

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

FINAL AGENDA

Thursday ~ September 15, 2011 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Rex Flowers, Chair
John Reed, Vice-chair
Daryl Harwell, Secretary
Glen Copeland
Rick Smith

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http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/pubworks/nv_wildlife_commis_schedule.htm~color=grey&text_version=

Support materials, meeting schedule, agenda and meeting minutes can be accessed through the NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) website:

<http://ndow.org/learn/com/mtg/index.shtm>.

The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may consider items on the agenda out of order.

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.

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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).”

This facility is accessible to the disabled. Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or assistance (e.g., sign language, interpreters or assisted listening devices) at the meeting should notify Nevada Department of Wildlife at 775-688-1599, 48-hours before the meeting.

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 complete and return a “Request to Speak Card” to the clerk at the meeting.
4. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 3, 2011, 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) September 23 and 24, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and 2) December 2 and 3, 2011, in Reno, Nevada.*

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6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** (Non-action items) – 1). ***Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements*** – Chair Flowers; 2). ***Overview of the August 12 and 13, 2011, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners*** – Member Harwell; 3). ***Update and status report on the Washoe County Predator Control Project Unit 015 and the Wildlife Damage Management Subcommittee*** – Chair Flowers and/or Chris Hampson – Game Bureau Biologist
7. **RUBY PIPELINE MITIGATION PROJECT PROPOSALS** (Non-action item) – *An informational update on potential Ruby Pipeline Mitigation Project proposals.* Member Copeland
8. **2012 CALENDAR** – (For possible action) – *A review, discussion and possible action to approve or otherwise modify the proposed meeting calendar for 2012.* Chair Flowers
9. **COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 AMENDMENT 8 – KEY PITTMAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify Commission Regulation 07-07 Section 1 by adding “and during Youth Water Fowl Hunt and deleting the word “and”.*
10. **MUZZLELOADER BLACK POWDER LEGAL ISSUES** [Non-action item] – *An informational update on legal black powder and black powder substitutes per regulatory language in NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 503.142 for Muzzleloader Only Hunts and its notification to Muzzleloader tag holders that Blackhorn 209 is not a lawful powder to be used during the Nevada Muzzleloader Only Hunt.* Member Copeland
11. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 393 - R002-11 Bear Hunt** – (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify permanent regulations relating to revising provisions governing a Black Bear hunt. The need for and purpose of the proposed regulation is: Regulate aspects of the Bear hunt, including, without limitation, the eligibility and application process for a Bear tag, inclusion in the bonus point program, weapons restrictions, the fee for a Bear tag, reporting requirements, and prohibitions regarding baiting big game animals, sale of Bear gall bladders, use of dogs to hunt and the killing of Bear cubs. If the Commission does not approve CGR (Commission General Regulation) 393-R002-11, the Commission will consider amending CR (Commission Regulation 11-07 to close the Bear hunt on November 1, 2011, to coincide with the expiration of the temporary regulation.*

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12. **SENATE BILL (SB) 226 NEVADA TRAPPING REGULATIONS FOR CLARK AND WASHOE COUNTIES** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify provisions in SB 226 was passed in the 2011 Legislative Session which require the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations by December 31, 2012, governing the trapping of furbearing mammals in residential areas of a county whose population is 100,000 or more.*
13. **COMMISSION REGULATION FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS 2011-2012** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of March 1, 2012, to February 28, 2014.*
14. **FIRST READING, COMMISSION POLICY No. 51, COMMISSION LIFETIME COMMITMENT TO WILDLIFE AWARD** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed changes to Commission Policy No. 51. The Commission shall consider whether to retain the “Commission Lifetime Commitment to Wildlife Award” as currently set forth in Policy 51 or to reinstate the “Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award” of the former version of Policy 51 (August 8, 2003). The Commission may make changes to either version or may eliminate the “Commission Lifetime Commitment to Wildlife Award” in its entirety. The Commission may also take the steps to create a new policy for either award.*
15. **FIRST READING, COMMISSION POLICY NO. 28, Mule Deer Management Guidelines** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify proposed changes to Commission Policy No. 28. The Commission may choose to retain Policy No. 28, modify all or part of Policy No. 28, or to eliminate Policy No. 28 in its entirety. The Commission may also take action to immediately suspend Policy No. 28 pending final action on revisions to Policy No. 28.*

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16. **NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) COMMENT ON THE FUTURE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLAN (CCP) FOR THE SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify the DEIS for the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge is scheduled to be announced in the Federal Register on September 9, 2011, which will trigger a 60 day comment period. NDOW shall give the Commission an update on the CCP for the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge and the potential impact on wildlife natural resources. The Commission may provide policy direction to NDOW on all such matters and may take action to direct the Department to provide written comment to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service DEIS.*
17. **NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) FOR THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY (SNWA) GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT AND CONVEYANCE PROJECT** (For possible action) – *A review discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) to approve, deny or otherwise modify an update on the SNWA Groundwater Development and Conveyance Project and the potential impact to wildlife water resources in the vicinity of the Project. NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) shall also give the Commission an update on its status in SNWA's pending hearings before the Nevada State Engineer – Nevada Division of Water Resources – including NDOW's status as a protestant to SNWA's pending applications in Spring Valley, Cave Valley, Dry Lake Valley, and Delamar Valley. The Commission may provide policy direction to NDOW on all such matters and may take action to direct NDOW to provide written comment to the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) DEIS. The Commission may also provide policy direction to NDOW on NDOW's protests to SNWA's pending applications including any settlements to withdraw such protests.*
18. **APPLICATION HUNT 2011 DRAW REPORT** (Non-action action) – *An informational update on the Systems Consultants interim annual report of the 2011 Big Game Draw. Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license, tag fees and counts as well as bonus point and client statistics for the five (5) draws already completed this year.*
19. **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 Monday, November 28, 2011, meeting.*

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20. **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 complete and return a “Request to Speak Card” to the clerk at the meeting.

21. **ADJOURNMENT** (For possible action)

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 11:15 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.