

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, July 29, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Bill Allyn
Steve Walker
Gil Yanuck

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 and inspection during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001) - Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 10, 2002 (1-0007) - Member Yanuck moved to accept the minutes. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0029) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0062) - Chairperson Pedersen advised of a telephone conversation earlier in the day with NDOW Deputy Administrator Gene Weller regarding the possibility of Carson City and Douglas County jointly hosting a Commission meeting.

6. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS TO FILL TWO CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE POSITIONS (1-0105) - Discussion took place regarding the method by which to conduct the interviews, the length of time the vacancies were advertised, the procedure used by the City's Human Resources Department to advertise and to notify former applicants of vacancies, and the number of applications received. Member Walker moved that, with the lack of applicants for this particular selection process, the Board recommend appointment for one position and reopen the other position until the next meeting at which time interviews will be conducted and a recommendation for that position will be made to the Board of Supervisors. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Mr. Bower inquired as to whether the Board will continue to hold the vacancy open if there is no additional interest in the position. Member Walker explained that the Board has traditionally had more than one application for a vacancy. Mr. Bower expressed a concern that "the first position is already filled so I'm basically here for nothing today." Member Walker acknowledged that one of the applicants is a current Board member, but denied that the Board member's reappointment is a "rubber stamp." Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; motion carried 4-0.

(1-0335) Gilbert Yanuck acknowledged that his term on the Board expires July 31, 2002. He responded to questions regarding his ability to attend regular Board meetings, out-of-town Commission meetings, and other meetings associated with Board business. He discussed the time commitment required to review the

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extensive Board and Commission meeting materials and to attend out-of-town meetings. He referred to his commitment to the Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Planning Team, on behalf of the Board and as Mayor Masayko's representative, and advised of the various locations of these meetings throughout Northern Nevada and California. In response to a question, he advised that his responsibilities as Board Secretary and as the Board's representative to the Sage Grouse Planning Team have not become a burden; that he has enjoyed participating and contributing in these areas. He referred to the Expense Account form developed for use by the Board members and subsequently distributed, at the request of NDOW Administrator Terry Crawforth, to the other county advisory boards throughout the State. He discussed development of the Board's annual budget, and the experience and knowledge gained as a result of his participation in the Sage Grouse Planning Team. Member Allyn expressed appreciation for Member Yanuck's efforts. Member Walker commented on Member Yanuck's dedication and success in his role as Board Secretary and as Board representative to the Sage Grouse Planning Team. He thanked Member Yanuck on behalf of the Board. With regard to the interview process, Chairperson Pedersen noted the benefit of having known and worked with Member Yanuck as "actions speak louder than words." He expressed appreciation for Member Yanuck's dedication and commitment to the Board.

Member Yanuck expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board and to learn about the Nevada Division of Wildlife, its staff, and challenges. He expressed disappointment that more people do not attend advisory board meetings because of the responsibility involved in representing their interests before the Wildlife Commission. He discussed the importance of finding ways to generate more interest by the general public. He acknowledged that more information should be provided potential applicants about the time commitment required to serve as an advisory board member.

(1-0670) The Board members introduced themselves to Les Bower. Chairperson Pedersen discussed the time and travel requirements involved in attending advisory board and Wildlife Commission meetings. In response to a question, Mr. Bower advised that his employment and personal schedules are flexible enough to accommodate attending meetings. He provided information on his background and experience, and his interest in serving on the Board. He responded to questions regarding his length of residency in Nevada; his opinion on recent increases in hunting and fishing license fees and whether or not public input should be solicited; his knowledge of Nevada geography and hunting/fishing issues; and his ability and willingness to learn. In response to a further question, he advised that he does not have a current hunting or fishing license. He acknowledged that he would continue to attend general Board meetings even if he is not appointed to the Board. In response to a further question, he discussed his gun safety class teaching schedule. The Board members displayed and discussed the Wildlife Commission and advisory board agenda materials which are provided for review prior to each meeting.

The Board members discussed the qualifications of each applicant and it was noted that the previous motion would have to be withdrawn as this item was not agendized for action.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPOINTMENTS TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-1495) - Member Walker moved to recommend the reappointment of Gil Yanuck. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Member Walker moved, due to the lack of applications, that a recommendation be postponed and the position readvertised to generate more interest. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Discussion took place regarding the intent of the motion and Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote; **motion carried 3-0.** Chairperson Pedersen advised the applicants of the Board's

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action and provided an explanation of the same. The Board members encouraged Mr. Bower's continued interest and attendance at future meetings. [Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:43 p.m.] Chairperson Pedersen advised Mr. Bower of his right to appear before the Board of Supervisors at the time the recommendation is agendized for their approval.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN APPRECIATION GIFT FOR FORMER VICE CHAIRPERSON GREG DAVIS (1-1932) - Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item. Member Walker noted, for the benefit of the citizens present, that the Board members contribute personally to the appreciation gift; that funds are not allocated from the Board's budget. Discussion took place regarding an appropriate gift to recognize former Vice Chairperson Davis, and consensus of the Board was to request the Human Resources Department to prepare a Certificate of Appreciation for signature by the Mayor, and to have it framed.

9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE JUNE 21 AND 22, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-2040) - Chairperson Pedersen advised that there was no Board representative present at the June 21st meeting. He referred to the notes submitted by Kevin Baily which were included in the agenda materials and requested Mr. Baily to review the same. Mr. Baily referred to page 10 of the June 22nd Wildlife Commission minutes and provided an overview of his comments provided during the public comment period. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Mr. Baily for his report. In response to a question, Mr. Baily advised that William Gibson had his master guide license suspended for two years. He expressed the opinion that, after reading the circumstances surrounding the issue, Mr. Gibson should have had his license revoked for the maximum five years and, perhaps, permanently. Member Yanuck expressed disappointment in the way the Commission handles master guide license revocation hearings.

10. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN (1-2450) - Member Yanuck reviewed the June 15, 2002 and July 23, 2002 reports included in the agenda materials, and discussed the recent meetings of the Bi-State Planning Group. He responded to questions regarding the time requirements for a typical field trip. He discussed the tasks scheduled for an upcoming field trip to evaluate habitat and provide recommendations; the lack of Tribal representation at the Bi-State Planning and Team Meetings and measures being taken to generate Tribal participation; and support from the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service, and other governmental and professional agencies. Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item for the benefit of the citizens present, and thanked Member Yanuck for his excellent report.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE AUGUST 9 AND 10, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS:

A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 302 (LCB FILE NO. R054-02)

(1-2865) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the information contained in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials, specifically with regard to the issues of motorized vehicles, weapons, and ammunition. He expressed concern that some members of the public may have a problem with the proposed amendments. Member Yanuck expressed a concern that the proposed amendments will present an additional enforcement burden to the game wardens and forest rangers. Mr. Bower commented on the trend toward commercialization of nature which has required the proposed amendments. Mr. Baily expressed agreement with Mr. Bower's and Member Yanuck's comments, and inquired as to how enforcement will be provided in Wildlife Management Areas. Chairperson Pedersen advised that game wardens and forest rangers will be the

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only means of enforcement. Member Yanuck moved to concur with the proposed amendments. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

B. SPRING MOUNTAINS MANAGEMENT ISSUES (1-3268) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the information included in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials. Member Walker referred to the letter from an United States Department of Agriculture representative to the President of the National Wild Horse Association included in the Commission agenda materials, and discussed the appropriate management level ("AML") prescribed therein. Discussion took place regarding concerns over genetic diversity, the lack of material necessary to convey information to the general public and receive input, and effects of wild horses on sage grouse habitat. Member Allyn commented that the Wildlife Commission should consider protecting the interests of the sportsmen. He suggested that the Board recommend supporting the round up and that the Commission work to balance the interests of the involved individuals and agencies. Member Walker suggested that the Board's representative to the Wildlife Commission meeting listen to Doug Hunt's presentation and provide the Board's comments, as appropriate. Member Yanuck summarized the Board's comments by noting that the consensus was to concur with the direction outlined by the Department of Agriculture and the National Wild Horse Association. If the direction is further supported by NDOW staff at the Wildlife Commission meeting, the Board will continue to be in agreement.

C. TABLE MOUNTAIN WIND GENERATION PROPOSAL - DOUG HUNT AND TABLE MOUNTAIN WIND COMPANY, LLC (2-0020) - Chairperson Pedersen noted that the U.S. Air Force rejected the proposed Nevada Test Site location due to the anticipation of severe radar interference. He acknowledged that statistical information will be presented at the Commission meeting, and reviewed the information included in the Commission agenda materials. In response to a question, Member Allyn advised that the Table Mountain which is the subject of this agenda item is not within a wilderness management area. Chairperson Pedersen read a portion of a *Las Vegas Review Journal* article into the record, and Mr. Baily provided details regarding the facility proposed for the Table Mountain location as presented at the June 22nd Wildlife Commission meeting. He advised that the Wildlife Commissioners were very dissatisfied with the information provided on this item. Chairperson Pedersen suggested withholding a recommendation until the Board has a chance to review the results of an environmental impact study. Consensus of the Board was to continue monitoring this item.

D. LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PLAN (2-0329) - Discussion took place regarding the issue of personal water craft and concerns for the environment. Member Yanuck commented that a recommendation which represents the interests of environmentalists, outdoors enthusiasts, anglers, hunters, etc. will allow the resource to remain available to everyone. In response to a question, Member Walker referred to the Blue Water Network web site for additional information regarding the reason for recommending the personal water craft ban. He advised that the same ban has been recommended for lakes in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Washington and Montana. Consensus of the Board was to monitor this item.

E. MASTER GUIDE LICENSE DENIAL - WILLIAM A. AND DONNA BERG, BIG SMOKY VALLEY OUTFITTERS (2-0549) - The recording secretary noted that this item had been withdrawn from the final version of the Wildlife Commission agenda.

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F. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (2-0555) - Chairperson Pedersen acknowledged that the listed proposals have been previously discussed by the Board, and comments provided to the Wildlife Commission. No further discussion took place.

- **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO LICENSE STRUCTURE;**
- **LICENSE, TAG, STAMP AND PERMIT FEE INCREASES AND A HABITAT CONSERVATION FEE;**
- **REVERSION OF THE DIVISION TO A DEPARTMENT;**
- **COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE DIVISION BUDGET;**
- **ADVERTISING IN AGENCY PUBLICATIONS; AND**
- **USE OF PRIVATE PRINTING FIRMS FOR DIVISION PUBLICATIONS**
- **THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO HEAR A STATUS REPORT ON DIVISION EFFORTS TO SECURE ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES AND CONSIDER SUPPORT OF PROPOSALS.**

G. MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS FOR 2002-2003 (2-0617) - Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item. Discussion took place regarding the preference to open duck season as late as possible, and consensus of the Board was to continue monitoring this item.

H. BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN AMENDMENT 2002-2003 (2-0575) - Consensus of the Board was to support the addition of one Desert Bighorn Sheep project to the FY 2003 Big Game Release Plan. Chairperson Pedersen provided an overview of discussions of this matter from previous meetings.

I. CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP TRANSPLANT (2-0684) - Member Walker read into the record a memo from the State of Washington Division of Wildlife addressed to NDOW Administrator Terry Crawforth which was included in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials. Discussion took place regarding the details of the request and the concern in the State of Idaho regarding species integration. Consensus was for the Board representative to the Wildlife Commission to provide comment, if necessary, and report on the discussion which takes place at the meeting.

J. PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2003 (2-0782) - The Board members referred to the information included in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials and reviewed the same. Member Yanuck acknowledged that the Governor's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan Bi-State Planning Group has been receiving information on predator management. Discussion took place regarding allocated funding and the activities of the Animal Damage Control Company. Consensus of the Board was to support the recommendations of the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and its proposed budget request.

K. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (2-0945) - Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item, and acknowledged that the Wildlife Commission will be electing a new chairman and vice chairman in the near future.

L. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS (2-0972) - Chairperson Pedersen displayed the Wildlife Commission meeting schedule for the remainder of 2002 through February 2003. He reiterated the details of his conversation with Deputy Administrator Gene Weller as disclosed under item 5 of this agenda. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of scheduling a Wildlife Commission meeting in Carson City and hosting it jointly with a neighboring county advisory board. Member Yanuck suggested

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agendizing discussion and possible action of the same for the next meeting. Mr. Baily suggested contacting the NDOW staff person in charge of scheduling meetings to discuss the process. He suggested that the Carson Fly Fishing Club may be available to assist with the details.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (2-1272) - Chairperson Pedersen noted that reports will be provided by subcommittee representatives or NDOW staff persons on each of the items listed. Because of this, the Board members did not discuss or comment on each one of the informational reports.

A. PRIVATE LANDS WILDLIFE (2-1107) - Member Yanuck referred to the materials provided in the Wildlife Commission agenda packets, and discussion took place regarding accesses to lands in northern Washoe County which have been closed by Todd Jaksick. Member Walker read a portion of the minutes of a Private Lands Wildlife Subcommittee meeting into the record, and discussion took place regarding Mr. Jaksick's request for 16 incentive tags. Discussion ensued regarding the difference between incentive and compensation tags, the fee proposed by Mr. Jaksick for each tag, and the concern over establishing a precedent. Consensus of the Board was to monitor this matter.

[Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting at 10:03 p.m. and reconvened at 10:07 p.m.]

B. ANTELOPE MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE (2-1279) - Member Walker advised that a rough draft has been developed and will be presented at the Wildlife Commission meeting.

C. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN and D. ELKO COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN (2-1285) - Chairperson Pedersen suggested that the Board's representative to the Wildlife Commission meeting provide feedback on the subplan reports.

E. WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

F. 2002 APPLICATION HUNTS RESULTS (2-1299) - Chairperson Pedersen commented that a report will be available for review at the Wildlife Commission meeting. Member Walker noted that 2002 was the first year tag applications were available on-line. In addition, on-line reports are available regarding successful and unsuccessful resident and non-resident hunts, as well as rejected tag applications.

G. BIG GAME SEASON, QUOTA AND DATA PROCESSES (2-1352) - Member Walker suggested that this report will correspond with the 2002 Application Hunt Results report.

H. OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

I. LITIGATION

J. NEVADA WILDLIFE SYSTEM DATA UPDATE (2-1370) - Chairperson Pedersen advised of having logged on to the website to research data.

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K. COMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF WILDLIFE (2-1380) - Member Walker advised that commercial collection refers to lizards, snakes, and other reptiles.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PETITION THE COMMISSION TO ALLOW RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT PARTY HUNTS (2-1403) - Chairperson Pedersen provided an overview of previous discussions of this item. Member Yanuck suggested discussing the proposal with a NDOW staff person. Discussion took place regarding the benefits of the proposal and possible issues from NDOW's perspective. Chairperson Pedersen offered to contact NDOW, discuss the proposal, request input, and provide feedback at the next Board meeting.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ELECT A NEW VICE CHAIRPERSON (2-1575) - Chairperson Pedersen discussed the importance of the Vice Chairperson's role and requested input from the Board members with regard to waiting until the vacancy is filled to take action on this item. Discussion took place with regard to the same, and **Member Yanuck nominated Member Walker as vice chairperson. Member Allyn seconded the motion.** Member Walker advised that his term expires in July 2003, and Chairperson Pedersen provided information on the Board's staggered terms for the benefit of Mr. Bower. He called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 3-0-1, Vice Chairperson Walker abstaining.**

15. REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF CCABMW BUDGET (2-1688) - Member Yanuck advised that a balance of \$762 remains in the account as of July 26, 2002. He further advised of having spoken with staff from the City's Finance Department regarding the budget augmentation from the Nevada Division of Wildlife. He was informed that the augmentation was received but had not yet been posted. He provided background information on the budget augmentation which was based on the Board's request (\$2,860) less the remaining account balance at the beginning of the fiscal year. He advised that he would continue communicating with City Finance Department staff and provide an update at the next Board meeting. In response to a comment, he advised that sufficient funds remain in the account to cover expenses for the Board's representative to attend the next Wildlife Commission meeting in Las Vegas.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE AUGUST 9 AND 10, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LAS VEGAS (2-1740) - The Board members discussed their individual schedules and Member Yanuck volunteered to attend the Commission meeting. He suggested developing a policy for advising the Chairperson and designating an alternate in the event of unforeseen circumstances which would prevent attendance by the Board representative. Vice Chairperson Walker suggested reviewing the upcoming meeting schedule to determine the Board members' availability.

17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING (2-1847) - The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2002 in Ely. Following discussion, consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m.

18. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-1986) - Vice Chairperson Walker requested staff to agendize discussion regarding the 2003 Wildlife Commission meeting schedule. Chairperson Pedersen noted that item 13 would be reagendized.

19. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-2042) - Vice Chairperson Walker moved to adjourn the meeting

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at 10:47 p.m. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the July 29, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of September, 2002.

NORMAN PEDERSEN, Chair