

**DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**  
**Minutes of the June 23, 2009 Meeting**

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009 in the CVIC HALL (SECOND FLOOR) 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Mike Turnipseed  
Vice-Chairman Craig Burnside  
Kevin Servatius

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eric Scheetz  
Bob Cook

**STAFF:** Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Reid Varble, NDOW  
Kris Urquhart, NDOW  
Jim Ornellas  
Marshall Goldy

**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 5:31 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

**2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2009**

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Scheetz and Cook absent.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to approve the agenda as presented; carried with Scheetz and Cook absent.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS – None.**

**5. DISCLOSURES**

Chairman Turnipseed stated he had received emails regarding legislative activities but noted he had not responded to any of them.

**6. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DISCUSSION BY NDOW FISHERIES BIOLOGIST CHRIS URQUHART REGARDING THE PROJECTS AT TOPAZ LAKE**

## **AND POSSIBLE UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE FISHING REGULATIONS**

Kris Urquhart provided an update on the efforts at Topaz Lake to help out the black bass and trout fisheries. The trout is the primary fishery at Topaz and do well until the water temperature warms up. Anglers have expressed interest in having a two tier fishery by having the black bass come on in the summertime. NDOW is trying to improve the habitat of the black bass fishery by using Christmas trees. The structures were placed along the east and south shore where anglers have reported seeing reproductive activities. Recruitment of the black bass has been a limiting factor at Topaz. NDOW has planted 1200 10" large mouth to get them started.

No changes are proposed to the regulations at Topaz. Changes to the Smith Creek Ranch fishing regulations include single barbless hooks/1 fish limit in the reservoir. Access issues are still outstanding but possible resolutions are being suggested to avoid having people drive through the ranch. To bring all urban fisheries in line, a region wide three fish limit is being proposed.

### **7. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 15 AND 16, 2009 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.**

No report was given.

### **8. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 26 and 27, 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.**

Chairman Turnipseed asked to remove item 8F.

Craig Burnside asked to remove item 8I.

MOTION by Servatius/Burnside to approve the consent agenda minus items 8F and 8I; carried with Scheetz and Cook absent.

**8-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICIES, SECOND READINGS-COMMISSIONER SCOTT RAINE.** In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission had first readings on the following policies and subsequently may approve the following policies:

- a. Commission Policy #2, "Sale of Publications"
- b. Commission Policy #21, "Game and Furbearer Management"
- c. Commission Policy #22, "Introduction, Transplanting, and Exportation"

**8-B. ACTION REGARDING DUCK STAMP REQUEST – CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM.** The Commission will review and be asked to approve 22 projects submitted and one equipment request submitted for funding from duck stamp funds. The projects total \$373,969.

**8-C. ACTION REGARDING UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM.** The Commission will review and be asked to approve 10 project requests submitted for funding from upland game stamp funds. The projects total

\$131,754 plus \$160,000 in associated salary.

**8-D. ACTION REGARDING WILD HORSES - COMMISSIONER MCBEATH.** The Commission will review a draft letter to be signed and sent by Commission chairman Gerald Lent to Nevada's federal Congressional delegation encouraging their opposition to HR 1018.

**8-E. ACTION REGARDING U.S. FOREST SERVICE NORTHEASTERN TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANS – CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT.** The Commission will review a draft letter to be signed and sent by Commission Chairman Gerald Lent to the U.S. Forest Service regarding the development of the Northeastern Nevada Travel Management Plans.

**8-F. ACTION REGARDING MUZZLELOADER VISUAL DISABILITY MODIFICATIONS – MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has asked that the Nevada Department of Wildlife implement a process whereby reasonable modifications to the muzzleloader hunting program are available to accommodate hunters with visual disabilities, as a result of a multi-state disability complaint by the North American Muzzleloader Association.

Chairman Turnipseed talked about a lawsuit against the state for people with visual disabilities. Some states allow these people to have a 1x power scope.

Kevin Servatius explained eyesight issues as they relate to the sites. Open sites are tough for elderly people who are having trouble with their eyes. A 1x power scope would double the effective killing range. The killing capability of the muzzleloader will be much improved.

Craig Burnside said an eye doctor would be required to complete a form before a person is declared visually impaired. Eventually this could lead to less muzzleloader tags being available.

**8-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 AMENDMENT #3 – GAME DIVISION STAFF BIOLOGISTS SHAWN ESPINOSA AND KEVIN LANSFORD.** The proposed amendment to Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment #3 recommends changes to the season dates for the junior wild turkey season in Lincoln County, various changes to sage grouse seasons, quotas and units for wild turkey seasons, possession limits for falconry seasons, and changes to the bobcat seasons and sealing dates.

**8-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 09-01 AMENDMENT #1 – COMMISSIONER CAVIN.** Presentation of the Heritage Committee's Heritage tag vendor recommendations to the Commission for approval for the 2010 Heritage tags.

**8-I. ACTION REGARDING NORTHEASTER NEVADA SALMON REINTRODUCTION – SECRETARY MAYER.** The Commission will hear a report on the status or reintroduction efforts for salmon in Nevada and may adopt a position statement or resolution.

The board held a brief discussion regarding the planting of salmon in various areas.

- 9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 26 AND 27, 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 GERALD A. 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. 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY**

The board commented on:

- Upland game tag fee
- Apprentice license
- Dream tag/PIW/Silver State tag
- Revising the provisions governing the licensing/regulations of wildlife guides & sub-guides

**9-C. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER RAINE**

**9-D. HABITAT DIVISION REPORTS: UPDATES ON WINECUP RANCH, WILD HORSE FEDERAL LAW AND WASHOE LAKE WETLANDS - CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM.**

**9-E. UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010 AND 2011 – UPLAND GAME BIOLOGIST – SHAWN ESPINOSA**

**9-F. FISHERY DIVISION REPORTS: UPDATES ON PETITION TO LIST CERTAIN SPRING SNAILS IN NEVADA AND THE LAKE MEAD HATCHERY – CHIEF OF FISHERIES MARK WARREN**

**9-G. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK – VICE CHAIRMAN RON LURIE**

**9-H. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.**

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

**9-J. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER RAINE**

**9-K. ELK DAMAGE AND INCENTIVE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER WALLACE**

**9-L. FINANCE COMMITTEE – COMMISSIONER RON LURIE**

**9-M. ONLINE HUNT APPLICATION CHANGES/AMENDMENTS AFTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION – CHAIRMAN GERALD A. LENT**

**9-N. SPIKE ONLY ELK HUNT OPTIONS – PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER**

Elk sightings in different areas were discussed.

Chairman Turnipseed thought the reason for this could be to thin out the middle aged bulls.

**9-O. WELLS RESOURCE AREA ELK PLAN UPDATE – CHIEF OF GAME MARK ATKINSON**

- 10. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETING - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 14 and 15, 2009, in Elko; and the Commission will review potential agenda items for that meeting. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and create new committees.**

No action taken.

- 11. UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A JOINT LETTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE USFS FROM THE DCABMW AND THE CCABMW REGARDING THE GATE CLOSURE AT SPOONER NDOT MAINTENANCE STATION.**

Chairman Turnipseed stated he would draft a letter and bring it back before the board at the next meeting.

- 12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

Chairman Turnipseed will attend the meeting in Lovelock.

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT DCABMW MEETING.**

The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, August 10, 2009**.

- 14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

- Update on the predator control program

- 15. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT.**

MOTION by Burnside/Servatius to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m.; carried with Scheetz and Cook absent.

The minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009

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Mike Turnipseed, Chairman