

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (WAB)
Monday, May 2, 2022 • 4:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Board Members

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

Staff

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:34:01) – Chairperson Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:34:16) – Led by Member Green.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:34:44) – Chairperson Thompson entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Chairperson Thompson brought to the Board's attention about how he was responsible for the travel, and he noted that there appeared to be "a huge disconnect in regards to completion of the Budget." He had worked with Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Budget Analyst Zeida Albert, who provided Chairperson Thompson with a self-calculating Microsoft Excel spreadsheet to use for the Budget. He also stated that he had received specific answers after reaching out to the waterfall biologists, per discussion from the March 21, 2022 WAB meeting, which included that "in regards to the amount of time, because

everything is related to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, it's pretty much the reason they open it up when they do is that ... nobody wants to open or close the season midweek, and that's the reason that the gap is in there."

(4:40:10) – Member Green commented about receiving a phone call from former WAB Member Doug Martin, as he wished to “add a few numbers to the archery hunt”; however, he was unable to attend the meeting due to an ankle injury. Member Green agreed to read Mr. Martin’s email into the record during agenda item 7-F.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2022

(4:41:05) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(4:41:16) – Member Boehmer moved to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 4-0-0.

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

(4:41:39) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item. Member Boehmer had contacted the NDOW Conservation Education Division, which is responsible for organizing the State campaign for Urban Wildlife Month, and the Division was in the process of hiring for the urban wildlife position, so the campaign would not take place until at least August 2022. He noted that the Members had some time to align their Carson City campaign. He stated that during his discussion with Mayor Lori Bagwell, she indicated that once there was a decision on what the City campaign “looks like,” a form could be completed for a resolution, which Member Boehmer added that he could complete, and a declaration could be made regarding what month would be considered for Carson City Urban Wildlife Month.

6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE MARCH 25 AND 26, 2022 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(4:43:59) – Chairperson Thompson indicated that because there was no remote option to attend the March 25 and 26, 2022 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting, he did not have any update to report. In response to Member Boehmer’s question, Chairperson Thompson indicated that “nothing changed” regarding duck seasons.

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).

(4:47:57) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and entertained requests to pull items from the Consent Agenda. Member Green wished to pull items 7-F and 7-G from the Consent Agenda.

(4:49:15) – Member Boehmer moved to accept Consent Agenda items 7-A through 7-E as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

7-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO OFFER COMMENT TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LITIGATION REPORT. *At its May 6, 2022 meeting, a Deputy Attorney General will present to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners a report on litigation, as an informational item. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the litigation.*

7-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY (APRP) COMMITTEE REPORTS. *At its May 6, 2022 meeting, a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Commissioners on the following recent APRP Committee meetings. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the reports.*

***Commission Policy 3 – Appeals – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 3, Appeals, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 4 – Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 4, Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 21 – Game and Furbearer Management Plans – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 21, Game and Furbearer Management, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 22 – Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 22, Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation of Wildlife, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 25 – Wildlife Damage Management – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 25, Wildlife Damage Management, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 26 – Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Population – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 26, Managing Rocky Mountain Elk Populations, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 27 – Protection of Wildlife – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 27, Protection of Wildlife, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 28 – Transparency on Quota Setting – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 28, Transparency on Quota Setting, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 29 – Elk Arbitration – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 29, Elk Arbitration, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 40 – Statewide Boating Safety – Second Reading**

The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 51 – Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award – First Reading**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 63 – Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds – Third Reading**

The Commission will have a third reading of Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

7-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 501, NAC 502.385, TAG TRANSFER. *At its May 7, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.385 that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81st Legislative Session.*

7-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 505, NAC 502.4215, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED PREVENTION OF UNFAIR ADVANTAGES. *At its May 7, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a workshop to consider amending NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.*

7-E DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 507, LCB FILE NO. R045-22 - PETITION PROCESS. *At its May 7, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider adopting changes to NAC*

501.195 recommended by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee. The regulation was approved by the Committee at their March meeting and will be considered by the Commission for the first workshop.

7-F DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 22-11, BIG GAME QUOTAS FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON. At the May 7, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2022 - 2023 seasons.

(4:49:40) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item. Member Green read the following public comment submitted by Mr. Martin into the record:

“The Department is recommending the same number of rifle deer tags in 192, except they proposed to reduce archery and muzzleloader tags. As we know, this is a function of their demand component of the harvest formula. I would appreciate the [City Advisory Board] (CAB) to consider requesting the archery and muzzleloader tags be increased to the 2021 levels.”

Member Green referenced the agenda materials and pointed out that “the 2021 levels were 15 to 20, and they’ve dropped [in] 2022 to 15 and 15 for the resident tags of archery, and muzzleloader they drop it from 10 to 7, and I would move that we raise it or request [the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners] to raise it to 20 on the archery hunt and 10 on the muzzleloader, which would match the numbers from … 2021.”

(4:51:57) – NDOW Wildlife Biologist Carl Lackey confirmed that the tag numbers were due to “demand success,” which the NDOW “does not really have a lot of say in,” and he stated that the population in unit group 192 was still fairly stable and was at roughly the same amount as last year’s population. He indicated that he had not gotten a spring survey in 2021 or this year and added that he has been using the average of the survey results from the last three years for the years that Mr. Lackey was missing. He also stated that recruitment in unit group 194 has been “worse” for the last two to three years and indicated that “to raise two or three tags in archery or muzzleloader … it’s not going to do anything.” Mr. Lackey also responded to clarifying questions during discussion on the matter.

(5:04:31) – Chairperson Thompson entertained a motion to support item 7-F with the change “to go back to the 2022 quotas for archery late to the 2021 status of 20 animals, and then for muzzleloader, going back to 10 for the 2022/23 season.”

(5:04:56) – Member Green so moved. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 4-0-0.

7-G DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION

REGULATION 22-09, AMENDMENT #1, 2022 BLACK BEAR QUOTAS AND HARVEST LIMITS. *At its May 7, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider adopting the 2022 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, quotas, harvest limits, special Page 5 regulations, animal sex, legal requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.*

(5:05:38) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and entertained Member discussion. In response to Member Boehmer’s question, Mr. Lackey indicated that the harvest rate was 2.1 percent for the previous year, which was low compared to most states’ average rate of 10 to 15 percent, and the success rate was 27 percent of the allotted tags. Additionally, there were 74 total reported bear fatalities during the previous year, of which 15 were due to hunters, 46 were due to being hit by vehicles, and four were captured and euthanized due to entering homes. Regarding the bear hunt, Mr. Lackey also informed the Members that, from 2011 through 2021, 91 percent of the hunters saved the meat for consumption, 74 percent of the hunters used dogs for the hunt, two citations were issued in those 11 years, a little over 50 percent of hunter-harvested bears were out of the Pine Nut Mountains, 70 percent of the bears harvested were males overall, female bears were killed 27 percent of the time when hunters used dogs during the hunt, female bears were killed 41 percent of the time when hunters did not use dogs during the hunt, 73 percent of male bears were killed when hunters used dogs during the hunt, and the average age of bears in the hunt were around six years old.

(5:15:52) – Chairperson Thompson entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(5:16:05) – Member Boehmer moved to support item 7-G as recommended. The motion was seconded by Member Green 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 FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2023 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. *At its May 6, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2023 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department and may take action to modify or endorse the plan.*

(5:17:12) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item. Member Boehmer complimented the Predation Management Plan for fiscal year 2023.

(5:18:21) – Member Boehmer moved to support agenda item #8 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Member Green and carried 4-0-0.

9. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE MAY 6 AND 7, 2022 MEETING AND JUNE 24 AND 25, 2022 MEETING.

(5:19:06) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item. Member Green stated that he could attend the May 6 and 7, 2022 meeting and the June 24 and 25, 2022 meeting.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DATE FOR THE JUNE CCABMW MEETING. *The next meeting of the CCABMW was scheduled for June 20, 2022. However due observance of the Juneteenth National Independence Day holiday, many state and local government offices will be closed. The CCABMW will need to select a new date for the June CCABMW meeting.*

(5:19:56) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and entertained Member discussion regarding the selection of a new date for the June 2022 meeting.

(5:24:20) – Chairperson Thompson entertained a motion to change the meeting date to June 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

(5:24:32) – Member Boehmer so moved. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

11. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:24:47) – Chairperson Thompson entertained suggestions for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:24:53) – Chairperson Thompson entertained public comments. John Valley of Ducks Unlimited Carson City introduced himself. He commented that he has been walking the trail from Deer Run [Road] to the Mexican Ditch [Trail] and had found some duck boxes that were not being maintained. He indicated that Ducks Unlimited had a “plethora” of duck boxes available in the State with an individual in Winnemucca who was making the duck boxes, and Mr. Valley had been “trying to jump through hoops” to find out what he would need to do to get permission to put some duck boxes in that area. He also mentioned having seen a wood duck at the Carson River. Member Boehmer advised contacting Parks Superintendent Dave Navarro or Parks and Recreation Director Jennifer Budge, both from the Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department, for direction. During discussion on the matter with Member Boehmer, Mr. Valley stated that he could look for galvanized poles and could assist with placing duck boxes wherever would benefit the animal best. He also stated that he and his wife would assist by cleaning out the duck boxes during the spring and keep track of the boxes to provide data to the NDOW.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(5:31:51) – Chairperson Thompson adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

The minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 21st day of June 2022.

