A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2000 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

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

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary
(ABMW 10/16/00; Tape 1-0135)

NOTE: Unless indicated otherwise, each item was introduced by Chairperson MacKenzie. 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 (1-0140) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 14, 2000 AND AUGUST 30, 2000 (1-0142) **-** Member Blank pointed out a correction to paragraph 4 of the August 30, 2000 minutes. Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to approve the minutes, with the correction to the August 30th minutes. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0175) **-** None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (1-0176) **-** None.

5. DISCLOSURES (1-0177) **-** Discussion took place regarding the purpose of this item; however, there were no disclosures made.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF CROSS BOWS BY DISABLED PERSONS (1-0282) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie referred to the August 31st letter sent to the Wildlife Commission (the "Commission") by Member Blank, copies of which were previously mailed to the Board members. He solicited additional comments with regard to this matter. Member Blank referred to the mention of the letter in the Commission minutes, and noted that no additional information had been provided regarding the requested research. Member Davis suggested that the Board stand opposed to the proposal until new information is presented. He referred to the Commission minutes, and expressed the opinion that the cross bow should not become a legal weapon in Nevada. He recommended a special hunt with a legal weapon, such as a shoulder-mounted rifle. Vice Chairperson Pedersen concurred. Discussion took place regarding existing special compensations and a special season.

Member Blank noted that there was no conclusion or recommendation provided in the August 31st letter. He suggested that the Board could follow up with a stronger letter in opposition to the proposed regulation until there is an opportunity to review the research and findings requested of the Nevada Division of Wildlife ("NDOW") staff. Member Davis read into the record a portion of the proposal included in the Commission agenda materials, and discussion took place regarding the "temporary disability" language. Chairperson MacKenzie suggested opposing the language of the proposed regulation, and discussion took place regarding possible action by the Commission at the upcoming meeting. **Member Blank moved that the Board stand unchanged relative to the comments and recommendations already provided. Vice Chairperson Pedersen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.** Member Davis reiterated, for the record, his opposition to a crossbow becoming a legal weapon in the State of Nevada. Vice Chairperson Pedersen concurred for the record.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO INCREASE NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEES (1-0834) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item and reviewed the Commission agenda materials. Member Walker pointed out that hunting out of state is always more expensive, and indicated that an increase in non-resident application fees would be fine. Discussion took place regarding the number of applications and the proposed increase in fees.

Member Walker referred to the discussion at the last meeting regarding the 25 percent rule, and advised that he had called Mr. Bradley and Mr. Ford. He relayed the information provided by Mr. Bradley and Mr. Ford, and advised that he would be discussing the matter further with these gentlemen at the upcoming Commission meeting. **Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to support NDOW's proposal to increase the non-refundable application fees. Member Blank seconded the motion**, and suggested that the Board representative attending the Commission meeting relay the action taken when the opportunity presents itself. **Motion carried 5-0.**

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICIES (1-1090) **-** Policy #4 **-** Allocation of Deer Tags. Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on the purpose of this proposed policy. Member Davis commented that five-year trends would be helpful, and discussion ensued with regard to the same.

Policy #7 **-** Control of Non-resident Hunters. Chairperson MacKenzie noted that there were no supporting materials included in the Commission agenda materials.

Policy #22 **-** Introduction, Transplants, and Exportation of Wildlife. Chairperson MacKenzie provided background information on this item. Member Walker advised that the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Service opposes hybridizing California Bighorn Sheep with Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep. He further advised that he had received information from a biologist that all bighorn sheep have the same DNA. Discussion took place regarding the physical characteristics of various sheep species, and better communication between the other sixteen county advisory boards.

Policy #23 **-** Re-establishing, Introducing and Transplanting Bighorn Sheep in Areas Grazed by Domestic Sheep. Vice Chairperson Pedersen advised of diseases carried by domestic sheep and the concern over mixing them. The Board members reviewed the proposed policy included in the Commission agenda materials. Member Davis read into the record a portion of Policy #24 - Bighorn Sheep Subspecies Reintroduction Guidelines. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested that the Board support the policy. No formal action was taken.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING BIG GAME HUNTER SURVEY (1-1510) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie noted that there were no supporting documents included in the Commission agenda materials. He indicated that more information would most likely be provided at the Wildlife Commission meeting.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON THE ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE PETITION TO ADOPT A SPIKE BULL ONLY HUNT TO ASSIST THE NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE WITH ELK MANAGEMENT (1-1526) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie referred to previous conversations regarding this matter. The Board members had no additional comments. No formal action was taken.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PETITION BY ROBERT J. HOBBS TO CHANGE A RULE TO ALLOW BATTERY POWERED HOLOGRAM-TYPE SIGHTS FOR HUNTING (1-1536) **-** Member Blank read a portion of NRS 503.150(1)(f) into the record. He disclosed that he discussed this matter with Undersheriff Bill Callahan earlier in the day to determine if he had any information. Neither Undersheriff Callahan nor another officer were able to provide any information, however. Member Blank referred to a description from the *Cabela's* catalogue, similar to that provided by Mr. Hobbs, and indicated that there was not enough information to indicate how the sights work. Member Davis described how a hologram sight works. Member Blank read into the record the description for the Bushnell Holosight from the *Cabela's* Catalogue. Discussion took place regarding additional research and whether or not the sight enhances low light/night situations. Consensus of the Board was that more information would be available at the Commission meeting. Discussion regarding the average cost followed. No formal action was taken.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE ("PIW") DRAWING PROCESS (1-1815) **-** Discussion took place regarding the reduction in cost, the purpose of the amendment, the history of the drawing process, and the potential for increase in revenue. Member Blank calculated the potential increase in revenue, and commented that a more reasonable approach would be to consider reducing the percentage gradually. Discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal. **Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to monitor the matter at the Wildlife Commission meeting. Member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

13. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MOUNTAIN LION MANAGEMENT PLAN (1-2285) **-** Chairperson MacKenzie solicited input from the Board members. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested monitoring the Commission's action. He referred to discussions of this matter at various Commission meetings which he has attended, and indicated that the last action taken was to continue with the existing management plan. Member Davis commented that if NDOW has a need to take more mountain lions than are taken by the hunters, they should pay someone to do so. Member Blank suggested that the mountain lion tags could be promoted to non-residents, the guide services, etc. Vice Chairperson Pedersen suggested that NDOW could save money on the ADC fees by generating more interest in varmint hunting. He indicated that the Commission should be reminded of their commitment to provide monthly predator reports.

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING TROUT STAMP FUNDS AND DATA RECEIVED FROM SUPERVISING FISHERIES BIOLOGIST MIKE SEVON (1-2482) **-** Member Blank indicated that he will be conducting further research and presenting additional information at a future meeting. He advised that an average of 86,000 stamps are sold per year.

15. BUDGET STATUS (1-2517) **-** Member Blank distributed a form for tracking the budget and reviewed the same. At the request of Member Walker, Vice Chairperson Pedersen explained the budget allocation and its purpose. Discussion took place regarding trip reimbursements, publishing meeting notices, public interest, and the appreciation gifts for George Groth, Roger Heath, and Jim Mason.

Member Blank explained the source of the amount reflected on the budget form, which includes a remainder of $436.96 from last year's budget and this year's allocation of $1,014.77. He advised that $636.43 was spent last year.

16. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE NEVADA WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS; ATTENDANCE OF OCTOBER 20 AND 21, 2000 MEETING (1-2970) **-** Discussion took place regarding attendance at the upcoming meetings. Member Walker acknowledged that he will attend the October meeting in Reno. He volunteered to attend the December 1 and 2, 2000 meeting in Las Vegas as well. Discussion took place regarding the report to provide the Board following the Commission meeting, air fare and reservations, hotel reservations, per diem, and the Commission's meeting schedule.

17. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION (1-3318) **-** Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. Member Blank advised that he would be out of town on business.

18. ADJOURNMENT (1-3370) **-** Vice Chairperson Pedersen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Member Blank seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the October 16, 2000 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this _____ day of November, 2000.

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CHRISTOPHER F. MacKENZIE, Chairperson