A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2002 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Vice Chairperson Steven Walker
William Allyn
Gilbert Yanuck

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0001) Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Pedersen welcomed former Vice Chairperson Greg Davis. (1-0135) Chairperson Pedersen welcomed Commissioner Chris MacKenzie.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 29, 2002 (1-0009) - Member Yanuck moved to accept the minutes, as submitted. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0019) - Chairperson Pedersen modified the agenda to address item 8 following item 5. (1-0139) Chairperson Pedersen further modified the agenda to address item 11-l following item 8.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0033) - C.K. Baily displayed and circulated the award presented by the Carson River Advisory Committee to the Carson Fly Fishing Club for its Trout in the Classroom projects. He will be providing a presentation at the October 2nd meeting of the Carson River Advisory Committee on Trout in the Classroom. He displayed the Walker River and Truckee River Writs and offered to make them available to the Board members for review. He further offered to review the Writs and provide a summary at the next meeting which Chairperson Pedersen accepted. He provided a summary of Dave Sanger's lecture regarding the Trout Stamp as presented to the Carson Fly Fishing Club.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0095) - Chairperson Pedersen advised of a conversation with an NDOW staff person regarding resident/non-resident party hunts. He provided a report under agenda item 14. He further advised of having been contacted by Carol Davis, who explained that Jim Davis had been called away to Arizona regarding his non-resident elk hunt and would not be able to attend this meeting. Vice Chairperson Walker advised of having been contacted by Stan Zuber, who was assigned by his supervisor to the Palomino Valley and would also not be able to attend the meeting. Chairperson Pedersen advised of a conversation with Commissioner Chris MacKenzie.

6. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS TO FILL CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE VACANCY (1-1568) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the applications included in the agenda materials. He reiterated the information disclosed earlier regarding Mr. Davis' elk hunt in Arizona, and noted that Mr. Bower was in attendance at the meeting. Member Yanuck referred to the extenuating circumstances requiring the absences of Mr. Davis and Mr. Zuber, and suggested postponing interviews to the next meeting in order to provide all the applicants the opportunity to represent themselves. He suggested that this may be in the best interests of the Board and of the community.

(1-1694) Les Bower advised of having recently completed his volunteer hunter safety instructor training for NDOW. He referred to his last interview before the Board, and advised that he has served as a volunteer in every community in which he has lived. He suggested that the Board members know "how busy volunteers are." He advised that he works full time, has a private business, and volunteers with community and church organizations. He further advised that if his interview was postponed again, he would not be appearing before the Board for an additional interview. He stated he would not "take away from ... other volunteer positions on filling a hole that doesn't have a bottom." He referred to his appearance at the Board's August meeting at which time he was the only applicant "due to public disinterest." He disagreed with the Board's action at the August meeting to postpone interviews in the hope of generating additional interest. Chairperson Pedersen advised that Mr. Bower's statements assume the Board's only criteria is the interview process, and that Member Yanuck's suggestion was in the interest of fairness to all the applicants. Mr. Bower advised that he had received no notice of this meeting, and that he appeared on his own after reading the meeting notice in the paper. Chairperson Pedersen advised Mr. Bower of the Board's options regarding the vacancy.

Chairperson Pedersen referred to Member Yanuck's recommendation to postpone the interviews, and requested input from the Board members. Vice Chairperson Walker advised Mr. Bower that he had applied to the Board over a 9-10 month period before being appointed. He discussed his work with community volunteer organizations, and acknowledged that everyone's time is very valuable. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Bower's candid comments, and the hope that he would not withdraw his application from consideration because of the recommendation to postpone the interview process. Mr. Bower expressed the opinion that a "person's record should be taken into account not whether they're stubborn enough to keep coming." He felt, after the August meeting, that if he didn't attend meetings "every month for a year, [he] wouldn't even be considered." He expressed the opinion that the Board was not conducting the process appropriately. Member Allyn commented that everyone should have an opportunity to participate in the process. At the request of Chairperson Pedersen, Member Yanuck reiterated the recommendation to postpone interviews until the next meeting, and the Board members concurred.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-1902) - Deferred.

8. PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER VICE CHAIRPERSON GREG DAVIS (1-0160) - Chairperson Pedersen presented Mr. Davis with a framed Certificate of Appreciation signed by Mayor Masayko in recognition of his valuable service to the City. Vice Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Davis for his service. Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on Mr. Davis' service to the Board. Mr. Davis stated he enjoyed serving on the Board, and commented that the Board is on the right track in generating additional public interest in the meetings.

9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 9 AND 10, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1912) - Member Yanuck referred to the draft minutes included in the agenda materials. He discussed the resignation of Commissioner Jelindo Tiberti and the appointment of Clint Bentley, former President of the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn. He provided an overview of the discussion which took place regarding the Predator Management Plan for FY 2003; proposed regulations for Wildlife Management Areas, raptor training, ATV use, air rifles and BB guns; the wild horse herd in the Spring Mountains; and the Table Mountain Wind Generation Proposal. [Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.] Discussion took place regarding the Table Mountain Wind Generation Proposal. Member Yanuck provided an overview of the discussion which took place regarding the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Plan; commercial collection of black fish from Lahontan Reservoir and his comments with regard to the same.

Member Yanuck advised that the Commission officers were re-elected to serve for an additional year. He provided an overview of Secretary Crawforth's report, and the excellent presentation by Gregg Tanner on chronic wasting disease. He advised that the advisory boards will be receiving copies of the video presentation on chronic wasting disease, and suggested that it should be highly publicized and the public invited to attend. He reviewed the information provided on chronic wasting disease, as reflected in the draft minutes. He provided an overview of the discussion regarding the proposed California Bighorn Sheep transplant, and discussion took place with regard to the same. He discussed Commission Regulation 02-13 Amendment #1 and provided an overview of Roy Lee's appeal for rejection of his big game tag application.

Member Yanuck advised that the Commission was not able to address the entire agenda and many of the items were deferred to the next meeting. Wildlife Commission Chairperson Moran suggested that the Commission may consider meeting more than once a month, and the Commissioners discussed the 2003 meeting schedule. Member Yanuck reviewed the revisions to the 2003 meeting schedule. Chairperson Pedersen pointed out that additional Wildlife Commission meetings will, in turn, impact the advisory boards' budgets and staff. He thanked Member Yanuck for his report.

10. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-2510) - Discussion took place regarding distribution of Member Yanuck's periodic reports to the Board members. Member Yanuck provided an overview of the six reports included in the agenda materials and circulated photographs of two field trips. Chairperson Pedersen read into the record a memo from Mayor Masayko to Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Chairman of the Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands, commending Member Yanuck's efforts on behalf of the Board and the Mayor.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS:

11-a. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 302 (LCB FILE NO. R054-02) (1-2827) - Chairperson Pedersen advised of having reviewed the Commission agenda materials, and noted that this item was previously presented to the Wildlife Commission as an informational item. In response to a question, Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the proposed amendments to the language of the regulation. He indicated that the majority of the proposed amendments have to do with verbiage, and that there are seasonal changes as well. **Member Yanuck moved to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to Commission General Regulation 302. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-b. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 304 (1-2935) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the purpose of the proposed amendment. Vice Chairperson Walker referred the Board members to the information included in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials, and discussion took place regarding the proposed revisions. Member Yanuck discussed the issues associated with damage compensation tags, and Vice Chairperson Walker read a portion of the proposed regulation into the record. Chairperson Pedersen suggested that application for damage compensation tags may decrease as a result of this proposed amendment. **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to support Commission General Regulation Number 304, as written. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-c. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 305 (LCB FILE NO. R108-02) (1-3205) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the elements of the regulation. Vice Chairperson Walker displayed a map depicting the proposed changes and additions, and discussion took place regarding the clarifications provided by the regulation. **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to support the regulation, as written. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGREEMENT SETTLING APPEAL OF BIG SMOKEY VALLEY OUTFITTERS/DONNA AND WILLIAM BERG (1-3310) - Member Allyn advised that this item has appeared on a Commission agenda three times without any documentation included in the Commission agenda materials. Member Yanuck advised that the information will be presented when both parties are present at a Commission meeting. Vice Chairperson Walker discussed the leniency consistently shown outfitters and guides by the Commission. Discussion took place regarding the process for addressing items such as this during the Commission meeting, and the reasons advance information is not provided to the advisory boards.

11-e. BIENNIAL BUDGET (1-3447) - Reference was made to the presentation by Commissioner Chris MacKenzie under item 11-l. Vice Chairperson Walker referred to the budget information included in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials, and discussion took place with regard to the same. In response to a question, Member Yanuck discussed administration and accounting requirements for federal grants. Vice Chairperson Walker suggested recommending to the Commission that a NDOW staff person conduct a workshop on federal grants. Member Yanuck referred to concerns associated with Predator Management Program funding, and discussed NDOW's attempts to demonstrate to the public how the funding was allocated. He referred to Commissioner MacKenzie's earlier remarks regarding the responsibilities of NDOW staff, and commented that NDOW staff is "overworked, understaffed and ... don't have the skills necessary to administer as many programs" as they have. He suggested that funding may be misspent or mismanaged but not because of anyone's bad intentions. He further suggested that new employees with new ideas and up-to-date computer skills would be better able to keep track of funding. Chairperson Pedersen noted that the budget will be submitted for Commission review at the upcoming meeting.

Chairperson Pedersen agreed with Member Yanuck's comments. He noted that there are a number of good biologists at NDOW who may lack the skills to administer federal and grant funding. Vice Chairperson Walker pointed out that NDOW would benefit from a full-time grant administrator. Chairperson Pedersen agreed, and commented that grant administrator positions "more than pay for [themselves] from the amount of revenue they bring in." Vice Chairperson Walker noted that the budget is agendized as an action item on the Wildlife Commission agenda.

Member Yanuck referred to Commissioner MacKenzie's presentation and request for endorsement of

NDOW's budget, and the Board's comments and concerns. He discussed costs associated with NDOW reverting from a division to a department. He expressed the hope that Commissioner MacKenzie will convey the comments of the Board and the citizens to the other Wildlife Commissioners. He discussed the importance of a balanced budget. **Member Yanuck moved to write a letter to the Commission supporting the budget and their proposed methods of addressing the budget issues. Motion died for lack of a second.** He suggested that NDOW may not have the capability to follow through on the Board's direction at this point. He noted that the comments of the Board and the public would require a complete "revamping" of NDOW's budget administration processes. He discussed the importance of public involvement. Chairperson Pedersen pointed out that the Wildlife Commission is charged with representing the public's interests. Discussion took place regarding administrative costs, the possibility of reducing fees in the future, the importance of accountability, and the proposal for the Commission to become an approving authority over NDOW's budget. **Member Yanuck restated his earlier motion to write a letter to the Commission supporting their annual budget for FY 2004/2005. Motion died for lack of a second.**

Discussion took place regarding how to convey to the Commission the Board's concerns and reservations. Member Yanuck suggested recommending that the Commission appoint a subcommittee comprised of people who are willing to volunteer the time to understand and address the issues. Vice Chairperson Walker expressed a concern regarding the lack of available information. Additional discussion took place regarding the method by which to convey the Board's concerns, the proposed 25% increase in fees, and the Legislature's role in approving the budget. Chairperson Pedersen summarized the discussion, as follows: Based upon the information provided and the input received from the public, the Board is not in a position to recommend approval at this time. **Member Yanuck moved to table discussion on recommending support of the FY 2004/2005 budget until another meeting.** Chairperson Pedersen noted that the Board will then have had the benefit of NDOW's presentation and the Commissioners' comments. **Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion.**

(2-0410) C.K. Baily expressed appreciation for the Board's action to not "rubber stamp" NDOW's budget. He advised that the California Wildlife Commission has a subcommittee to review budget issues, and that the California Department of Fish and Game receives a greater percentage of the State's general fund. He suggested that the advertising proposal will generate the most efficient revenue.

(2-0461) Bob Parry suggested that the graph distributed by the Commission is a "first float." He complimented the Board on deferring support until more information is provided. He suggested that the proposed budget will be negotiable.

Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

11-f. SPRING MOUNTAINS MANAGEMENT ISSUES (2-0490) - Vice Chairperson Walker referred to the draft Commission minutes, and advised that Wildlife Commission Chairperson Moran "is right on top of this." He referred to BLM Public Law 92-195(3)(a) included in the Commission agenda materials, and read a portion of the same into the record. He provided background information on this item for the benefit of the public. **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to support the Commission's views on this particular subject. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-g. LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PLAN (2-0580) - Chairperson Pedersen relayed the comments of the American Sportfishing Association for the benefit of the public. Discussion took place regarding the provisions of the plan, and Vice Chairperson Walker pointed out that Lake Mead was created by the taxpayers for the purpose of recreation. C.K. Baily suggested that imposing a "no wake zone" would address the concerns and still allow for keeping the area open. Vice Chairperson Walker discussed the revenue generated by the Lake Mead recreation area which would be lost if it were closed. Chairperson Pedersen discussed the age limits imposed by Nevada and neighboring states for use of personal watercraft. **Member Yanuck moved to oppose any additional restrictions on use of the Lake Mead Recreation Area. Member Allyn seconded the motion.** Mr. Baily requested clarification of the motion and discussion took place with regard to the same. **Member Yanuck withdrew his motion; Member Allyn withdrew his second. Member Yanuck moved to oppose the draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding special regulations on areas of the National Park System known as Lake Mead. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-h. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (2-0849) - **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to support the request. Member Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-i. COMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF WILDLIFE (2-0883) - Vice Chairperson Walker referred to the Secretary's report which discussed egrets in the Carson Valley which have been affected by the high mercury content along the Carson River. He pointed out that the entire Carson Valley drains into the Lahontan Reservoir, and expressed a concern that NDOW could be liable for injury or illness resulting from blackfish being collected from the Lahontan Reservoir and sold. Discussion took place regarding whether blackfish are susceptible to mercury accumulation, and Mr. Baily referred to the warnings included in the Nevada Fishing Regulations regarding fish caught from the Lahontan Reservoir. Vice Chairperson Walker suggested that the Board's representative advise the Commission of the concerns, and discussion took place regarding the same. Member Yanuck reviewed the provisions of the proposed process, and Chairperson Pedersen expressed a concern regarding the concept of commercial collection of wildlife.

(2-1078) Bob Parry suggested that commercial collection of wildlife "goes against the basic principles of sportsmen," and expressed a concern regarding possible liability for NDOW.

Vice Chairperson Walker pointed out that the provisions apply to unprotected wildlife, and noted that the blackfish is not a sport fish. He read into the record the warnings from the Western Region Special Regulations for Lahontan Reservoir and the Carson River, and suggested reminding the Commission of these regulations. He read into the record information on this item provided in the Wildlife Commission agenda materials. Discussion took place regarding the method by which to establish a fair process, and Member Yanuck suggested that the correct alternative is the one which will generate the most revenue and be the least costly to administer. He agreed that a quota established by the local fish biologist is necessary. **Chairperson Pedersen suggested supporting commercial collection of unprotected wildlife utilizing a competitive process. Member Yanuck so moved. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion,** and reiterated his earlier suggestion of formally or informally commenting on the mercury contamination concerns at the Wildlife Commission meeting. Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

[Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting at 10:30 p.m. and reconvened at 10:36 p.m.]

11-j. BIG GAME SEASON, QUOTA AND DATA PROCESSES (2-1450) - Chairperson Pedersen noted that this item will primarily be informational, and suggested that the Board representative listen to the presentation and make comment if appropriate. The Board members concurred.

11-k. PETITION - GEORGE CORNER, ELKO GUIDE SERVICE (2-1466) - Vice Chairperson Walker reviewed and discussed his support of the petition. **Vice Chairperson Walker moved to support the petition to issue non-resident goat tags concurrent with the 10% resident policy already in effect. Member Yanuck seconded the motion.** Chairperson Pedersen concurred with Vice Chairperson Walker's earlier comments, and discussed the importance of revenues generated by non-resident hunters. Discussion took place regarding Mr. Corner's proposal to have one tag made available from the heritage program, and Vice Chairperson Walker noted that his motion was in support of the petition, as written. Member Allyn expressed support for the petition. Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

11-l. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS (1-0225) - Chairperson Pedersen introduced Commissioner MacKenzie, and provided background information on his service to the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and his appointment to the Nevada Wildlife Commission. Commissioner MacKenzie provided an overview of his presentation, and advised that the Nevada Division of Wildlife anticipates a budget shortfall by FY 2004. He displayed a graph depicting NDOW's financial status through FY 2007, indicating the need to either increase revenues or cut programs. He advised that post-season game counts have been canceled, and the budget includes no proposed raises for, or additions to, personnel. Even with these measures and maintaining the "status quo" in the existing budget, NDOW anticipates being "in the red" by FY 2007. A legislative package is therefore being proposed which, among other things, includes contracting with private printing firms rather than the State Printer; allowing advertising on NDOW's website and in printed materials; and increasing fees for licenses, tags, etc. Commissioner MacKenzie explained that the State general fund only provides 3% of NDOW's budget. The remainder is provided by sportsmen dollars, federal funding, and grants. Commissioner MacKenzie requested the Board's approval and support of the legislative proposals.

In response to a question, Commissioner MacKenzie advised that NDOW's goal is to maintain the reserve which has been carried forward from year to year. He advised that NDOW is not considering additional programs, but is hoping not to lose any of the existing, viable programs. In response to a further question, Commissioner MacKenzie advised that NDOW is statutorily prohibited from using anything but the interest on the Heritage Fund. He further advised of Commissioner Ford's concern that similar funds "have been raided by the legislature in the past." He indicated that discussion will take place at the upcoming Commission meeting with regard to advertising and receiving input on the legislative proposals from the sporting public. He has drafted a letter to the advisory boards and will be seeking to publish it in the Almanac.

Commissioner MacKenzie discussed the proposal for NDOW to revert to a department which reports directly to the Governor. He pointed out that the current Director of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is a sportsman, but a concern exists that a director could be appointed who would consider wildlife a low priority. He discussed the additional proposal for the Wildlife Commission to review and approve NDOW's budget. Chairperson Pedersen discussed concerns regarding whether steps have been taken by NDOW to reduce expenses, and support for the Commission to have approval authority over NDOW's budget. Commissioner MacKenzie discussed the Legislature's role in approving departmental budgets, the explanation he has received regarding NDOW department vehicles, and his opinion of NDOW Administrator Terry Crawforth. Chairperson Pedersen acknowledged the concern regarding NDOW's financial situation, but inquired as to NDOW's staff versus management ratios. Commissioner MacKenzie reiterated that there are no new raises or positions proposed in the budget. He discussed the chukar count flights which have been canceled, NDOW's proposal to utilize computer arrays to provide estimates, and the problem NDOW faces in keeping its employees happy with raises and advancement opportunities presently frozen.

Member Yanuck referred to the proposal to increase fees by 25%, which follows an increase made last year. He expressed support for utilizing private printing firms and allowing advertising in NDOW printed materials and publications. He discussed steps NDOW could take to reduce costs, and acknowledged the hard work and efforts of the NDOW staff and the Wildlife Commissioners. He suggested that even if sportsmen are willing to pay increased fees, they will be asking hard questions when NDOW's financial status is made public. He further suggested that if NDOW would share more budget information with the public, understanding for the situation may be increased. In response to a comment, Commissioner MacKenzie discussed the value of the institutional knowledge possessed by some of the senior staff at NDOW. He acknowledged the issues and concerns raised by the Board members and advised that they are some of the same addressed by the Commissioners and by him personally. He suggested that the question is whether NDOW is providing adequate service at this time. He acknowledged that things could be better, and discussed the non-game issues to which a great deal of funding has to be allocated. In response to a question, Commissioner MacKenzie discussed the role of facilitators in development of management plans. Member Allyn advised of comments from resident hunters deciding to purchase out-of-state tags because of the increase in resident tag fees. He agreed that more budget information needs to be provided to the public to increase understanding.

(1-0975) Les Bower discussed the importance of accountability, and expressed the opinion that NDOW does a poor job of promoting opportunities to out-of-state sportsmen. Commissioner MacKenzie discussed the conflict between resident and non-resident hunters. He advised that the cost of a non-resident Idaho hunting license is $105. Mr. Bower acknowledged that Nevada doesn't have the same resources as Idaho, but reiterated there are opportunities here which should be promoted. He suggested that revenues could be generated from recreational users in addition to sportsmen.

Commissioner MacKenzie expressed the opinion that habitat is the biggest issue and that a large portion of the funding should be allocated there. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of sportsman license plates.

(1-1065) Greg Davis commented on the cyclical nature of the economy, the environment, etc. He encouraged the Commission and NDOW to develop a plan to allow for a decrease in fees "when things do turn around." In reference to an earlier comment regarding the cost of an Idaho hunting license, he pointed out that a hunt is guaranteed in Idaho. He expressed the opinion that the draw system in Nevada is "horrible," and always has been. He commented that making people wait 5-7 years for a tag doesn't generate a great deal of support for NDOW, and that high fees result in the exclusion of many hunters, including youth.

(1-1145) C.K. Baily inquired as to the cost associated with NDOW reverting to a department. He discussed the Legislature's attempts to privatize the Department of Information Technology for a number of years. He inquired as to the potential savings from contracting with a private printing firm rather than using the State Printer. He discussed the Hatchery Refurbishment presentation provided to the Carson Fly Fishing Club by Dave Sanger, the importance of education, habitat, and volunteer programs, and the importance of promoting opportunities in Nevada.

(1-1275) Bob Parry advised that his interests are out of state as part of a group which hunts in Colorado each year. He indicated that because of the increase in fees, he decided not to hunt in Nevada last year and probably will not this year.

(1-1287) Wes Clyde advised that he is willing to pay an increased fee, but is very interested in knowing where the funding is being allocated. Commissioner MacKenzie suggested that Mr. Clyde would be interested in the budget review process by the Wildlife Commission, and advised that it will be open to public comment.

Chairperson Pedersen suggested that the budget process has been too complicated for the general public to understand. He pointed out that there is a large contingent of retirees in Nevada, and discussed comments regarding lowering the eligibility age for senior discount benefits from 65 to 62. He indicated that this may or may not increase revenue. He expressed a concern that if this revision was to be accomplished by the Legislature, NDOW would then be faced with the associated economics. Commissioner MacKenzie acknowledged that changing the eligibility age would require legislative action. NDOW is reimbursed for a certain amount of the losses associated with senior, veteran, and handicapped discounts. He acknowledged that the request is to pay more to maintain the status quo.

Member Yanuck referred to the budget information included in the Commission agenda materials, and discussed the recent accusation in the press leveled at Administrator Crawforth regarding the "hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees and fines" which have been levied by NDOW but not collected. He discussed volunteer hours incurred for fish plants, the Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, etc. and advised that the State receives approximately $90 per volunteer hour and .365 cents per volunteer mile. He pointed out the importance of completing the volunteer hours forms, and that NDOW staff should have the forms available at volunteer functions. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Commissioner MacKenzie for his presentation. In response to a question, Chairperson Pedersen advised that the Board could take action to draft a letter of support under item 11-e. [Chairperson Pedersen recessed the meeting for approximately 10 minutes and reconvened.]

(2-1635) Chairperson Pedersen and Vice Chairperson Walker reviewed the additional revenue generating proposals listed in this agenda item, and a brief discussion took place with regard to the same. **Member Yanuck moved to table action on this item until the next meeting when additional information will be available. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

11-m. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS (2-1790) - Chairperson Pedersen referred to the 2002/2003 schedule included in the Commission agenda materials, and noted that this item was informational.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PROVIDED AT THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (2-1803) - Chairperson Pedersen advised that he would review each of the informational items and requested any of the Board members or the public to provide input as they so desired.

12-a. LITIGATION - RONDA MOORE (2-1804) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-b. LAHONTAN VALLEY WATER RECOUPMENT LITIGATION (2-1808) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-c. NEVADA WILDLIFE SYSTEM DATA UPDATE (2-1810) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-d. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM AND MONTANA MOUNTAIN SAGE GROUSE TRAPPING PROJECT (2-1815) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-e. HATCHERY REFURBISHMENT UPDATE (2-1817) - Chairperson Pedersen expressed an interest this presentation.

12-f. 2002 APPLICATION HUNT RESULTS (2-1821) - Chairperson Pedersen expressed an interest in this presentation.

12-g. NEW LICENSE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT (2-1823) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-h. RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT (2-1825) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-i. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (2-1826) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-j. ELKO COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN (2-1831) - Chairperson Pedersen noted that this has been a standing report to the Commission over the past several meetings.

12-k. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN (2-1834) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

12-l. GRAY WOLF (2-1838) - In response to a question, Member Yanuck advised that the Commission had very little discussion on this item at the August meeting. Vice Chairperson Walker reviewed the information included in the Commission agenda materials.

12-m. INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (2-1880) - Neither the Board members nor the public had any comment on this item.

13. COMMISSION TOUR (2-1884) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the details of the tour. Vice Chairperson Walker expressed an interest in the tour, particularly the Carson Lake Wildlife Management Area.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PETITION THE COMMISSION TO PERMIT RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS IN THE SAME HUNT APPLICATION (2-1915) - Chairperson Pedersen distributed a memo to the Board members and staff, and provided an overview of the same. Discussion took place regarding the existing non-resident tag allocation and the mechanism by which to allocate party hunt tags. Member Yanuck relayed the details of a conversation with Gregg Tanner, who advised that the proposal is more feasible because of the new computer draw system. Member Yanuck then discussed the proposal with Commissioners Ford, Quilici, Bradley, and MacKenzie. Don Sefton, of NDOW, advised him that the cost associated with the proposal would be approximately $5,000. Member Yanuck explained the mechanism for issuing tags to a hunting party composed of residents and non-residents. He discussed the benefits of the proposal, specifically as a way to generate additional revenue for NDOW. He expressed an interest in statistical information from states which have already implemented resident/non-resident party hunts. Discussion took place regarding the elements to include in the petition, and consensus of the Board was to agendize this item for the next meeting. Member Yanuck agreed to follow up with Don Sefton regarding revenue stream estimates.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE TO DESIGNATE A SITE IN THE CARSON CITY/DOUGLAS COUNTY AREA FOR A WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (2-2278) - Discussion took place regarding a possible location and staff agreed to research the availability of the Community Center Sierra Room and the Nevada State Library conference rooms.

16. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO COMMEND DON QUILICI'S EFFORTS IN ADVERTISING BOARD MEETINGS AND THE RECENT BOARD VACANCY (2-2365) - Chairperson Pedersen discussed Don Quilici's assistance and support in publicizing the Board meetings and the recent vacancy. Discussion took place regarding the benefits to the Board of Mr. Quilici's newspaper column and television program. Following discussion regarding the method by which to recognize Mr. Quilici's efforts, consensus of the Board was to have Chairperson Pedersen telephone and personally thank him.

17. ACTION TO FORMALIZE 6:00 P.M. AS THE REGULAR ABMW MEETING TIME (2-2660) - **Member Yanuck moved that the Board formalize 6:00 p.m. as the meeting time. Vice Chairperson Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

18. REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING STATUS OF CCABMW BUDGET (2-2721) - Member Yanuck advised that $2,727.46 was received from NDOW, bringing the Board's budget balance to $3,148. Chairperson Pedersen thanked Member Yanuck for attending to the Board's budget.

19. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28, 2002 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN FALLON (2-2763) - Chairperson Pedersen volunteered to attend the meetings.

20. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING (2-2780) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m.

21. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (2-2930) - Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the agenda for the next meeting, including a report on the telephone call to Don Quilici, the resident/non-resident party hunt petition, and a report on the September 27 and 28, 2002 Wildlife Commission meeting.

22. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (2-2970) - Vice Chairperson Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m. Member Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the September 23, 2002 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of October, 2002.

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NORMAN W. PEDERSEN, Chair