **Member Martin amended his motion to read: all Northwest Zone start dates which are proposed to be on the sixth [of October] open on the 13th, and**

that were proposed to be closed on the 20th, close on the 27th.” Further discussion ensued and Member Martin offered to modify his amended motion to apply to “Ducks and Mergansers; to change Scaup from an October 27th opener to a November 3rd opener and a closure on January 27th; and to keep Coots and Common Moorhens, Canada Geese, White Fronted Geese, and Snipe the same as Ducks and Mergansers – with the same two closure dates. Additionally to make the opener of Snow and Ross Geese November 3rd and the first closure on January 27th, with the late season as proposed, and have the Falconry season opener for migratory birds on October 13 with a closure on January 27th, with the same two closure dates; to change the Swan opener to October 13th, with a January 6th closure date. Member Boehmer accepted Member Martin’s amendments. Chairperson Green entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:27:31) – Mr. Valley spoke in favor of the later season.

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

9-H. For Possible Action: LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING.

The commission will consider stakeholder input on the proposal to promulgate regulation to equitably distribute deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached in the future. The commission directed the Department to inform stakeholders of the intent to develop a regulation that would ensure each cooperator would receive at least one compensation tag and then use a mathematical formula that considers counts of deer and antelope present and the length of time that cooperators had been participating in the program. The commission may vote to provide the Department with direction to initiate rulemaking.

10. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS AS PART OF THE MARCH 16 AND 17, 2018 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

Other than those items listed under the CCABMW consent agenda (item 9 above), the remaining items on the attached March 16 and 17, 2018 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.

(5:30:27) – There were no items for discussion.

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE STATUS OF ASH CANYON ROAD AND ACCESS TO HOBART RESERVOIR.

(5:31:28) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and Member Boehmer referenced a memorandum from Carson City Open Space Specialist Ann Bollinger which indicated that the Ash Canyon Road will be open for full access

to Hobart Reservoir around spring or summer of 2018. Discussion ensued regarding the popularity of the road and the heavy usage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:55:19) – Mr. Valley noted that he was a frequent hiker on the road and praised the current grading and the work done to date, adding that some debris was still present, which he believed would be cleared prior to opening it.

(5:39:04) – Kurt Zeilenga, Board Member of High Sierra Flycasters, introduced himself and highlighted the importance of the Hobart Reservoir fishery and public hunting grounds, with an access to “the doorstep of the state park”. He was pleased to hear about opening the road and thanked the Board for requesting the information.

(5:41:20) – Mr. Baily called the information received “good news” and stated that individuals as far as Reno were interested in the opening of the road.

12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE MARCH 16 AND 17, 2018 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LAUGHLIN, AND TO THE MAY 4 AND 5, 2018 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN RENO.

(5:43:27) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and noted that Vice Chair Yanuck would be attending the March 16 and 17, 2018 meeting. He also noted that he would attend the Reno meeting in May.

13. Informational Item: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:45:00) – None.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:45:11) – None.

15. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(5:45:43) – Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Yanuck. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

The minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 30th day of April, 2018.

GENE GREEN, Chair