

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **AGENDA**

**Monday ~ June 25, 2018 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

## **MEMBERS**

Steven Robinson, Chair  
Arnold Pitts, Vice-chair  
Sean Shea, Secretary  
Meghan Di Rocco  
Michelle Spencer

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The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

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.

**Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

**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 APRIL 25, 2018, 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) June 29 and 30, 2018, meetings in Dyer, Nevada; and 2) August 10 and 11, 2018, Lincoln County, Nevada.*
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – *1) Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements; and 2) Overview of the May 4 and 5, 2018, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*
7. **DUCK STAMP REQUEST** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to fund \$128,510.00 in Duck Stamps projects: 1) Technician Support for Nevada Waterfowl Projects - Project # 384 (\$13,910); 2) Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support - Project # 352 (\$10,000); 3) Mason Valley WMA Moist Soil Food Plots - Project # 382 (\$10,000); 4) Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$2,600); 5) Overton WMA Pipe Replacement Project - Phase 2 - Project # 360 (\$7,000); 6) Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control - Project # 349 (\$10,000); 7) Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Pond Leveling - Project # 351 (\$60,000); and 8) Mason Valley WMA Saltcedar Treatment - Project # 381 (\$15,000).*
8. **UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST** [For Possible Action] - *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to approve up to \$252,234 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are; 1) Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring – Project # 373 (\$55,000); 2) Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring – Project # 368 (\$14,264); 3) Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada – Project # 365 (\$3,100); 4) Monitoring the Effects of Landscape-Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse within the Desatoya Mountains – Project # 369 (\$15,000); 6) Measuring Corticosterone Metabolites in Greater Sage-grouse - Project # 393 (\$25,000); 7) Estimating Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada's Most Novel Habitats - Project # 367 (\$53,470) 8) Effects of Conventional Raven Control and Wildfire on Greater Sage-grouse within the Virginia Mountains – Project # 370 (\$25,000); 9) Mason Valley WMA Upland Food Plots – Project # 383 (\$10,000); 10) Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$3,900); 11) Edwards Creek Lek Pinyon Juniper Hand Removal Project – Project # 282 (\$25,000); 12) Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control – Project # 349 (\$10,000); and 13) Eastern Nevada Properties Restoration – Project # 390 (\$12,500)*

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9. **FISCAL YEAR 2019 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to approve up to \$887,474.01 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. These recommendations may change at the 8:00 a.m., June 29, 2018, Heritage Committee meeting; 1) Bighorn Sheep Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 19-01 (\$75,000); 2) NDOW Helicopter Acquisition – Project # 19-02 (\$200,000); 3) Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project # 19-03 (\$100,000); 4) Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Ponds Leveling – Project # 19-04 (\$60,000); 5) Willow Creek Reservoir Habitat Structures and Other Improvements – Project # 19-05 (\$21,500) 6) South Steptoe Watershed Restoration – Project # 19-06 (\$35,000); 7) Kern Mountain Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-07 (\$30,000); 8) Izzenhood Basin Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-08 (\$30,000); 9) Bighorn Sheep Gene Transcription Analysis – Project # 19-09 (\$84,500); 10) Comins Lake Boat Ramp – Project # 19-10 (\$55,000); 11) Rebuild of Last Chance #6 Hanging Basin Water Development – Project # 19-11 (\$25,100); 12) Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 19-12 (\$36,700); 13) Simkins/Doc Pass PJ Chaining Maintenance Project – Project # 19-13 (\$75,000); 14) Cave Valley Ranch PJ Removal Project – Project # 19-14 (\$59,674.01) and 15) Delineation and Nutritional Value of Desert Bighorn Lambing Habitat – Project # 19-15 (not recommended for funding).
10. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 477, LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM, LCB File No. 096-18** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to approve a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for equitably allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached.
11. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 474, TRAP REGISTRATION, LCB File No. R038-18** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to adopt a regulation to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.150. This regulation revises provisions relating to the registration of traps as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 364 of the 79th Legislative Session. SB 364 states that with certain exceptions, each trap, snare, or similar device used by a person in the taking of wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is used. It also states that for each trap, snare, or similar device registered with the Department, the person registering the device shall pay a registration fee of \$5. This proposed regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to register traps and charge \$5 per trap registered. The Commission held a workshop on May 4, 2018 and directed the Department to clarify the first sentence of the regulation as it relates to SB 364.
12. **COMMISSION REGULATION 18-01, AMENDMENT #1 – FISHING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD MARCH 1, 2018 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2020** [For Possible Action] – A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to Amendment #1 of CR 18-01, the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome

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*wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters, and Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters, in Nye County, to remove harvest limits on trout species.*

13. **COMMISSION REGULATION 18 - 12, 2018 - 2019 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to establish regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2018 and 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2019 and 2020.*
14. **COMMISSION REGULATION 18 - 04 AMENDMENT #1, 2018 HERITAGE TAG ORGANIZATION/VENDOR SELECTION AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations.*
15. **AMENDMENT TO THE BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations to amend the Department's biennial upland game release plan for fiscal year 2019 to include beavers.*
16. **COMMISSION POLICY 50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURE, SECOND READING – COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY** [For Possible Action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the proposed second reading of Commission Policy 50 and may take action to officially suspend the policy.*
17. **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 to be held August 2, 2018.*
18. **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.*
19. **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.**