

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Tuesday, June 23, 2020 ● 4:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

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

Staff

Tamar Warren, Senior Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:35:53) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and read the public notice incorporated into the agenda pertaining to the Governor’s COVID-19 emergency declaration. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:38:06) – Led by Member Thompson.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:38:35) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Chris Jasmine introduced himself as the president of the Traditional Archers of Nevada, a non-profit statewide organization, promoting traditional archery and traditional bow hunting. Mr. Jasmine noted that his organization has been working toward “traditional archery only mule deer tag quotas in the State,” informing County Advisory Boards should the item come up in future agendas. He clarified that their efforts were not to create additional archery seasons, but to

hunt during the established seasons, requesting 100 total additional tags, valid in any hunt with over 200 mule deer tags. Mr. Jasmine also responded to clarifying questions by the members.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 28, 2020.

(4:51:03) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and entertained discussion or a motion. **Member Green moved to approve the April 28, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 5-0-0.**

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

(4:51:49) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and reported on a wildlife conservation project to build wood duck boxes, with area youth, and locating them along the Carson River, Deer Run Road, “and pretty much all over Carson County,” and at Walker River State Park. The project was in partnership with the Nevada Waterfowl Association and Ducks Unlimited. Chairperson Boehmer and Vice Chair Stewart also reported on deer born on the Capitol grounds. Discussion ensued regarding reptile season and the necessary precautions needed.

6. For Information Only: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE APRIL 10, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(4:56:52) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item, reported on the May 1, 2020 Commission meeting and expressed disappointment that even though Carson and Douglas Counties had voiced their opinions on the recommendations to increase tag quotas in their hunt areas, their recommendations were not taken into considerations. He added that some tag quotas were even decreased throughout the State.

7. 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).

(5:01:11) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and invited the Board to request the removal of items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Member Green suggested discussion on item 7-C of the consent agenda. There were no other requests. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:03:43) – Member Thompson moved to accept the Consent Agenda with the exception of item 7-C. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

7-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 June 26, 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.*

7-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 491, NOTIFICATION OF DRAW RESULTS. *At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) NAC 502.4208 relating to providing notification of draw results to clients who have opted out of having their results made public.*

7-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 492, THERMAL IMAGING OPTICS. *At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 and NAC 503.1485 relating to wildlife; prohibiting the use of certain night-vision equipment and devices for locating, hunting and taking game mammals and game birds; revising the definition of “trail camera or similar device”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

(5:04:15) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green noted that the advances in technology, especially in radios, thermal devices, and trail cameras, have allowed many hunters and primarily “commercial outfits” to be able to “cheat.” The Board was in agreement that technology benefited out of state entities such as shed hunters as well. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:12:08) – Member Green moved to accept and support the Department’s recommendation to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stewart. Motion carried 5-0-0.

7-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 20-04 AMENDMENT #1, HERITAGE TAG VENDOR PROPOSALS. *At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee’s recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for Fiscal Year 2021 and may take action.*

7-E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 20-12, 2020 - 2021 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS. *At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will consider and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2020 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2020 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2021.*

7-F. 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 June 27, 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.*

7-G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO WATERFOWL HUNT ZONES FOR 2021 – 2025. *At its June 27, 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 July 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.*

(5:13:03) – Chairperson Boehmer explained that a biologist from the Nevada Department of Wildlife had not been invited to discuss this item, adding that he had not been contacted by other County Advisory Boards or members of the public to change hunt zones. He was in agreement with the waterfowl hunting zones in the area and entertained input from the members who were also in agreement.

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

8. 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 June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will provide a presentation on mandatory indoctrination/ seminar for bighorn ram tag holders. The Commission may take action to require bighorn ram tag holders to complete an indoctrination class/seminar.*

(5:14:15) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green noted that the instruction was only a 25-minute video and he was in support of it becoming mandatory. The Board members were in agreement and Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:16:30) – Member Thompson moved to support the mandatory indoctrination/seminar for bighorn ram tag holders. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 5-0-0.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS. *At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years.*

(5:16:56) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced both items (9-A and 9-B) and noted that they may be discussed and voted upon as one. There were no Board comments; therefore, Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:18:28) – Member Thompson moved to support agenda items 9-A and 9-B. The motion was seconded by Member Green. Motion carried 5-0-0.

9-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. *At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.*

9-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS FISCAL YEAR 2021 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. *At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. These recommendations may change at the 8:00 a.m., June 21, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting.*

- *Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 20-01 (\$68,900)*
- *Rocky Mountain Elk Population Monitoring and Harvest Validation – Project # 21-02 (\$61,000)*
- *Marlette Lake Broodstock Facilities/Passage Improvement Project, Phase 2 – Project # 21-03 (\$100,000)*
- *Wildfire Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project #21-04 (\$100,000)*
- *Desert Creek Conservation Easement – Project # 21-05 (\$100,000)*
- *Middle Rock Creek Habitat Improvement – Project # 21-06 (\$125,000)*
- *Continued Monitoring of Moose Expansion in Nevada – Project # 21-07 (\$20,000)*
- *Snake Range Aspen Habitat Restoration – Project # 21-08 (\$30,000)*
- *Toano Mountain Restoration – Project #21-09 (\$66,000)*
- *Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration – Project #21-10 (\$75,000)*
- *Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-11 (\$50,000)*
- *Toiyabe PMU (Bates, Hickison, and Wolf Ranches) Pinyon Juniper Thinning – Project # 21-12 (\$75,000)*
- *SE Schell Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-13 (\$75,000)*
- *Enhancement of Crucial Habitat for Antelope and Mule Deer in Washoe County, Nevada – Project # 21-14 (\$100,000)*
- *A New Population Model for Antelope to Improve Accuracy, Identify Limiting Factors, and Improve Management Decisions – Project # 21-15 (\$37,500)*
- *Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada – Project # 21-16 (\$65,000)*

- *East Walker River Fish Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-17 (\$11,191)*
- *The Interaction Between Restoration, Foraging Ecology, and Mating Behavior in Greater Sage-grouse – Project # 21-18 (\$65,855)*
- *Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 21-19 (\$36,000)*
- *Diet Quality and Composition of Mule Deer in the Toiyabe Mountains Following Removal of Pinyon-Juniper – Project # 21-20 (\$32,000)*
- *Cave Valley Collaboration – Project # 21-21 (\$50,000)*
- ***Dissemination of Results from Delineation of Lambing Habitat, Population demographics, Resource Selection, and Movement Patterns of Desert Bighorn Sheep – Project # 21-22 (\$46,000)*

***Not discussed by Heritage committee*

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS DUCK STAMP REQUEST.

At its June 26, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$50,100 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- *Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000)*
- *Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)*
- *Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)*
- *Ducks Unlimited Wetland Enhancement Support at Mason Valley WMA (\$5,000)*
- *Mason Valley WMA Habitat Improvements (\$10,000)*
- *Mason Valley WMA Water Control Structure Replacement (\$12,500)*

(5:19:03) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and when there were no additional Board comments, he entertained a motion.

(5:20:03) – Vice Chair Stewart moved to support the approval of up to \$50,100 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The motion was seconded by Member Thompson and carried 5-0-0.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST.

At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$264,840 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- *Bi-State Sage-grouse Coordinator (\$5,000)*
- *Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$22,003)*
- *Eastern Complex WMA Weed Control (\$10,000)*
- *Estimating Greater Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada's Novel Habitats (\$21,250)*

- *Estimating the Effects of Large Ungulate Grazing on Greater Sage-grouse in Northwestern Nevada (\$18,397)*
- *Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$47,640)*
- *Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)*
- *Monitoring Greater Sage-grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$12,750)*
- *Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse in the Desatoya Mountains (\$19,500)*
- *Soil Health Restoration on WMAs (\$10,000)*
- *Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$12,400)*
- *Using Hunter and Population Survey Data to Investigate Drivers of Upland Game Bird Populations and Forecast Harvest in Nevada (\$24,600)*
- *Genette Creek Conservation Easement (\$30,000)*
- *Toiyabe PMU (Bakes, Hickison, and Wolf Ranch) pinyon Juniper Thinning (\$25,000)*
- *A Multi-scale Resilience-based Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$2,400).*

(5:20:44) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and noted his support. There were no objections to the item from the Board and he entertained a motion.

(5:21:40) – Member Green moved to support the approval of up to \$264,840 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 5-0-0.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021, AMENDMENT 1. *At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.*

(5:22:16) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(5:23:05) – Vice Chair Stewart moved to support the approval of NDOW's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 5-0-0.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS UPDATE ON THE FALLON NAVAL RANGE AND TRAINING CENTER AND NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE. *At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact statements status and timelines for Commission consideration of congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts.*

(5:23:29) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and gave background on the discussion and action taken by the Board a year ago. He also reiterated the Board's concern about the welfare of the wildlife in the area. Member Green mentioned that lung disease had also affected the area wildlife. Chairperson Boehmer noted he was neutral about the issue and entertained a motion in support or in opposition of the

item. It was recommended not taking action at the moment and hearing the discussion at the Commission meeting.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS FISCAL YEAR 2021 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. *At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards, as requested, to Manage Wildlife budgets for fiscal year 2021.*

(5:27:06) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and stated that former member Gil Yanuck had prepared the Board’s budget and used it as a guide for other boards. Chairperson Boehmer was in favor of the proposed budget several meetings prior and entertained a motion in support of the previously discussed budget.

(5:28:24) – Member Green moved to accept agenda items 14-A and 14-B. The motion was seconded by Member Thompson. Motion carried 5-0-0.

14-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS LANDOWNER COMPENSATION TAG COMMITTEE REPORT. *At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission may take action to modify or endorse the protocol the Department will use in conducting counts for the Landowner Compensation Tag program.*

14-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2021 DRAFT PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (FINAL DRAFT). *At its June 27, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman and the Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Predator Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.*

15. For Information Only: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE JUNE 26 AND 27 COMMISSION MEETING AT PITCHFORK RANCH GROUP PAVILLION LOCATED AT THE WALKER RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA, AND AUGUST 14 AND 15, 2020 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN ELKO.

(5:29:02) – Chairperson Boehmer read the agenda item into the record and noted that he would attend the June 26 and 27, 2020 meeting and noted that he would forfeit the reimbursement should another member wish to attend as well. Member Green volunteered to attend the August Commission meeting in Elko as a representative of this Board.

16. For Information Only: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:30:46) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and recommended agendaizing the discussion outcome of agenda item 13.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:32:07) – There were no public comments. Chairperson Boehmer expressed disappointment that the Carson City and Douglas County advisory boards' voices had not been heard during the April 10, 2020 Commission Meeting when they had recommended the lifting of big game quotas in their hunting areas. He also thanked Carl Lackey, wildlife biologist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, for being on the call.

18. For Possible Action: ADJOURNMENT

(5:35:07) – Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

The minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 11th day of August, 2020.