

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 ● 4:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Vice Chair – Robert Boehmer Member – Corbett Fleming
Member – Gene Green Member – Kirk Stewart
Member – Daniel Thompson

Staff

Tamar Warren, Senior Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Vice Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Robert Boehmer, Vice Chair	Present	
Corbett Fleming	Present	
Gene Green	Present	
Kirk Stewart	Present	
Daniel Thompson	Present	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Member Green.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and introduced newly-appointed Board Member Corbett Fleming. At Vice Chair Boehmer's request, Member Fleming gave background and noted that he was a graduate of the University of Nevada and a sportsman, currently working in Minden. Vice Chair Boehmer entertained public comments.

Nevada State Wildlife Commission Finance Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck introduced himself and reviewed the new budget forms. He also noted that he had the Carson City budget portion filled out as an

example. He also encouraged all the advisory boards in the State to fill out the expense forms to provide the State with an accurate reflection of the boards' operating expenses. Vice Chair Boehmer clarified that the expense reports must be turned in for accurate budgeting purposes. Mr. Yanuck reminded the Board that per the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) only one person may represent a County Advisory Board (CAB) at the Commission meetings. He also offered to provide the expense forms to Staff for distribution.

Carson City resident John Valley introduced himself and requested an update on the open/close dates of the gate at the top of Ash Canyon. Vice Chair Boehmer explained that it was based on weather and normally would open around the May/June timeframe and closes around November. He also cautioned that early or late snow seasons may result in different opening and closing dates.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 21, 2020.

Vice Chair Boehmer introduced the item. **Member Stewart moved to approve the January 21, 2020 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 4-0-1, with Member Fleming abstaining as he was not present at the meeting.**

5. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR YEAR.

Vice Chair Boehmer introduced the item and reviewed the Board's bylaws pertaining to the elections. He also entertained nominations.

Member Green moved to nominate Vice Chair Boehmer to the position of Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming. There were no public comments. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Member Thompson moved to nominate Member Stewart to the position of Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Green. There were no public comments. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Chairperson Boehmer gave a brief review of the Open Meeting Law and encouraged members to watch the online video by the District Attorney's Office on the City's website.

6. For Information Only: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and indicated that both he and Member Green had served on the Committee. He gave a description of the Committee's role and encouraged other CAB members to serve as well for an opportunity to better liaise with the public and the appropriate authorities.

Chairperson Boehmer also updated the Board on the Carson Rifle and Pistol Range, noting that the Range was currently closed for renovations and was now under the jurisdiction of the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department, adding that former CAB member Mike Evans had been hired as a Range Coordinator.

Ms. Warren informed the Board that NDOW Western Region Urban Wildlife Coordinator Jessica Wolff was scheduled to speak in the Community Center on urban wildlife on June 29, 20 but was not certain the event would still take place given the Governor's directive on COVID 19 social distancing. Chairperson Boehmer recommended helping to promote the event within the community.

7. For Information Only: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE NOVEMBER 1 AND 2, AND JANUARY 24 AND 25, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green gave an update on the January 24 and 25 2020 Commission meeting, which he had attended via telecast in Reno. Refund issues were discussed and Member Green explained that no changes were made in terms of refunds to those who had been unable to hunt due to unforeseen circumstances. He also mentioned that the Pygmy Rabbit request by Washington State was granted. Bear hunts were discussed and Member Green stated that 17 bears were hunted in Nevada last season, compared to the 400 in California. He also noted that the bombing range issues in Fallon had not yet been completely resolved; however, he believed that the dialogue between NDOW and the Naval Range was still on-going.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

The items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. A member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, but the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether to pull an item from the consent agenda. (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/Com/Agenda/ under agenda and corresponding support material).

Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green requested pulling item 8-D from the consent agenda. There were no other requests.

Member Thompson moved to accept the Commission's Consent Agenda recommendations, with the exception of item 8-D. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 5-0-0.

8-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 490, PARTY BONUS POINTS AND FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, LCB FILE NO. 103-19. *At its March 20, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow children under 12 to purchase a bonus point if they turn 12 before the first day of the last season for that species. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline to be awarded to the alternate list.*

8-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 485, TAG TRANSFER, DEFERENCE AND RETURN PROGRAM,

LCB FILE NO. R022-19 – *At its March 21, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 404 of the 80th Legislative Session.*

8-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 490, PARTY BONUS POINTS AND FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, LCB FILE NO. 103-19. *At its March 21, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will consider adopting a regulation to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow children under 12 to purchase a bonus point if they turn 12 before the first day of the last season for that species. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline to be awarded to the alternate list.*

8-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 20-10, 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-2020-2021 SEASON. *At its March 21, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2020-2021 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations framework for the 2020-2021 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission Regulation will become final pending adoption of federal frameworks. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.*

Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green gave background on the item and noted that the waterfowl belong under federal regulations. He also relayed public input he had received from Carson City resident Doug Martin, who preferred to keep the season as is; however, many hunters had preferred to hunt in warmer weather. Discussion ensued about pushing the hunt beginning date out by one week.

Member Thompson moved to support changing the waterfowl hunt start date to October 17th and extending it to the end date of February 7th. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stewart and carried 5-0-0.

******* END OF CONSENT AGENDA *******

9. For Possible Action: NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS:

Items on the attached March 20 and 21, 2020 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.

Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green wished to pull item 9A for discussion. There were no other requests or public comments.

Member Green moved to support item 9-B until 9-E as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 5-0-0.

9-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING BIG GAME TAG DRAWING CHANGES. *At its March 20, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will consider a petition submitted by John V. Zenz to change the Big Game Tag Drawing to (1) give twenty-five percent of the overall tags to the max point holders; (2) reduce the number of choices to only three; and (3) allow only up to fifty percent of the tags in any unit to be issued to max point holders.*

Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Discussion ensued regarding a request that had come from a member of the public in Washoe County. There were no public comments.

Member Thompson moved to change the archery hunt to the first three weeks of September and to recommend bringing in the muzzleloader hunt after those three weeks. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stewart and carried 5-0-0.

9-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2021 DRAFT 11 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. *At its March 21, 2020 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Predator Management Plan, to consider providing recommendations for modifications of the draft for the May Commission meeting.*

9-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING MANDATORY INDOCTRINATION / SEMINAR FOR BIGHORN RAM TAG HOLDERS. *At its March 21, 2020 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission view a presentation on mandatory indoctrination/seminar for bighorn ram tag holders, upon which the Commission may take action to require bighorn ram tag holders to complete an indoctrination class/seminar.*

9-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO WATERFOWL HUNT ZONES FOR 2021-2025. *At its March 21, 2020 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will consider recommendations and may choose to provide direction to the Department on possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by May 1, 2020 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until the 2021 waterfowl seasons and would remain in effect until 2025.*

9-E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING UPDATE ON THE FALLON NAVAL RANGE AND TRAINING CENTER AND NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE. *At its March 21, 2020 meeting the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact statements status and timelines for consideration of Congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts.*

10. For Information Only: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE MAY 1 AND 2, 2020 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN RENO WITH VIDEO STREAMING AND TELECONFERENCING TO LAS VEGAS AND ELKO.

Chairperson Boehmer read the agenda item into the record. He encouraged members to attend the Reno meeting if possible.

11. For Information Only: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

N/A

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

13. For Possible Action: ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The minutes of the March 17, 2020 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 28th day of April, 2020.