

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the March 24, 2009 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009 in the CVIC HALL (SECOND FLOOR) 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Turnipseed
Vice-Chairman Kevin Servatius
Craig Burnside
Eric Scheetz
Bob Cook

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bob Clark, Private Citizen
Marshall Goldy, Private Citizen
Jim Ornellas, Private Citizen

NOTE: A tape recording of these proceedings is retained by the Board Chairman and is available for review upon request.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Chairman Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 3, 2009** – MOTION by Cook/Servatius to approve the minutes; carried with Burnside abstaining.
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** – MOTION by Burnside/Cook to approve the agenda with the date corrections; carried unanimously.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** - None.
5. **DISCLOSURES** – Chairman Turnipseed stated he had contact with Chad Bliss concerning AB 183.
6. **REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 6 AND 8, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING**

Chairman Turnipseed said there was discussion concerning the cap on the lion tags and the hunt areas involved.

Eric Scheetz talked about topics discussed at the meeting. Those topics included:

- Traps and the issues related to them
- Legislation on the lion hunt
- Weekend opening versus calendar day opening
- Bobcat population
- Junior hunt

- Legal weapon statistics for the deer harvest

No action taken.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REDUCTION OF WATERS TO RECEIVE FISH PLANTS IN CALIFORNIA – CRAIG BURNSIDE

Craig Burnside said an EIS has not been done but is being required before the waters can be planted.

Mike Turnipseed thought the EIS would be completed in time for the waters to be planted by opening day.

Marshall Goldy added some environmental groups do not want the streams stocked with any kind of trout because they are considered invasive species and will kill the native species.

Mike Turnipseed said they will plant the East and West forks of the Carson and Walker Rivers.

Eric Scheetz asked why Indian Creek Reservoir is okay to plant.

Craig Burnside answered it is because it is manmade and does not drain into something that is considered sensitive.

8. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 27 and 28, 2009 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting.

Kevin Servatius asked to remove items 8A and 8B for discussion.

Eric Scheetz asked to remove item 8G for discussion.

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to approve the consent calendar minus items 8A, 8B, and 8G; carried unanimously.

8-A. ACTION REGARDING PETITION OF JOHN V. ZENZ. The commission will consider a petition from John V. Zenz requesting to “increase desert bighorn sheep season (November through December); more weekend and holidays available for hunters.” The commission may accept and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

Kevin Servatius provided a background on the time and length of the seasons. Master Guides are supporting this because spreading it out over two months will take some of the pressure off the animals and provide a better quality experience for the hunt. He supports this because it makes sense and asked the board for their feeling on this.

The board discussed the effect this would have on the harvest formula with Kevin Servatius noting there is a high success rate and this is really a quality of hunt issue for the person who has waited all their life for this tag.

Kevin Servatius said the rationale behind this is the weather and the effect the heat has on the hunters.

Eric Scheetz asked if there are any deer hunts that would be affected by extending the sheep season.

Kevin Servatius answered Unit 161 would have some interface but there would not be a lot of overlap.

Craig Burnside indicated he would be in favor as long as there are no biological concerns.

Eric Scheetz thought he would need more information in order to take a position on this.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to support a petition from John V. Zenz requesting to “increase desert bighorn sheep season (November through December); more weekend and holidays available for hunters.”; carried with Scheetz abstaining.

8-B. ACTION REGARDING PETITION OF JOHN V. ZENZ. The commission will consider a petition from John V. Zenz requesting to “reduce PIW desert sheep quota to one.” The commission may accept and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

Kevin Servatius noted Mr. Zenz is requesting a reduction in the PIW tags from two to one to reduce the pressure on the animals in the quality hunt areas.

Mike Turnipseed talked about the money that goes into the Heritage account and the effort to maximize the money by pulling out one of the PIW tags out and making it a Dream Tag.

Kevin Servatius hoped they do not pull out a PIW tag because the PIW allows the average person the opportunity to get a tag.

No action taken.

8-C. ACTION REGARDING APPEAL OF GUY W. ROZAR. The commission will hear a request from Mr. Rozar to receive a bull elk tag and /or his bonus points reinstated.

8-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #50, DUCK STAMP PROCEDURES, SECOND READING - PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AARON MEIER. The department is requesting that the commission revise Policy #50 to change the number of Nevada duck stamps printed from 50,000 to 35,000.

8-E. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP PROJECT - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The department is requesting to modify approved upland game stamp projects and will request approval to fund a telemetry study of released mountain quail.

8-F. ACTION REGARDING HUMBOLDT COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE AUGMENTATION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER DAVE PRATHER. Humboldt County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is requesting the commission to augment their 2009 budget in the amount of \$1,120.

8-G. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION - CHAIRMAN LENT. The commission

will hear a report from the commission's legislative committee and may vote to support or oppose proposals to the 2009 session of the Nevada State Legislature.

Eric Scheetz highlighted the proposed legislation of AB427 (feral horses), AB194 (changes in fines for wildlife convictions), SB108 (metal post markers for mining claims), a bill relating to wilderness study areas, SB146 (money allocated to Department of Wildlife for projects in the state), and the reduction in the budget of the Nevada Department of Agriculture and the board held a round table discussion on each of topics.

No action taken.

8-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 368-T-014-09 TEMPORARY - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST KEVIN LANSFORD. The commission will adopt language to change the Nevada Administrative Code to allow eligibility of any Nevada resident or non-resident to obtain three mountain lion tags in any license year. *Note: This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, March 27th and for action on Saturday, March 28th.*

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 27 AND 28, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. A report on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting.

9-A. CORRESPONDENCE - CHAIRMAN LENT. The commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the commission since the last regular meeting and provide copies for the exhibit file.

9-B. U.S. FOREST SERVICE NORTHEASTERN NEVADA TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN - U.S. FOREST SERVICE HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST SUPERVISOR ED MONNIG

9-C. WILDLIFE DIVERSITY DIVISION PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND UPDATE - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS

9-D. DEPARTMENT ACTIONS RELATED TO "EARLY AND UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF 2008 BIG GAME DRAW RESULTS" - CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BOB HAUGHIAN

9-E. 2009 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

9-F. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - VICE CHAIRMAN RON LURIE

9-G. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICY COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINE

9-H. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RAINE

9-I. HERITAGE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER CAVIN

9-J. WANTON WASTE REGULATION - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI

9-K. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL BRYAN STOCKTON

9-L. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES / LEADERSHIP TEAM NOTES - SECRETARY KEN MAYER

9-M. DEPARTMENT BUDGET, INCLUDING QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSION REGARDING DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATION TO THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER DAVE PRATHER

9-N. UPDATE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS AND NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE INVOLVEMENT - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM

9-O. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE WATER MONITORING RELATIVE TO SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY PROJECTS - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM

9-P. BASSET AND COMINS LAKES FISHERIES' STATUS - DEPUTY DIRECTOR RICH HASKINS

9-Q. COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WORKSHOP

- **MULE DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HERD PRESCRIPTIONS - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST TONY WASLEY**
- **MOUNTAIN LION ECOLOGY AND RESULTS FROM A LONG-TERM STUDY - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DR. BECKY PIERCE**
- **STATUS AND HISTORY OF MOUNTAIN LION MANAGEMENT IN NEVADA - BIG GAME BIOLOGIST KEVIN LANSFORD**
- **OVERVIEW OF COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS' ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES - CHAIRMAN GERALD LENT**
- **STATE BUDGET 101 TRAINING - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER DAVE PRATHER**
- **PRESENTATION REGARDING NEVADA REVISED STATUTES / NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND COMMISSION REGULATION / COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI**

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 183 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH AN ADDITIONAL KIND OF DRAWING FOR THE EXISTING ALLOTMENT OF BIG GAME TAGS (BDR 4586); SPONSORED BY ASSEMBLYMEN

GOICOECHEA, CARPENTER, GRADY, SMITH, AIZLEY, BOBZIEN, GOEDHART, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HOGAN, MUNFORD, OHRENSCHALL, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, AND SENATOR RHOADS.

Mike Turnipseed said this would allow an average person the chance to get a Silver State Tag and place residents and nonresidents on equal footing. Essentially, it is an additional draw.

Craig Burnside thought it would give a person two different hunts to draw a tag in instead of only one hunt.

No action taken.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC MOTORS ON SPOONER LAKE-CRAIG BURNSIDE

Craig Burnside said the item was brought about by a request from a resident to have electric motors on Spooner Lake. Eventually it was approved by the Wildlife Commission in May. When the 2009 regulations came out, this was not in there. Rich Haskins said they omitted it in error and would work with State Parks to post signs so users of Spooner Lake would know electric motors are allowed.

No action taken.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ROAD CLOSURE FROM SPOONER TO KINGSBURY DURING DEER HUNTING-MICHAEL TURNIPSEED

Mike Turnipseed said he sent a letter to Terri Marceron, Forest Service Supervisor, inviting her to attend this meeting but he did not hear from her.

Bob Cook suggested sending another letter inviting her to the next meeting because he would like to work out some solution to keeping the gates open on Kingsbury and Spooner during deer season.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Cook to direct the Chair to send a second letter to the Forest Supervisor of the Tahoe Unit and copy the appropriate people and agencies; carried unanimously.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET

Kevin Servatius stated the prior requests for budget augmentations have been \$2,500 and that has been adequate.

Eric Scheetz presented the formula and information used to put the budget together including the CAB manual, State law, GSA rates, and county guidelines. Based on all the information gathered, the FY 09/10 budget request should be \$4, 029.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to submit the budget request for FY 09/10 for \$4,029; carried unanimously.

The board thanked Eric for his work on the budget.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE DCABMW

Craig Burnside indicated he would be willing to serve as Vice Chairman.

Kevin Servatius stated, due to his service on other Advisory Boards, he would be leaving the Wildlife Board in the fall. He added other citizens should be given the opportunity to participate so it is time for him to step down.

Mike Turnipseed stated he would be willing to continue to serve as Chairman.

MOTION by Burnside/Scheetz to nominate Mike Turnipseed as Chairman; carried unanimously.

MOTION by Servatius/Cook to nominate Craig Burnside as Vice Chairman; carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mike Turnipseed, Bob Cook, Craig Burnside and Eric Scheetz will attend the Reno meeting.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT DCABMW MEETING.

The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Recording Secretary merit increase
- Deer herd management plan
- Wildlife element of the Douglas County Master Plan
- Road closure

18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Burnside/Scheetz to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.; carried unanimously.

The minutes of March 24, 2009 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 12th day of May, 2008

Mike Turnipseed, Chairman