

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Tuesday, August 11, 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

(4:33:54) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:33 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

(4:34:37) – Led by Vice Chair Stewart.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:35:04) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and noted that public comment will be heard twice during the meetings. Once at the beginning of the meeting (agenda item 3) and once at the end of the meeting (agenda item 14). He also entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2020.

(4:37:00) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and entertained discussion or a motion. **Vice Chair Stewart moved to approve the June 23, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 5-0-0.**

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

(4:37:38) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Vice Chair Stewart recounted an incident at the State Capitol where an individual was feeding a doe with a fawn. He stated that the occasion had been a good opportunity for him to educate her on not feeding wildlife; however, he was asked why there were no signs regarding that around Carson City and the Capitol grounds. Member Green also cited an incident of an injured dog by a doe protecting a fawn. Chairperson Boehmer indicated that his rental property had been infested with over 21 cats and kittens that had to be removed. He also noted that he would notify the City of the issue via a report.

6. For Information Only: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE JUNE 26 AND 27, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(4:46:47) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and provided an update to the Board on his public statement to the Commission regarding the fact that they had disregarded the Board's and other sportsmen's recommendations on setting the tag limits. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's receipt of public comment and Chair Boehmer recommended forwarding comments to publiccomment@carson.org.

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).

(5:00:31) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item, reviewed the consent agenda items, and invited the Board to request the removal of items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Members Thompson and Green suggested discussion on item 7-B and 7-D of the consent agenda. There were no other requests. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:05:55) – Vice Chair Stewart moved to accept Consent Agenda items 7-A and 7-C as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Thompson and carried 5-0-0.

7-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 493, NAC 488 SIMPLIFICATION. *At its August 14, 2020 meeting the*

Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 488 relating to watercrafts.

7-B. 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 August 14, 2020 meeting the Commission will consider adopting 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.*

(5:06:40) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Thompson recommended simplifying the process by allowing children turning 12 during the calendar year of the hunt to apply for a bonus point. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:15:40) – Member Fleming moved to allow children turning 12 during the calendar year of the hunt to apply for a bonus point. Member Green seconded the motion which carried 5-0-0.

7-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 491, NOTIFICATION OF DRAW RESULTS, LCB FILE NO. R-058-20. *At its August 14, 2020 meeting the Commission will consider adopting 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-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 492, THERMAL IMAGING OPTICS, LCB FILE NO R035-20. *At its August 14, 2020 meeting, the Commission will consider adopting a regulation 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.*

(5:16:37) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green cited the advances in technology that have facilitated night hunting, especially with the use of drones and night vision equipment. The Board reached consensus that certain privileges such as trail cameras and night vision devices used by biologists were being abused. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:19:48) – Member Green moved to support the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stewart and carried 5-0-0.

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

8. 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 August 14, 2020 meeting the Commission will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact status and timelines for Commission consideration of congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts.*

(5:20:34) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. The Board noted that not much information had been provided on this item other than the fact that the area would be closed to hunting but no plans had been made available yet. Discussion ensued regarding the infrastructure that exists in the area and Member Thompson wished to see an update.

(5:25:45) – Member Green moved to make this item part of the action report to consider the environmental impact, infrastructure, “movement of the animals and the impact to the State in general, including the income from sportsmen.” 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 MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. *At its August 14, 2020 meeting, a presentation on the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement program will be given and the Commission will consider recommendations and may choose to provide direction to the Department on the Nevada Mule Deer Enhancement Program.*

(5:28:07) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Thompson was in favor of the item; however, he was unclear whether each County Advisory Board (CAB) would participate in working groups within their regions or for all regions. The Board reached a consensus that the concept was good; however, they wished to see more and detailed information. Chairperson Boehmer received agreement from the Board to have the item included in the Action Report as well to ensure the CABs voice their input during all the discussion phases.

(5:55:11) – Member Thompson moved to have the Chair voice the CAB’s concerns per the discussion above in his Action Report. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Stewart and carried 5-0-0.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING BIG GAME SEASON SETTING. *At its August 14, 2020 meeting, a presentation will be given demonstrating the need for the Game Division to begin working with the County Advisory Boards to recommend changes to Big Game Seasons. Big Game seasons will be set in January 2021 for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons. Starting the process now may reduce the time spent discussing changes to the proposed seasons during the January Wildlife Commission Meeting.*

(5:35:57) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. The Board wished to have explanations as to why the seasons will be set if different from what its members have proposed. Member Green clarified that this Board makes its recommendations after discussions with the area wildlife biologists.

(5:39:32) – Member Green moved to remain neutral on the item; however, the Board expected to hear from the Commission by including in the minutes why its recommendations have not been accepted should they decide not to accept them. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 5-0-0.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CHANGING THE NOVEMBER MEETING DATE. Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed change of the November 3, 2020 meeting to Wednesday, November 4, 2020, due to the election.

(5:42:10) – Chairperson Boehmer introduce the item and explained that the November 3, 2020 meeting was scheduled on Election Day. He recommended moving it to either November 2, 2020 or November 4, 2020. Member Thompson noted a conflict on November 4, 2020 and preferred to meet on November 2, 2020. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(5:44:31) – Member Thompson moved to change the November meeting date to November 2, 2020 if rooms are available in the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Member Green. Motion carried 5-0-0.

12. For Information Only: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26 COMMISSION MEETING IN LAS VEGAS.

(5:45:16) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and noted that he would reach out to former Vice Chair Gil Yanuck to see if he can attend on behalf of the CAB since he is on the finance committee. Chairperson Boehmer noted that he would attend virtually; however, he would attend in person should Mr. Yanuck be unable to attend.

13. For Information Only: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:48:28) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming. He also offered to review the Action Report at the next meeting.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:50:18) – There were no public comments.

15. For Possible Action: ADJOURNMENT

(5:50:28) – Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

The minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 22nd day of September, 2020.