

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **MEMBERS**

Steven Robinson, Chair  
Arnold Pitts, Vice-chair  
Anthony DoMoe  
Ray Kabisch  
Jim Rhea

## **Minutes**

### **Thursday ~ September 17, 2020 ~ 6:00 p.m. Teleconference Meeting**

#### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE [Non-action item]**

Member Pitts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL [Non-action item]**

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Anthony DoMoe, Arnie Pitts, Jim Rhea and Steve Robinson.

**ABSENT:** Ray Kabisch.

Wade Carner – Deputy District Attorney, was also present.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS [Non-action item]**

There were no public comments.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2020, MINUTES [For possible action]**

Chair opened the agenda item hearing no public or board comments asked for a motion.

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Chair Robinson to approve the August 6, 2020, minutes as submitted. The motion carried Member Kabisch absent.***

#### **5. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the September 25, 2020, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.**

Chair Robinson will attend the September 25, 2020, meeting.

#### **6. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES [Non-action items]**

6-1) Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements

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Member Rhea commented that he had been contacted by an individual about Truckee River homeless issues and cut-off access to fishing

Chair Robinson suggested contacting Jack Robb – NDOW, to ascertain what can be done.

Chair Robinson noted that he had received two letters (copies on file); one about tracking dogs and one from BLM about the Poodle Fire.

6-2) Overview of the August 14, 2020, meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

Chair Robinson noted that thermal imaging was passed despite Washoe CAB concern regarding the language leaving us with a poorly written regulation. The loophole for party tags was finally closed. Washoe CAB will need to make up a mule deer team to address mule deer management made up of CAB, Biologists, NGO's and sportsmen.

### **7. Commission Regulation 20 – 01, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 – 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 remove the fishing season closure and modify the harvest limits for mountain whitefish and warmwater game fish other than black bass for Topaz Lake in Douglas County; to modify the game fish harvest limit for Lake Tahoe and tributaries in Douglas, Carson City and Washoe Counties to remove the reference to mackinaw or lake trout; and to adopt a limit of three game fish for Seeman Pond in Douglas County.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item and provided an overview

Travis Hawks – NDOW, recalled that the State of California had contacted NDOW about a simplification process of regulations related to Topaz and Tahoe lakes that are bi-state waters. The intent is to identify and determine that there are no biological impacts. The focus was on seasonal closures which received substantial public support. Mr. Hawks noted that guides at Lake Tahoe mostly support the regulations. Additionally the standpoint is not to remove a viable fishery to make room for another and guides felt that this proposal is staying consistent with the State of California and Utah. Mr. Hawks noted the need to stock larger sized fish.

There were no Board or public comments.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member DoMoe, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopt Commission Regulation 20 – 01, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, as written. The motion carried: Member Kabisch absent.***

Member Kabisch joined the meeting.

### **8. Commission General Regulation 494, NAC 501 Simplification – For Possible Action**

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A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 501 relating to the Commission.

Chair Robinson opened the agenda item

There were no Board or public comments.

***It was moved by Member Pitts, seconded by Member Kabisch, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 494, NAC 501 Simplification as written. The motion carried unanimously.***

**9. Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification** – For Possible Action A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify recommendations of the Regulation Simplification Committee's recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 relating to licensing.

Chair opened the agenda item.

Member DoMoe questions the lack of delineation of where the recommendation starts or stops.

Member Pitts commented that while simplification would be nice, this appears to change some of the NAC rules. There Member Pitts believes that this should go back for further review and Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners for comment.

Chair Robinson concurred with Member Pitts and commented that he not think NDOW and make up new NAC during NAC simplification without public and CAB input.

There were no other Board or public comments.

***It was moved by Chair Robinson, seconded by Member Pitts, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners revoke Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification as presented. The motion carried unanimously.***

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

There were no public comments.

**11. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.