

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife**  
**Tuesday, November 2, 2020 ● 4:30 PM**  
**Community Center Bonanza 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**

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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**1.        CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

(4:30:01) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Robert Boehmer, Chair	Present	
Kirk Stewart, Vice Chair	Absent	
Corbett Fleming	Present	
Gene Green	Present	
Daniel Thompson	Present	

**2.        PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

(4:31:09) – Led by Member Fleming.

**3.        PUBLIC COMMENT**

(4:31:32) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and read the Notice to the Public incorporated into the agenda pertaining to the Governor’s COVID-19 emergency declaration, which indicated 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 #18). Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2020.**

(4:34:18) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and entertained corrections or a motion.

(4:34:44) – Member Thompson moved to approve the September 22, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Green. The motion carried 3-0-0 with Member Fleming abstaining from voting, as he was not present at the September 22, 2020 meeting.

**5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.**

(4:35:33) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Thompson commented on the significant bear activity particularly on the west side of the City. Member Green mentioned having seen a bobcat in his tree as well as noted the heavy deer activity on Arrowhead Drive. Chairperson Boehmer added that the deer activity was also heavy northeast of Arrowhead Drive. He also mentioned an email from a member of the public regarding the deer activity in her yard, and his response was that the Board does not have the authority to make policy and regulation decisions and advised her to reach out to the Carson City Board of Supervisors (BOS) to voice her opinion.

**6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.**

(4:43:40) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Green reported on the September 25, 2020 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting, which was held remotely via Zoom.

**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/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/) under agenda and corresponding support material).*

(4:55:18) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and invited the Board to request the removal of items from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Member Thompson requested discussing item 7-B of the Consent Agenda. There were no other requests. Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

(4:56:24) – Member Green moved to accept Consent Agenda item 7-A as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming 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 495, NAC 502 SIMPLIFICATION.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the*

*Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 relating to licensing.*

**7-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 496, NAC 503 SIMPLIFICATION.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 relating to wildlife.*

(4:56:53) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Thompson referenced Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.144, in which heat, motion, and time-lapse [devises] for sights or optics were added, and he pointed out that the Board discussed not supporting thermal sights during the previous meeting.

(5:04:38) – Chairperson Boehmer suggested a motion to reiterate that the Board supports all the recommendations except for anything that would diminish fair chase principles, including heat, motion, and time-lapse sights.

**(5:05:44) – Member Thompson so moved. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 4-0-0.**

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

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 21-01, 2021-2022 RAPTOR CAPTURE QUOTAS.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider and may take action to approve the 2021- 2022 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry.*

(5:07:07) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item, and the Board agreed with Chairperson Boehmer's stance to support the recommendations.

**(5:10:52) – Member Fleming moved to support agenda item #8. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 4-0-0.**

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 21-02, 2021-2022 NONCOMMERICAL COLLECTION SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR LIVE, UNPROTECTED REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider and may take action to approve 2021-2022 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians*

(5:12:23) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item, and discussion ensued regarding nonregulated capture of reptiles and amphibians. The consensus among the Board was to support the recommendations, and Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

**(5:15:40) – Member Green moved to support agenda item #9. The motion was seconded by Member Thompsom and carried 4-0-0.**

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 20-04 AMENDMENT #2, 2021 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTA.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will reexamine the 2021 Heritage Tag seasons as approved in January of 2020 and may consider adopting a regulation amendment to change one or more season dates.*

(5:17:20) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item, and he was in favor of the recommendations. He entertained Member questions and, when none were forthcoming, a motion.

**(5:19:40) – Member Thompson moved to support agenda item #10. The motion was seconded by Member Fleming and carried 4-0-0.**

**11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE REPORT.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will provide a report on the recent Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee meeting.*

(5:20:20) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and entertained Member comments. Member Thompson pointed out that the season for free hunt areas under “Resident Elk” (page #6 of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Hunting Seasons) had been closed early for antler and elk. Chairperson Boehmer stated that he would inquire about Member Thompson’s observation. Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Wildlife Biologist Carl Lackey (appearing remotely via WebEx) suggested directing all of the questions to NDOW Western Region Supervisor Mike Scott or the Game Division Administrator. Chairperson Boehmer chose not to take action on this item before obtaining clarification on the matter.

**12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A PETITION BY CATHY SMITH TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF DOGS ON BEAR HUNTS.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider and may take action on a submitted petition to change NAC 503.147 to prohibit the use of dogs during a black bear hunt. This change was requested after a recent poll conducted by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) in 2018.*

(5:26:23) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and was in favor of the use of dogs on bear hunts, as “the success of harvesting a bear is increased significantly.” He was also concerned that the management of bears in the area would be affected without the use of dogs or that a hunter may get a shot in of a bear while in motion and “may not be as ethical of a harvest.”

(5:28:16) – Member Green mentioned that, according to bear hunters, using the dogs encourages hunters to go for the larger bears rather than attempting to hunt the first bear they come across, which could be one of the “young, very productive bears that would be a lot better off being left to live a few years.” Chairperson Boehmer agreed with Member Green’s comment.

(5:29:05) – Member Fleming noted that, after having done his own research, not being able to bait or use dogs lowers the number [of bears] that get bagged.

(5:29:36) – Mr. Lackey provided bear hunting statistics compiled from 2011 through 2019, which included the following:

- Less than 14 bears per year are harvested in Nevada.
- Nevada harvests less than two percent of the estimated population annually.
- Many other states manage for a hunt mortality [rate] of between 10 and 20 percent of their estimated populations.
- Although Nevada law does not require it, 89 percent of the hunters save the meat for consumption.
- Demands for bear tags have increased annually, starting with 1,242 applications in 2011 to over 31,400 applications in 2019, and applicants represent 45 of the states in the United States and two foreign countries. Approximately 10 percent of the applicants were from Clark County.
- 71 percent of hunters used trained hounds, with 89 of the 126 bears killed having been hunted with hounds.

He also confirmed that more bears are killed by vehicles than by hunting generally.

(5:41:56) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion.

**(5:42:13) – Member Fleming moved to not support the petition to prohibit the use of dogs on bear hunts. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 4-0-0.**

**13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING A PETITION SUBMITTED BY CHRIS JASMINE FROM THE TRADITIONAL ARCHERS OF NEVADA (TAN) RELATING TO MULE DEER HUNTING.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider and may take action requesting the Commissioners to look at an increased opportunity for archery hunters willing to use more primitive equipment. The Traditional Archers of Nevada would like to establish a quota for traditional archery for mule deer tags with no impact to other hunters, season dates, or quotas.*

(5:45:29) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item, and he believed that it is more ethical to try to harvest with a compound bow.

(5:48:12) – Member Green was opposed to the petition because accommodating one group could set a precedent for requests from other groups. Member Thompson echoed Member Green’s comment, and Member Fleming agreed with Member Green and Member Thompson.

**(5:52:38) – Member Green moved to not support the petition. The motion was seconded by Member Thompson and carried 4-0-0.**

**14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE UPDATE ON THE FALLON NAVAL RANGE AND TRAINING CENTER AND NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE.** *At its November 6, 2020 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact statements status and timelines for the Commissioners’ consideration of congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts.*

(5:53:41) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. He was concerned about the infrastructure that had been put in those areas as well as the animals. No formal action was taken on this item.

**15. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE OFFER COMMENT TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LITIGATION REPORT.** *At its September 25, 2020 meeting, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Craig Burkett, presented to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners a status report on litigation, as an informational item. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the litigation.*

(5:55:56) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. He stated that he would discuss the issue with Chairperson East of the NDOW Legislative Committee regarding the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) having not considered amendment recommendations during the September 25, 2020 meeting, clarified the current regulation, and/or noted denying the recommendations in the meeting minutes. No formal action was taken on this item.

**16. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE NOVEMBER 6, 2020 VIRTUAL BROADCAST MEETING AND JANUARY 29 AND 30, 2021 IN RENO.**

(6:02:16) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. He stated that he would be available for the November 6, 2020 meeting and planned on attending the January 29 and 30, 2021 meeting. Member Green stated that he was planning on attending the November 6, 2020 meeting.

**17. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(6:05:23) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

**18. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:05:35) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments and noted receiving a public comment via email from Becky Dwire (attached as “Exhibit A”) regarding the use of dogs for tracking blood primarily with big game animals. Chairperson Boehmer was concerned about people using blood trailing dogs for

“unrighteous” purposes and the difficulty of enforcing a regulation for this matter, especially given the limited resources of the Law Enforcement Division. He also noted the positives of blood trailing dogs for the proposed purpose. Member Thompson stated that he had viewed through independent research that a large number of states have approved tracking blood using dogs, though he also commented that “you take something that has good intention, and it always tends toward nefarious activity.” Chairperson Boehmer proposed contacting some of the game wardens to get their opinions on the matter, and the Members agreed that they would like more information on the matter before forming a conclusive opinion.

**19. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT**

(6:16:20) – Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

## Exhibit A

Public Comment

On Oct 1, 2020, at 10:37 AM, Becky Dwire <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Good morning CAB chairmen, I hope this email finds you well.

My name is Becky Dwire and I'm an avid Nevada sportsman, I also do a lot of conservation work with various organizations around Nevada and surrounding states. The reason I'm emailing is I'm looking to try and get a bill introduced into the 2021 legislative session, regarding including using blood tracking dogs to recover wounded large game animals in Nevada. As you know Nevada is considered a "trophy" state for many of our game animal species, because of that we have long draw wait periods before hunters can draw a tag. This is a great system but unfortunately, that can also cause people to be dishonest in their harvesting. For example, wounding an animal and if they can't find it with reasonable effort, continuing to hunt instead of doing the ethical thing and punching their tag on an unrecovered animal. I believe the use of blood trailing dogs could exponentially increase the amount of recovered game. As you know our deer and elk herds are struggling, especially the deer herd. We should be supporting any and all methods that could reduce wasted, injured, and overtake of game animals. I conducted an unofficial "poll" of Nevada hunters on this subject The results were as follows  
154- said yes, absolutely.

6- were against the idea.

Obviously the majority of that group should support and would be quite excited about the change of law.

These dogs take an incredible amount of time and training to be successful and not disturb other animals. Most of them are worked on a long lead and are under complete control at all times. Other states are allowing this process with wild success rates, its time Nevada joined the ranks, we owe it to our wildlife and our sportsman.

I have included a short piece about the statistics of game tracking success from "[deersearch.org](http://deersearch.org)" it reflects the following; " A South Carolina study conducted by Richard Morton to determine the efficiency of archery equipment in conjunction with tracking dogs. In his study, 22 experienced archers shot 61 deer (29 bucks, 29 does, 3 fawns). Twenty of the deer (32.8 percent) fell within sight of the hunters. If bow hunters didn't see their deer fall, the services of a trained tracking dog were utilized one hour after the shot. In total, 60 out of the 61 deer (98 percent) were found within 24 hours of being shot. The one deer that wasn't recovered was reportedly hit in a non-vital area. Morton also found that most deer reacted to being shot by taking off with their tails down (72 percent) and left a blood trail (68 percent), blood spots (23 percent), rumen material (5 percent), bone fragments (2 percent), meat (1 percent), and hair (1 percent). The average distance traveled by a shot deer was 109 yards. Most deer were not spooked (96 percent) during the search. In fact, 95 percent of the harvested deer were found dead. It took an average of 30 minutes to recover a deer once the dogs were released and 95 percent were found within 4 hours.

Morton concluded, "Our results do confirm that archery hunting can be a highly efficient means of harvesting white-tailed deer when shot selection and shooting skills are emphasized and using trailing dogs is required as part of an organized management approach."

Another study in South Carolina by Charles Ruth, Deer Project Supervisor for the South Carolina DNR, also reflected the benefits of using trained dogs. Hunters in this study used rifles rather than bows. As in Morton's

study, trained tracking dogs were brought in to recover animals that ran beyond the hunters' sight. A total of 493 deer were harvested – 305 bucks and 188 does. Ruth determined that trained trailing dogs deserved credit for the recovery of 15 to 20 percent of all those deer"

The reason I am talking to you about this is I am requesting letters of support to bring before the Wildlife advisory commission board and then move on up the legislative chain. Please feel free to reach back out to me for more information and or to give your CABs support. Thank you for your time.

Becky Dwire