

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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Vice Chairperson Greg Davis
Bill Allyn
Steve Walker
Gil Yanuck

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson Pedersen. A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office and is available for review and inspection during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001) - Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 28, 2002 (1-0010) - Member Yanuck moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Vice Chairperson Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0025) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0039) - Dan Greytak, a member of the Carson River Advisory Committee, introduced himself and offered the Committee's assistance to the Advisory Board. He displayed the Carson River Master Plan element and discussed the recent addition of the revised and updated Chapter 3. Chairperson Pedersen requested copies of the master plan for each of the Board members, and expressed a willingness to provide input and information to the Carson River Advisory Committee on related issues. He thanked Mr. Greytak for his attendance.

Mr. Greytak expressed an interest in the wetlands potential at Riverview Park, and requested input from the Board regarding a habitat biologist. Member Walker suggested contacting the Nevada Division of Wildlife, and invited Mr. Greytak to attend the March 29th and 30th Wildlife Commission meeting in Reno. Chairperson Pedersen offered to provide direction to Mr. Greytak in contacting an NDOW biologist. Vice Chairperson Davis suggested Rick Brigham of the Bureau of Land Management.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0213) - Chairperson Pedersen advised of a recent conversation with Mayor Masayko regarding sage grouse. He further advised that the Mayor expressed appreciation for the Board's involvement in the Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan.

6. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 8 AND 9, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-0234) - Member Walker referred to the minutes of the February 8 and 9 Wildlife Commission meeting which were made a part of the record. He expressed disappointment in the way the meeting was conducted, and extensive discussion took place regarding the

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same. Member Walker advised of recent implementation of the web-enabled tag application and the across-the-board increase in tag fees. He further advised of his comments during the Wildlife Commission meeting regarding the need for timely notice of the Commission agenda and sufficient support material. Discussion took place regarding public review of the Nevada Division of Wildlife ("NDOW") budget and the fee increases. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Member Walker for representing the Board at the Commission meeting. Vice Chairperson Davis suggested the Commission should consider scaling down its agenda to a number of items which can actually be addressed and acted upon in one meeting.

Chairperson Pedersen expressed a concern regarding the lack of formal action reflected in the Board's January minutes, and discussion took place regarding the frequent lack of support materials in the Commission agenda packets, the problems created for the January Board meeting by NDOW's publication of a revised Commission agenda, and the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairperson Pedersen commented that the matters discussed will need to be monitored. He thanked Member Walker for his report.

(1-1975) Chairperson Pedersen provided an overview of the previous discussion for the benefit of Commissioner MacKenzie. He discussed the problems of making decisions with very little or no support material and the narrow time frames for providing input to the Commission. Discussion took place with regard to the same, and Commissioner MacKenzie agreed to convey the Board's concerns to the Wildlife Commission.

7. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN (1-0830) - Member Yanuck distributed a memo on the Bi-State Local Area Planning Group and referred to the correspondence to Mayor Masayko included in the agenda materials. He provided an overview of the activities and accomplishments of the planning group as outlined in the memo, and discussed Tribal and county representation at the meetings. Vice Chairperson Davis commended Member Yanuck on the reports provided to the Mayor, and expressed appreciation for the time and effort he has invested. Member Yanuck discussed the private property owners' perspective on the process and the issue of predation. He offered to make the meeting materials and the conservation plan available for review by the Board members, and invited the Board members to attend meetings with him. He responded to questions regarding development of the conservation plan, composition of the conservation planning committee, and progress to date. Discussion took place regarding loss of habitat and sage grouse population statistics. Chairperson Pedersen reiterated Mayor Masayko's comments regarding his appreciation of the Board's involvement in this process. He encouraged the other Board members to attend meetings with Member Yanuck, and committed to doing so as well.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MARCH 29 AND 30, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING:

A. DISCUSSION OF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1605) - Chairperson Pedersen noted the lack of support material included in the Commission agenda packet for many of the informational items.

- **STATUS OF MULE DEER HERD IN AREA 6 (1-1662)** - Chairperson Pedersen referred to the report included in the Commission agenda materials and provided an overview of the same. Member Walker advised of a PowerPoint presentation on fire damage at the February 8 and 9 Commission meeting.

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- **WESTERN ELKO COUNTY ELK SUB PLAN (1-1727)** - Chairperson Pedersen noted there was no support material included in the Commission agenda packet with regard to this item.
- **WESTERN NEVADA BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT (1-1752)** - Chairperson Pedersen noted there was no support material included in the Commission agenda packet. Member Walker advised of receiving a questionnaire with regard to this matter approximately 4-5 years ago. He indicated that a UNR graduate student is working to attach radio telemetry collars to black bears, and discussion took place regarding the black bear population in this area.

Chairperson Pedersen welcomed Commissioner Chris MacKenzie to the meeting.

- **WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE (1-1865)** - Chairperson Pedersen noted there was no support material included in the Commission agenda packet.
- **NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY (1-1880)** - Chairperson Pedersen noted there was no support material included in the Commission agenda packet.
- **INTERNET APPLICATION DEMONSTRATION (1-1885)** - Member Yanuck advised that Don Sefton will be providing a demonstration at the upcoming Commission meeting. Member Walker noted that the preceding items were carried over from the February 8 and 9 Commission meeting.
- **LITIGATION (1-1897)** - Chairperson Pedersen referred to the documentation included in the Commission agenda materials, and advised of an offer from Deputy Attorney General Ronda Moore to respond to questions at the Commission meeting.
- **WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (1-1920)** - Chairperson Pedersen advised that Commissioner McNinch and Deputy Administrator Weller will be providing a report at the Commission meeting.
- **SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLANNING (1-1910)** - Previously covered.
- **SECRETARY'S REPORT (1-1915)** - The Board members had no comment with regard to this item.
- **NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE (1-1917)** - The Board members had no comment with regard to this item.
- **APPLICATION HUNT PROGRAM FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FY 2001 (1-1922)** - Chairperson Pedersen referred to the report included in the Commission agenda materials, and suggested that the Board members address any questions with regard to the same at the Commission meeting.

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- **WILDLIFE HERITAGE ACCOUNT INTEREST AVAILABLE (1-1929)** - The Board members had no comment on this item. (1-1946) Chairperson Pedersen acknowledged that the Commissioners will be discussing this item at the upcoming meeting.
- **BIG GAME SURVEY, INVENTORY AND POPULATION ESTIMATE (1-1931)** - The Board members had no comment on this item.
- **PRONGHORN ANTELOPE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN (1-1935)** - The Board members had no comment on this item.
- **CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUB PLAN (1-1933)** - The Board members had no comment on this item.

8-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STILLWATER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN (1-1960) - Chairperson Pedersen solicited comments from the Board members and the public. In response to a question, Commissioner MacKenzie advised that a fifth alternative was added to the draft plan, as a result of public comment received, to provide less restrictive hunter access. (1-2218) Chairperson Pedersen suggested focusing on retaining access, and Commissioner MacKenzie pointed out that the Board's input will weigh as heavily as that of the Wildlife Commission as part of the public comment process. He noted that, although the conservation plan has yet to be provided for review by the Wildlife Commissioners, the public comment period will lapse prior to the next Commission meeting. Member Yanuck suggested scheduling a special meeting once the conservation plan is available for review. Vice Chairperson Davis noted that the Board submitted written comments on the plan two years ago. Chairperson Pedersen requested that the Board representative to the Wildlife Commission advise the Commissioners that the conservation plan has not been provided for review, and discussion took place regarding the same. **Vice Chairperson Davis moved to empower the Board representative to the upcoming Wildlife Commission meeting to demand a copy of the current report that the Wildlife Commission is considering to adopt for the Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge and if the copy cannot be made available to hold action until it can be made available. Member Yanuck seconded the motion.** Discussion took place regarding the wording of the motion, and Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERMIT DENIAL APPEAL (1-2630) - Discussion took place regarding the issue in question, and consensus of the Board was that insufficient information was provided to the Board members. Commissioner MacKenzie acknowledged that the appeal process will take place at the Commission meeting.

8-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (1-2743) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the Commission agenda materials applicable to this item, and provided an overview of the various fee increases. Discussion took place regarding the proposed reclassification of serious wildlife violations, and Commissioner MacKenzie advised of his involvement in the Legislative Committee. He explained that the proposed language addresses egregious and willful violations, and that the intended purpose of the reclassification is to hold intentional violators responsible. Vice Chairperson Davis read a portion of the proposed language into the record, and Commissioner MacKenzie explained the differences between the penalties for poaching and for poaching and possession. He responded to questions regarding the various perspectives on this issue, and the process

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for enacting the proposed legislation. Member Allyn read into the record the specific elements of the proposed legislation which would result in a violation.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed legislation to impose fees for admission to wildlife management areas, and Commissioner MacKenzie advised that the revenue will be used for habitat enhancement. Chairperson Pedersen suggested following these matters closely. Commissioner MacKenzie advised that the deadline for the Wildlife Commission and NDOW to submit legislative proposals is May 15th. In response to a question, he advised that each proposal would be submitted to the legislature as a separate bill. Tom Cavin suggested that the Board request copies of the bill drafts, and discussion took place regarding advisory board involvement in the legislative process. Chairperson Pedersen invited the citizens in attendance to the March 29 and 30 Wildlife Commission meeting in Reno, and discussion ensued regarding the method by which to provide input at the Commission meetings.

8-E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2002 STATEWIDE TOTAL YOUTH DEER HUNT 1107 QUOTA ALLOCATION (2-0068) - Chairperson Pedersen commented on the decrease in sales of youth tags. Discussion took place regarding the distribution of youth tags through the trophy areas, special youth hunts, and last year's statistics. With regard to the special youth hunt suggested by Ken Cavin, Member Walker suggested submitting a petition. The Board members offered to assist in drafting the petition.

8-F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HERITAGE BIG GAME TAGS (2-0170) - Chairperson Pedersen provided an overview of the materials included in the Commission agenda packet. Consensus of the Board was to support NDOW's recommendation with regard to this matter.

8-G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPLAND GAME AND MIGRATORY BIRD RELEASE PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 (2-0255) - Vice Chairperson Davis expressed agreement with the proposed amendments. In response to a question, Commissioner MacKenzie advised that NDOW is trapping and relocating birds. Consensus of the Board was to support the proposed amendments.

8-H. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PETITION FOR NON-RESIDENT HARVEST OF BOBCAT DURING THE REGULAR FURBEARER SEASON SUBMITTED BY THE NEVADA OUTFITTERS AND GUIDE ASSOCIATION (2-0280) - Vice Chairperson Davis expressed opposition to the petition, and discussion took place regarding revenue which would be allocated to NDOW. Commissioner MacKenzie advised that the Nevada Trappers Association has expressed opposition to this petition. Chairperson Pedersen provided an overview of the petition for the benefit of the citizens present. Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the petition and the State's bobcat population. Chairperson Pedersen distributed to the Board members copies of an e-mail from Fred Church. Commissioner MacKenzie advised that Joel Blakeslee has expressed a concern regarding out-of-state trappers competing with in-state trappers. The Board members discussed the fact that the petition specifies "any legal means" of hunting which would include trapping. **Vice Chairperson Davis moved to deny the petition submitted by Nevada Outfitters and Guide Association.** Member Allyn commented that the petition is vaguely written and could include trapping, and **seconded the motion.** **Motion carried 5-0.**

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8-I. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PETITION TO ALLOW BIG GAME TAG APPLICANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN BONUS POINTS WITHOUT THE CHANCE OF DRAWING A TAG SUBMITTED BY THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (2-0416) - Chairperson Pedersen provided an overview of the petition. Member Walker pointed out that the current system allows hunters to miss every other year and still retain their bonus points. He expressed opposition to the petition. (1-0455) Tom Cavin expressed a preference for a hunter to be able to remain active in the system while attending college or serving in the military. Vice Chairperson Davis expressed support for the petition with the conditions that adding the 0000 will not jeopardize the tag application process or increase processing fees. Member Yanuck pointed out that the petition will generate revenue for NDOW, and discussion took place regarding the effect of the petition. Chairperson Pedersen read into the record an e-mail message from Fred Church. **Member Yanuck moved to support the petition to add bonus points and a 0000 hunt number so the applicant would be able to obtain a bonus point without actually obtaining a tag. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1.**

8-J. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PETITION TO CHANGE THE BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SINGLE WEAPON CLASS HUNTS TO ONE HUNTER CHOICE NUMBER SUBMITTED BY THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (2-0713) - Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the petition, and Chairperson Pedersen read the petition into the record. Additional discussion took place regarding the effect of the petition, and **Vice Chairperson Davis moved to deny the petition by the Washoe County Advisory Board to change the application process for single weapon class hunts to one hunter choice number. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING STATE PER DIEM RATES AS OUTLINED IN THE FEBRUARY 6, 2001 MEMORANDUM FROM STEVE BREMER, NDOW BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CHIEF (2-0890) - Discussion pointed out that a more current memo has been issued, and Chairperson Pedersen advised that he would provide a copy of the same to the recording secretary. He acknowledged that NDOW reimburses expenses for one Board member to attend each Wildlife Commission meeting. Member Walker provided an overview of the per diem allowed.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CCABMW BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2002-2003 (2-1035) - Chairperson Pedersen noted that the fiscal year runs from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, and that the Board's budget is due to NDOW by April 2, 2002. In response to a comment, Member Yanuck advised that former Board Secretary Larry Blank had provided him all the budget information. He pointed out that the meeting locations for 2003 have not yet been provided. Discussion took place regarding meeting locations and travel expenses, and Member Yanuck offered to prepare a draft budget.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE 2002 BIG GAME QUOTA RECOMMENDATIONS MEETING WITH NDOW REPRESENTATIVE (2-1190) - Chairperson Pedersen advised of the tentative meeting date suggested by NDOW, and consensus of the Board was to schedule the meeting for Wednesday, April 24, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

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12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE MARCH 29 AND 30, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN RENO (2-1229) - Member Yanuck volunteered to attend the Friday meeting. Member Allyn volunteered to attend the Saturday meeting. Chairperson Pedersen advised that he plans to attend both sessions.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING (2-1278) - Chairperson Pedersen suggested scheduling the next meeting for Monday, May 6th. Commissioner MacKenzie suggested waiting until the April 24th meeting to officially schedule the next regular Board meeting, and the Board members concurred.

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-1319) - At the request of Vice Chairperson Davis, Member Yanuck reviewed the meeting schedule for the sage grouse conservation plan. Vice Chairperson Davis referred to discussion which took place under item 6, and expressed appreciation for Commissioner MacKenzie's attendance and participation in this meeting. He requested Commissioner MacKenzie to attend the Board meetings as often as he is able, and to convey the concerns of the Board to the other Wildlife Commissioners.

15. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-1445) - Member Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the March 25, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of April, 2002.

NORMAN PEDERSEN, Chair