

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2004 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Wes Clyde
Jennifer Derley
Stan Zuber

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
Vern Krahn, Park Planner

NOTE: A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - April 5, 2004 (1-0014) - Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0023) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0027) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0038) - None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE A JOINT MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE TO REVIEW THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE CLEAR CREEK / KINGS CANYON LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS AND STRATEGY (1-0043) - Mr. Krahn provided background information on this item, and on the U.S. Forest Service ("USFS") Clear Creek / Kings Canyon Landscape Analysis and Strategy. He reviewed highlights of the landscape analysis report and its correlation to the Board. He responded to questions, and discussion took place regarding the origin, purpose, and scope of the landscape analysis. In response to an additional question, he provided an overview of the format for the joint meeting. NDOW Wildlife Biologist Carl Lackey expressed an interest in attending the joint meeting and Ms. King committed to advising him of the meeting date. **Member Zuber moved to schedule a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Mr. Krahn advised that the USFS will conduct its own public meeting process for the landscape analysis. Vice Chairperson Yanuck thanked Mr. Krahn for his presentation.

7. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE BIG GAME QUOTA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2004/2005 HUNTING SEASONS (1-0500) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced NDOW Wildlife Biologist Carl Lackey and discussion took place regarding the method by which to review the quota recommendations. Mr. Lackey reviewed the recommendations, by species, as outlined in the quota recommendation handbooks which

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were previously provided to the Board members. Mr. Lackey reviewed details of the redistribution of responsibilities following the recent retirement of Wildlife Biologist Walter Mandeville. Vice Chairperson Yanuck called for questions or comments from the Board members and from the public; however, none were provided. Discussion took place regarding the appropriate action, and **Member Clyde moved to accept the quota recommendations, as submitted. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Vice Chairperson Yanuck thanked Mr. Lackey for his presentation.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND ESTABLISHING A WILDLIFE COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE MATTER OF OHV USE AND TO DEFINE THE SCOPE OF WORK AND TIMETABLE FOR SAID SUBCOMMITTEE (1-1179) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on this item, and requested input from the Board members. Member Zuber expressed support for establishing a subcommittee. Member Clyde expressed the opinion that the subcommittee should be well-rounded and representative of all concerned citizens and agencies. Vice Chairperson Yanuck responded to questions regarding the purpose of this agenda item, and discussion took place regarding the Commission's role to appoint members and establish the purview of the subcommittee. In response to a question, Member Zuber reviewed the BLM designation policies for off-road vehicles, and provided historic information on their origin. (1-1542) Bob McCulloch requested the Board to recommend to the Wildlife Commission that they allow the county game boards to recommend the subcommittee members. **Member Clyde moved to recommend to the Wildlife Commission to establish a subcommittee and to request each county advisory board to provide recommendations for two members from each county to serve on the subcommittee. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE APRIL 9, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1625) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to the draft Commission minutes, and reviewed statistical information regarding OHV use on BLM and U.S. Forest Service lands. He discussed the importance of integrating proposals for OHV use with those of the BLM and the USFS. Member Zuber expressed a preference that NDOW address OHV policies rather than the Department of Motor Vehicles or Nevada State Parks. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed information provided at the Commission meeting on the wild horse and burro management issues. Robert Abbey, of the BLM, reported that additional funding and reallocation of existing funding had been requested but that he did not anticipate receiving the funding. Bob Vaught, of the USFS, advised that the USFS relies on the BLM for wild horse and burro management. Member Zuber advised that reallocation of BLM funds is still a possibility. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reported that the petition filed by George Taulman was denied. He further reported that NDOW will be required to approach the legislature for additional funding, and will reopen the issue of including an annual cost of living index on some of the fees rather than having to approach the legislature every other year for additional funding.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the May 14 and 15, 2004 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting (1-2072) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested to address items 10-C and 10-E separate from the consent agenda. **Member Zuber so moved. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** (1-2284) **Member Derley moved to accept all the items on the consent agenda. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

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10-A. ACTION REGARDING PERMIT APPEALS - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE

i. THE DEPARTMENT DENIED THE APPLICATION OF JAMIE COVERSTON FOR A COMMERCIAL COLLECTION PERMIT OF UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE

ii. THE DEPARTMENT DENIED THE APPLICATION OF MARSHALL COVERSTON III FOR A COMMERCIAL COLLECTION PERMIT OF UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE

iii. THE DEPARTMENT DENIED THE APPLICATION OF WILLIAM CARD FOR A COMMERCIAL COLLECTION PERMIT OF UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE

iv. THE DEPARTMENT DENIED THE APPLICATION OF DONNA CARD FOR A COMMERCIAL COLLECTION PERMIT OF UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE

v. THE DEPARTMENT DENIED THE APPLICATION OF GONE FISHING, INC. FOR A COMMERCIAL COLLECTION PERMIT OF UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE

10-B. ACTION REGARDING GUIDE LICENSE DENIAL HEARING - ROBBUONAMICI.
Appeal by Corey Funk of the lifetime denial of his subguide license.

10-C. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY. The Commission's Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the Commission for approval of projects submitted for funding in fiscal year 2005 (1-2109) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted the differences between available funding and costs associated with the proposed projects. He discussed the difficulty in providing input without the opportunity to review background information on the proposed projects. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested contacting Commissioner Bentley, who heads the Wildlife Heritage Committee, to request additional information. No formal action was taken.

10-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION/WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAG VENDORS - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY. The Commission's Wildlife Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the Commission for approval of game tag auction vendors for the 2005 hunt year.

i. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-01 WILDLIFE HERITAGE MULE DEER TAG

ii. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-02 WILDLIFE HERITAGE MULE DEER TAG

iii. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-03 WILDLIFE HERITAGE PRONGHORN ANTELOPE TAG

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- iv. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-04 WILDLIFE HERITAGE PRONGHORN ANTELOPE TAG**
- v. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-05 WILDLIFE HERITAGE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK TAG**
- vi. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-06 WILDLIFE HERITAGE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK TAG**
- vii. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-07 WILDLIFE HERITAGE NELSON DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP TAG**
- viii. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-08 WILDLIFE HERITAGE NELSON DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP TAG**
- ix. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-010 WILDLIFE HERITAGE CALIFORNIA DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP TAG**
- x. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-10 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TURKEY TAG**
- xi. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-11 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TURKEY TAG**
- xii. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-12 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TURKEY TAG**
- xiii. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-13 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TURKEY TAG**
- ix. COMMISSION REGULATION 05-14 WILDLIFE HERITAGE TURKEY TAG**

10-E. ACTION REGARDING BOND FUND EXPENDITURE - KELLY CLARK. The Department is requesting Commission concurrence to use \$50,000 from 1991 Parks and Recreation Question 5 bond funds to install a fire protection system at the Verdi Nature Center and to purchase signs acknowledging voters and the Question 5 Initiative at 40 sites statewide (1-2238) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck expressed concern with regard to the lack of information provided for this item. No formal action was taken.

10-F. ACTION REGARDING SELECTION OF SPONSORING ORGANIZATION FOR THE 2005-2006 AND 2006-2007 DUCK STAMP CONTEST - KELLY CLARK. The Commission will review formal proposals submitted by conservation organizations to select a sponsor for the Duck Stamp Contest for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

10-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-19 - DOUG HUNT. The Commission will be asked to repeal Commission Regulation 04-17 that restricted access to Cinnamon Pond and vicinity at the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

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10-H. ACTION REGARDING COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET - DAVE HANSEN. The 17 counties have been polled regarding travel and operating funds needed from the state wildlife account for fiscal year 2005. In accordance with NRS 501.320, the Commission will vote to approve fund transfers to the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife budgets.

10-I. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH AND COMMISSIONER BRADLEY. The Commission will hear a report on the agency's budget status and may vote to support legislative proposals as recommended by the Commission's Legislative Committee for the 2005 Legislative Session.

10-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-18 - MIKE COX. The Commission will establish quotas for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat for the 2004 hunting season. Note: Regulations, Recommendations and Status Report sent separately.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MAY 14 AND 15, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. A report and additional detail on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting (1-2315) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested input with regard to the informational items. He noted that the support material included in the Commission agenda packet was "a little meager." He suggested that the Board's representative to the Wildlife Commission should be prepared to comment as a private citizen.

11-A. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY TERRY CRAWFORTH

11-B. LITIGATION - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL BRYAN STOCKTON

11-C. PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL IN-STATE WATER SOURCES - SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

11-D. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH

11-E. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER CLINT BENTLEY

11-F. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER MIKE RIORDAN

11-G. OUTFITTERS, GUIDES REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BILL BRADLEY

11-H. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER QUILICI

11-I. NEVADA WILDLIFE SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER

11-J. GAME TAG DEMAND/SUCCESS POLICY STATISTICS - DON SEFTON

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11-K. PARKS AND RECREATION QUESTION 1 BOND PROGRAM - LAURA RICHARDS

11-L. WILDERNESS PROGRAMS IN NEVADA - DOUG HUNT

11-M. SLOAN HELIPORT PROPOSAL - DOUG HUNT

11-N. OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN FORD

11-O. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - TONY WASLEY. The Commission will hear a report on the status of the mule deer bulletin and mule deer species management plan development.

12. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-2382) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck circulated the most recent draft of the Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, and advised that a bi-state meeting was scheduled for later in the week. He referred to comments which have recently appeared in local newspaper articles regarding the possible listing of sage grouse. He advised that Nevada is generally doing everything possible according to the program. He commented that participating in this project over the past three years has been "an experience." He expressed the hope that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will favorably consider the State's conservation plan and act accordingly. He advised that some of the action plans to improve habitat and increase sage grouse population will be implemented this year. He further advised that the annual sage grouse symposium will include action plan reports.

13. REPORT REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-2462) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on and emphasized the importance of submitting reimbursement requests in a timely manner. He advised that sufficient funds are available to finish out the fiscal year.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY 2004/2005 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-2513) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the Board's budget request will be voted on by the Commission at the upcoming meeting.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS; and 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE MAY 14 AND 15, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-2533) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on this item, and solicited volunteers for the May 14 and 15 meetings. When none were forthcoming, he volunteered to attend. Member Derley acknowledged that she would attend the June 25 and 26 meetings in Elko. Vice Chairperson Yanuck volunteered to attend the August 6 and 7 meetings in Hawthorne. Member Clyde acknowledged that he would attend the September 10 and 11 meetings in Ely. Consensus of the Board was to address the remaining meetings at a future Board meeting.

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17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for June 25 and 26, 2004 in Elko (1-2680) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, June 21st.

18. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-2690) - Ms. King advised that two of the three-year Board terms expire on July 1st. Vice Chairperson Yanuck and Member Derley advised that they had already submitted requests for reappointment, in writing, to the City Manager's Office. Ms. King advised that interviews and action to recommend appointments would be agendized for the June 21st Board meeting.

19. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-2738) - Member Zuber advised he would check on the status of the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment.

20. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-2760) - Member Derley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the May 10, 2004 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 21st day of June, 2004.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair