

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AMENDED AGENDA

Monday ~ March 21, 2016 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Sean Shea, Chair
Miles Humphreys, Jr., Vice-chair
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The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Time Limits – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

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Responses to Public Comments – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS”** [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (Non-action item)
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (Non-action item)
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Non-action item) – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 21, 2016, MINUTES** (For possible action)
5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** (Non-action item) – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) March 24 and 25, 2016, in Yerington, Nevada; and 2). May 13 and 14, 2016, in Reno, Nevada.*
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** (Non-action items) – *1). Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2). Overview of the January 28 and 29, 2016, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*
7. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON MAISON T, ORTIZ YOUTH OUTDOOR SKILLS CAMP – (Non-action item)** – *An informational update on the Mason T. Ortiz Youth Outdoor Skills Camp. Mike Bertoldi*
8. **INFORMATIONAL UPDATE ON FERAL HORSES IN WASHOE VALLEY** (Non-action item) – *An informational update on feral horses in Washoe Valley. Alan Jenne*
9. **HUMBOLDT COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN (First Reading)** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the draft Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan for review and possible action.*
10. **WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2017 DRAFT PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (Second Draft)** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman, the second draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Predator Management Plan.*

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11. **WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, APPROVED REVISION TO EXISTING POLICY #23 ON PREDATION MANAGEMENT (First Reading)** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify suggested amendments to existing Commission Policy #23 on Predation Management approved by the WDMC on Jan. 28, 2016, at their meeting in Las Vegas. The amendments suggested are generally to make the existing policy compliant with Assembly Bill 78 (adopted during the last legislative session) and to make the policy consistent with adopted practice.*
12. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 456, SPECIAL INCENTIVE ELK ARBITRATION PANEL, LCB File No. R031-15** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed temporary regulation which expired Nov. 1, 2015, relating to amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary.*
13. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 460, Definition of "Spike Elk," LCB File No. R013-16** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed amendments to NAC 502.104 and 502.1045 to define "Spike Elk" in a manner that limits inadvertent errors in the field. The intent is to consider and possibly broaden the definition of spike in a manner that is consistent with the management objective of defining a spike while reducing the likelihood of errors in harvest identification.*
14. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers, Caliber and Cartridge Length, and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, LCB File No. R144-15** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains two changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge of caliber .46 or larger or an overall loaded cartridge length of 3.8 inches or longer. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with an electronic or computer-controlled trigger.*

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15. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 459, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (Drones), LCB File No. R145-15** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to amending Chapters 501 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation amendment contains two changes. The first change would make the prohibition of using aerial devices for the purpose of hunting year-round rather than the current prohibition of 48-hours prior to any open season and during any open season. The second change is to clarify existing language that prohibits the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for the purpose of hunting, locating, or observing big game animals. The changes would extend aerial scouting prohibitions and clarify the existing regulation by explicitly listing unmanned aerial vehicles.*
16. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 440, Trail Cameras and Other Devices, LCB File No. R012-16** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and not held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit the use of trail cameras to locate or observe big game mammals for the purpose of hunting from August 1 to December 31.*
17. **APRPC RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUEST FOR COMMISSION GUIDANCE ON POLICY NUMBERING AND POLICY REVIEW DELEGATION TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the Committee’s recommendation and request the Commission’s guidance to retain the current policy numbering format, and to delegate the review of Commission Policy #24, “Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups” to the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee, and to delegate the review of Commission Policies #60 through #67 related to habitat and publically owned lands to the Commission’s Public Lands Committee.*
18. **RULES OF PRACTICE REVIEW, STATUS, AND COMMISSION GUIDANCE** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a status report on the Rules of Practice review, including Commission Policies #1 “General Guidelines for the Commission;” #3 “Appeals;” #4 “Petition Process and Regulatory Adoptions Policy,” and NAC 501.195 related to petitions, and NAC 501.140 - 190 related to appeals.*
19. **COMMISSION REGULATION 14-11 AMENDMENT #3, 2015 – 2016 Upland Game, Migratory Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Limits Amendment** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify amendment #3 to the 2015 – 2016 season dates and length for the third Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area wild turkey hunt period. Amendment #3 would extend the wild turkey hunt for this period from two days to its original, intended 9-day length extending from April 23 through May 1, 2016 rather than the current two day hunt period of April 30 through May 1, 2016.*

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20. **COMMISSION REGULATION 16-11 Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands 2016–2017 Season** (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2016 – 2017 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2016 – 2017 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.*
21. **WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the next meeting is May 5, 2016.*
22. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – *Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.*
23. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 11:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.