

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 Thursday, November 4, 2004 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Walker
Jennifer Derley
Stan Zuber

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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) - Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was present. Vice Chairperson Yanuck and Member Clyde were absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 21, 2004 and September 2, 2004 (1-0010) - Member Derley moved to approve the minutes. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0018) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0020) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0022) - Member Zuber advised of having discussed Senate Bill 2978 with Tom Smith, past president of the Truckee River Fly Fishers. Member Derley advised of having discussed with several people the non-resident tag issue, and of having received a fair amount of feedback.

6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11, 2004 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0062) - Member Derley acknowledged that Member Clyde attended the September Commission meeting. Chairperson Walker referred the Board members to the draft minutes included in the Commission agenda materials. Discussion took place regarding methods by which to keep the Board members informed of upcoming meetings.

7. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the November 5 and 6, 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 (1-0093) - **Member Zuber moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

7-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 330 - MAUREEN HULLINGER. The proposed temporary regulation would allow active military personnel, who have been mobilized and deployed outside the State after receiving a resident big game tag, to receive an identical privilege in the following year; also clarifies the language for tag and license refunds. *This item is agendized as part of an informational regulations workshop on Friday, November 5, and as an action item on Saturday, November 6.*

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7-B. ACTION REGARDING BIG GAME BIENNIAL RELEASE PLAN AMENDMENT - MIKE COX. Amends the Commission's Big Game Release Plan for 2004 and 2005 by adding a pronghorn antelope release project in Antelope Valley, Lander County during December 2004/January 2005.

7-C. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER BRADLEY. The Commission will hear a report on the agency and Commission proposed legislation and may vote to take a position regarding legislation submitted.

7-D. ACTION REGARDING BIENNIAL BUDGET - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH. The Department budget for fiscal years 2006/2007 will be presented to the Commission for review and recommendation in accordance with NRS 501.337(6).

7-E. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 17 and 18, 2004 in Overton. The Commission will review potential agenda items and will approve a schedule of meetings and locations for 2005. The Chairman may adjust committee assignments and create new committees.

7-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-15, AMENDMENT #4 - RUSSELL WOOLSTENHULME. Amends Upland Game, Waterfowl, and Furbearer Regulations to add two new bobcat sealing dates in Ely for February 4 and 5, 2005.

7-G. ACTION REGARDING TAG QUOTAS FOR BIG GAME HUNTS - WAYNE HOWLE. The Commission will hear a report from the Deputy Attorney General about recent litigation regarding nonresident quotas and consider potential changes from the public to their suspended Policy 20 and associated regulations.

7-H. ACTION REGARDING BIG GAME SEASON DISCUSSIONS - MIKE COX. The Commission will hear a report on the Department's efforts to gather County Advisory Board and public input into the development of the biennial big game season setting process; input to be considered in the preparation of the Department's recommendations package for Commission review and action at their February meeting.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NOVEMBER 5 AND 6, 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.

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

8-B. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE (1-0138) - Chairperson Walker advised that the NDOW website has information regarding the pending non-resident tag litigation. Discussion took place regarding the status of the litigation, Senate Bill 2978 co-authored by Senator Harry Reid, and the Wildlife Commission's plans to address the issue.

Member Derley discussed a proposal to allow a larger percentage of non-resident tags to be split between all other states. Unclaimed tags would revert back to Nevada resident tags. Depending upon the outcome

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of the litigation, if residents have no preference over non-residents, the existing preferences given to outfitters and land owners should be nullified. Member Derley described another proposal that non-residents who have the option of purchasing over-the-counter tags in their own states should not have the right to apply for tags in Nevada. She described additional proposals to hold a raffle for 1-3 bonus points which could also raise funding for NDOW, or to revert back to only one choice on the tag application and further divide the hunt units. In response to a question, Mr. St. Clair advised that the units are based on herd management practices. Member Derley described an additional proposal to require payment of a certain fee to be included in a drawing which wouldn't be directly connected to the tag. She expressed appreciation for the comments and proposals communicated to her in that they demonstrate interest in the issue. Chairperson Walker described the information available on the NDOW website and discussed the importance of Nevada being more proactive than Arizona with regard to the pending litigation. He has been encouraging people to attend the Commission meeting in Reno. He expressed an interest in the comments provided at the last Ormsby Sportsmen's Association meeting.

8-C. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN FORD

8-D. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER CLINT BENTLEY

8-E. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER MIKE RIORDAN

8-F. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

8-G. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER MacKENZIE

8-H. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - PATTY WAGNER

8-I. LAW ENFORCEMENT HUNTING SEASON UPDATE - ROB BUONAMICI

8-J. WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT / DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

8-K. HATCHERY REFURBISHMENT UPDATE - DAVE SANGER (1-0440) - C.K. Baily advised that this item is of great interest to the Carson Fly Fishing Club. He requested the Board's representative to the upcoming Commission meeting to provide a report on this item at the next Board meeting.

8-L. LINCOLN COUNTY LANDS BILL - DOUG HUNT

8-M. PREPRINTED TAG APPLICATIONS - MAUREEN HULLINGER

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE A JOINT MEETING WITH THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE FOR PRESENTATION OF THE MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN (1-0488) - Following a brief discussion, the Board members present acknowledged their availability to attend the joint meeting tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Chairperson Walker suggested meeting at City Hall and driving to Douglas County together. Ms. King advised of a conflicting meeting, but that the Douglas County ABMW recording secretary would be available to attend the meeting. She further advised that, pursuant to direction

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from the Carson City District Attorney's Office staff, the meeting will be noticed as a presentation with no action to be taken. Any action will have to be taken by the individual Advisory Boards at a future meeting.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE WAYNE E. KIRCH NEVADA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARD (1-0558) - Ms. King provided background information on this item, and referred to the pertinent agenda materials. She cautioned that unless the Board members were prepared to take action at this meeting, any nominations would have to be submitted by the Board members as individuals.

11. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-0585) - Chairperson Walker deferred this item to the next meeting.

12. REPORT REGARDING THE FY 2004/2005 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-0588) - Chairperson Walker referred to the budget report provided by Vice Chairperson Yanuck at the last meeting. Ms. King acknowledged that this item would be reagendized.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-0597) - Chairperson Walker offered to attend the February Commission meeting in Las Vegas. He suggested waiting until the entire Board could be present to make any further decisions. In response to a question, Chairperson Walker offered to attend both days of the November Commission meeting. Member Derley advised that she would also attend the Saturday Commission meeting.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for December 17 and 18, 2004 in Overton (1-0698) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting for Monday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

15. UPDATE ONLY REGARDING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT (1-0724) - Ms. King referred to the agenda materials pertinent to this item, and advised that no update had yet been provided to the Board of Supervisors. She reviewed the recommendations included in the audit report, and advised that copies of this Board's agendas and minutes are now being provided to the Board of Supervisors and the City Manager. She further advised that an agenda packet is provided to the Parks and Recreation Department Director, and that she maintains contact with Parks staff to ensure that items of mutual interest are agendized. She suggested that the Board members consider whether to establish contact between the City Finance Director and Vice Chairperson Yanuck with regard to the Board's budget. She noted that the City's Finance Department has always administered the Board's budget. With regard to the fourth recommendation, she discussed the nature of this Board to report directly to the Wildlife Commission. She requested the Board members to submit any comments with regard to the recommendations included in the audit report. Chairperson Walker requested Ms. King to reagendize this item for the next Board meeting in order to receive the input of the absent Board members. Discussion took place regarding the audit recommendations.

16. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-0900) - Ms. King advised that Jill Olsen, NDOW's web designer, has requested this Board's agendas and minutes. She discussed the method by which the Board's minutes are archived on the City's website in response to a question at the last Board meeting. She reviewed the "FYI" items included in the agenda materials.

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17. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1045) - Chairperson Walker requested staff to invite Park Planner Vern Krahn to the December 13th meeting to provide a status report on the fishing pond. Member Zuber advised that the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment may be ready to review at the Board's February meeting.

18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1126) - Member Derley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minutes of the November 4, 2004 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 13th day of December, 2004.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair