A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2001 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Norman Pedersen
Larry Blank
Greg Davis
Steve Walker

STAFF: Steve Kastens, Parks and Recreation Director
Scott Fahrenbruch, Parks Superintendent
Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(ABMW 09/05/01)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Vice 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) - Vice Chairperson Pedersen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He thanked Mr. Kastens, Mr. Fahrenbruch, NDOW Fisheries Biologist Patrick Sollberger, Kevin and Jackie Baily, and Gil Yanuck for attending. A quorum was present.

2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 23, 2001 (1-0020) - Member Walker moved to approve the minutes. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0028) - None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0033) - None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0054) - None.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONTINUED ALLOCATION OF 1,000 TROUT TO THE ROSS GOLD URBAN FISHING POND (1-0060) - Vice Chairperson Pedersen advised of receiving several e-mail messages with regard to this matter. In response to a question, Mr. Sollberger displayed the proposed NDOW recommendation which has only been distributed in-house to date. He provided a brief overview, and advised that NDOW will schedule a meeting with the advisory boards to review the same. He acknowledged that Ross Gold Pond is included in the recommendation, consistent with the stocking allocation approved by the Board, and advised that a regulation has been attached to the pond. He provided information on the process for making a change to the fish allocation recommendation, reviewed the recommendation, advised that the new regulation includes a limit of three game fish, and that the recommendation will remain in effect for two years. He acknowledged that the current limit is five trout and that, if NDOW stocks the pond, it has jurisdiction with regard to imposing fishery regulations. Discussion took place regarding whether NDOW has jurisdiction with regard to the type of fish which can be planted in the pond by other organizations or individuals. In response to a question, Mr. Kastens advised that, in light of the recent outcome of the Jim McGee Memorial Fishing Derby, the Parks Department will seek input from NDOW prior to allowing the pond to be stocked by any private individual or organization. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the stocking which took place and the outcome of the fishing derby.

Mr. Sollberger continued reviewing the procedure for changing the recommendation, and read a portion of the same into the record. In response to a question, he discussed the method by which water quality conditions are determined. Mr. Kastens responded to questions regarding the pond's water source and the water level. Mr. Sollberger responded to questions regarding the anticipated life of the stocked fish. Discussion took place regarding the frequency for conducting water quality tests, and Mr. Fahrenbruch reviewed the results of tests conducted February 26, 2001 and May 8, 2001. Mr. Sollberger suggested testing the water one week prior to the NDOW fish planting; he indicated there is no reason to test it more frequently. Member Davis requested that the water be tested at least quarterly in order that the Board members have access to up-to-date information when questioned by citizens. Member Walker concurred with the need for accurate information. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested testing the water prior to each plant and again in the winter. Mr. Sollberger responded to questions regarding the minimum and maximum levels of dissolved oxygen. In response to a question regarding implementation of a State regulation to test the water at certain times during the year, Mr. Kastens advised that the City is willing to test the water at the times requested by the Board. He invited the Board members to refer questions from citizens to his office, but expressed opposition to the State imposing a regulation on the pond when there is no such regulation on any other fishery. Mr. Sollberger advised that NDOW only checks temperature and water quantity prior to a planting. Member Davis indicated that testing water quality prior to the two plants in March and October would be sufficient. Member Blank indicated he would be comfortable relying on Mr. Sollberger's experience and judgement. He expressed appreciation for the willingness of City staff to provide the test results for the benefit of the Board members in relation to the general public. Member Walker discussed comments regarding the reallocation of fish to the Ross Gold Pond being viewed by the general public as a loss. In response to a question, Mr. Baily advised that approximately 12,000 fish are planted at the Carson River annually. Mr. Sollberger advised that none of the brown trout will be planted at the Ross Gold Pond. Discussion took place regarding concerns raised at a previous meeting regarding conditions at the pond, and Member Davis commented on the improved water quality over the last few years. Mr. Sollberger advised that unless conditions at the Carson River improve, the additional 3,000-4,000 fish scheduled for allocation will not be planted.

Mr. Kastens commented that the community has not lost anything by NDOW reallocating fish to the Ross Gold Pond. He referred to photographs circulated by Mr. Baily and discussed the recreation opportunities presented to young families at Ross Gold Park. He reiterated that City staff will do everything possible to address the concerns and expectations of the Board. Mr. Baily expressed appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Kastens, Mr. Fahrenbruch, and Mr. Sollberger. He inquired as to whether the pond could be filled prior to each stocking in order that there will be sufficient water to last through the put-and-take season. Mr. Kastens acknowledged that chlorine levels are included in the testing process. Mr. Fahrenbruch explained the two methods for filling the pond, and acknowledged that it can be filled prior to the plantings. Mr. Sollberger advised there should be no need to fill the pond unless there is a problem. Significant fluctuations in water level will most likely not occur in October, November or March. In response to a question, Mr. Baily advised that he has never seen the water level very low. He circulated and reviewed a survey conducted over the period of time since the last plant. Discussion took place with regard to an August 9th e-mail message from Don Quilici, which Vice Chairperson Pedersen read into the record. In response to a question, Mr. Baily advised that the NDOW plant was done 30 days prior to the planting done by a private individual for the Jim McGee Memorial Fishing Derby.

Member Davis moved to accept the recommendation by Mr. Sollberger and NDOW to allow stocking of 500 fish, the first planting in the spring of 2002 and the second planting in the fall of 2002, 500 as well, with the understanding that the Carson City Parks and Recreation Department will test the water quality a week before each planting to verify that chlorine, dissolved oxygen, and water temperature are sufficient to allow the plant to be successful. Following discussion, **Member Davis amended his motion to indicate a plant of 500 fish beginning in the fall of 2001. Member Blank seconded the motion.** In response to a question, Member Davis explained that the recommendation will be reviewed every two years along with every other State fishery. Member Blank advised that the recommendation is subject to approval by the Wildlife Commission. Discussion took place regarding the recommendation, and Mr. Sollberger advised that it will not become official until the annual presentation of NDOW's Fisheries Recommendations in October. Vice Chairperson Pedersen reviewed the discussion which took place at a previous meeting and the subsequent action taken by the Board at that time. Mr. Baily requested the Board members to "keep their eyes and ears open for any water with land." He discussed the "remote possibility" of an urban fishery at Fuji Park, and acknowledged that the Board has been supportive of the Ross Gold Pond fishery. Member Blank explained that if the motion passes in support of the preliminary recommendation stated by Mr. Sollberger, it will become part of a large package of fisheries recommendations which will be submitted to the Wildlife Commission at a future date. Once the draft fisheries recommendation is submitted for public review, it will again be presented to the Board prior to submission to the Wildlife Commission for final approval. Mr. Baily thanked the Board for its support. Vice Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ELECT CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON (1-1175) - Member Walker moved to elect Norman Pedersen as Chairperson. Member Blank seconded the motion conditioned upon an acknowledgment from Vice Chairperson Pedersen that he was willing to accept the position. Vice Chairperson Pedersen indicated he would be happy to accept the position. Motion carried 3-0-1, Chairperson Pedersen abstaining. Member Blank moved to elect Greg Davis as Vice Chairperson. Member Walker seconded the motion conditioned upon an acknowledgment from Member Davis that he was willing to accept the position. Member Davis acknowledged that he was willing. Motion carried 3-0-1, Vice Chairperson Davis abstaining.

8. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM AUGUST 3 AND 4, 2001 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1265) - Vice Chairperson Davis indicated that he had been unable to attend the meeting due to his work schedule. Chairperson Pedersen noted that each of the Board members had received the Wildlife Commission agenda, and that there were no specific issues requiring the Board's attention.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8, 2001 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING:

9-A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 294 (1-1289) - Chairperson Pedersen noted the Commission's previous approval of this as a temporary regulation. He acknowledged the Board had previously reviewed this matter and that there was no opposition to the proposed amendments at that time. **Member Blank moved to support the proposed Regulation 294. Vice Chairperson Davis seconded the motion.** Discussion took place regarding the fee increases. Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

9-B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 295 (1-1386) - Member Blank advised of being in attendance at the Commission meeting wherein this item was presented. He was surprised at the substantial increase in program participation, and discussed the increase anticipated for next year. Member Walker expressed a preference that the amendment remain a temporary regulation for the next two to three years until a determination can be made regarding whether the program will continue to be successful. Member Blank explained the temporary status of the regulation. Discussion took place regarding the amounts reflected in the August 3/4, 2001 Commission agenda materials. Member Blank advised that participation increased significantly and that revenues fell a little short from previous years. **Member Blank moved to support general regulation 295 in its entirety. Vice Chairperson Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-C. ESMERALDA COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET REQUEST (1-1509) - Member Blank provided background information regarding the original budget request submitted by the Esmeralda County Advisory Board, and **moved to support Esmeralda County in their request.** He noted there may have been no representative of the Esmeralda County Advisory Board present at the Commission's budget meeting, where advisory board representatives were given the opportunity to discuss their budgets with the NDOW fiscal officer. Chairperson Pedersen noted that there were several county advisory boards which did not submit a budget. Member Walker commented that the advisory boards should support each other with regard to budgets, and **seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-D. PROPOSED MOJAVE WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS (1-1600) - Chairperson Pedersen solicited comments from the Board members. Vice Chairperson Davis expressed a concern that the Commission agenda materials do not include enough information upon which to base a decision. Chairperson Pedersen expressed a concern that designations are usually associated with restrictions. Member Walker pointed out the section of the Commission agenda materials addressing this matter, and the Board members reviewed and discussed the same. Chairperson Pedersen suggested requesting additional information on this matter at the Commission meeting.

9-E. BIGHORN SHEEP MANAGEMENT PLAN (1-1710) - Member Walker referred to Chairperson Pedersen's letter included in the agenda materials, and discussion took place regarding the presentation made at the July Board meeting. **Member Walker moved to support the Bighorn Sheep Management Plan.** Following discussion, **Member Walker amended his motion to support the Bighorn Sheep Management Plan subject to the written comments submitted by the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-F. COMMISSION POLICY #27, ELK FREE ZONE (1-1796) - Discussion took place regarding the purpose of the policy, and **Member Blank moved to support Commission Policy #27. Vice Chairperson Davis seconded the motion.** The Board members responded to questions regarding the intent of the policy and depredation hunts. Member Walker noted the letter to Terry Crawforth, included in the Commission agenda materials, granting access to Cliff Gardner's ranch to "anyone that asks." Chairperson Pedersen called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 4-0.**

9-G. COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK AND STAMP PROCEDURE (1-1898) - Vice Chairperson Davis reviewed page 38 of the Wildlife Commission minutes, and **moved to accept Commission Policy #50 incorporating changes requested by NDOW from the August meeting.**

Member Blank seconded the motion. Member Walker pointed out that two of the judges will be Commissioners. **Motion carried 4-0.**

9-H. COMMISSION POLICIES - Policy #60 - Water Application Guidelines; Policy #61 - Water Rights; Policy #63 - Protection of Wildlife from Toxic Ponds; Policy #64 - Attendant to Division Input on Land, Sales, Transfers, and Exchanges; Policy #65 - Designation of Wildlife Management Areas; Policy #66 - Use of Lands and Waters on State Owned Areas Administered by NDOW (1-1949) - Chairperson Pedersen solicited comments from the Board members; however, none were provided. No formal action was taken.

9-I. PETITION - BILL KRUEGER (1-1987) - Chairperson Pedersen provided background information on this item, and reviewed the petition included in the Commission agenda materials. He noted that the bag limit was changed by the Commission in 1997 over the objections of the Elko County Wildlife Advisory Board and against the recommendations of NDOW. Member Walker suggested asking the Commissioners the reason for changing the regulation. Member Blank indicated he would need additional information in order to make a decision, and suggested inquiring further into this matter at the Commission meeting. Discussion took place regarding the possible action to be taken by the Commission, and Member Blank noted that the Commission will be deciding whether to entertain the petition. He noted that the petition is well written and documented, and worthy of the Commission's consideration. **Member Blank moved to support the Commission's further consideration of regulatory action and not deny the petition outright. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

9-J. INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001 (1-2212) - The Board members reviewed and discussed the topics to be addressed at the workshop. No formal action was taken.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DESIGNATION OF CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO ATTEND THE SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8, 2001 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LOVELOCK (1-2247) - Chairperson Pedersen and Member Walker advised that they plan to attend the meeting. Member Blank noted that the Commission has agreed to reimburse expenses for two advisory board members to attend. Discussion took place regarding attendance for both days of the meeting, and **Member Blank moved to designate Member Walker as the Board representative to the Commission meeting. Vice Chairperson Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** (1-2495) Member Blank suggested that the members who attend Commission meetings submit brief notes of the discussion and any action taken on Commission agenda items at the next Board meeting.

11. BUDGET UPDATE (LARRY BLANK) (1-2365) - Member Blank advised he would call the NDOW Finance Officer to obtain a copy of the final budget approved by NDOW. He further advised that the Board has not spent any money since the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1). He emphasized the importance of requesting reimbursement for expenses incurred to attend Commission meetings. Discussion took place regarding accommodations available in Lovelock. Member Blank suggested asking Steve Bremer, of NDOW, to follow up with the final amounts for all the county budgets.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19 AND 20, 2001 IN LAS VEGAS (1-2532) - Following discussion, consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, October 15th. Member Walker advised that he would be unable to attend the Commission meeting in Las Vegas. For the Board member who does attend, he suggested reserving a rental car at the airport and making hotel reservations in Henderson, which is closer to the location of the meeting. Vice Chairperson Davis indicated that his project at the Lake may be finished by October 12th in which case he would be available to attend the Las Vegas meeting. **Member Blank moved to schedule the next Board meeting for October 15th. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOGNITION OF FORMER CCABMW MEMBER CHRIS MACKENZIE (1-2785) - Discussion took place regarding former member Chris MacKenzie's service to the Board. Member Blank suggested presenting him with a plaque, and Member Walker suggested including an engraved knife similar to those which were presented to several former Board members earlier in the year. Vice Chairperson Davis volunteered to purchase the plaque and have it and the knife engraved. In response to a question, Chairperson Pedersen indicated that the cost of the plaque and the knife would be allocated from the Board's budget. He volunteered to purchase the knife. **Member Blank moved to have a plaque prepared, to be designed and worded by Vice Chairperson Davis, and to purchase a knife not to exceed a total of $75 in recognition of Chris MacKenzie's service to the Board and his continued service to the State Wildlife Commission. Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-3007) - Vice Chairperson Pedersen reported that because of concerns regarding the advertising period for the vacant position, he contacted Judie Fisher at the City's Human Resources Department and requested her to re-advertise the vacancy. The vacancy was advertised beginning August 21st in the Nevada *Appeal* and will continue until September 17th. Two additional applications have been received and Human Resources Department staff will be reviewing and verifying the applicants' information. The applications will then be forwarded for inclusion in the October agenda materials. Mr. Yanuck acknowledged that his application is on file and will be included.

Member Blank advised of recently completing nearly six weeks of work in the Philippines. His work there is developing into a position to create a new regulatory agency which will cover the entire energy sector for the Philippines. He indicated that he may be moving to the Philippines for up to a year and, if that is the case, he will be tendering his resignation to the Board. Chairperson Pedersen wished Member Blank well in this endeavor. Member Blank commended the Board members on their strong desire, where possible, to develop hunting and fishing opportunities for kids. He expressed the hope that this will continue to be an important issue to the Board in the future. Discussion took place regarding community/educational programs to promote hunting and fishing among the youth in Carson City.

Member Walker requested an agenda item regarding discussion of information on the various clubs to which the Board members belong. He suggested that each of the Board members could become members of at least two local clubs/organizations in order to provide input throughout the community. Member Blank suggested developing a 15-20 minute presentation regarding wildlife management.

15. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-3675) - Member Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Vice Chairperson Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the September 5, 2001 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of October, 2001.

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NORMAN PEDERSEN, Chairperson