

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **MINUTES**

**Monday ~ June 21, 2010 ~ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

## **MEMBERS**

Rick Smith, Chair  
Glen Copeland, Vice-chair  
Rex Flowers, Secretary  
Daryl Harwell  
Thomas Wilson

### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE \***

Chair Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL \***

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Rex Flowers, Daryl Harwell, Rick Smith and Tom Wilson.

**EXCUSED:** Glen Copeland.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2010, MINUTES**

*It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Harwell, to approve the May 10, 2010, minutes, as submitted. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.*

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS \***

Trish Swain - representing Trailsafe, distributed a letter (copy on file) that outlines the request to be on the next meeting agenda of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife for a presentation on the banning of trapping in the fire arms congested areas of Washoe County. Ms. Swain noted that the issues have been discussed with Joel Blakeslee of the Trappers Association.

Chair Smith commented that the board could not engage in questions and answers on topics raised during public comments.

Joel Blakeslee – Nevada Trappers Association President, commented that he would meet with Game Warden Rob Buonamici on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 to further discuss the issues.

Chair Smith directed that the matter be added to the August 9, 2010, meeting agenda.

### **5. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES \***

**5-1). Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements** – Chair Smith provided an overview of correspondence (copies on file) received from the following individuals: 1) Casey Nelson expressing concern about the legality of allowing a single

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hunter (Mike Stremmer) to receive a bounty of \$1,800.00 for each lion removed from the Mt. Range; 2) Jeff Barker noting concerns about the State of California no-kill policy of Cougars, which results in the animals being trapped and released in Fox Mountain, High Rock Canyon, Grass Valley and Leadville Canyon areas. Mr. Barker suggests that NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) correspond with the State of California to request that other options for the disposal of problems cats be considered; 3) Marc Johnson – UNR (University of Nevada, Reno), to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on their correspondence on the College of Agriculture and Main Station Farm; 4) Mike Mantelli in support of the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association petition; and 5) Ron Lara in support of the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association petition

*5-2). Overview of the May 14 and 15, 2010, Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting* – Member Wilson summarized the testimony provided to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (Commission) on the Washoe County recommendations on Policy 50. Mr. Wilson noted that the Commission sent the matter back to Committee for further review. Member Wilson also noted that he had discussed the provisions that would revoke a guide's license on changes of physical violence wherein he recommended that the Commission adopt more specific guidelines to handle appeals to avoid due process challenges.

Chair Smith summarized the Saturday (May 15, 2010) meeting there had been significant discussion about the use of recording secretary services to record County Game Board meeting minutes. Chair Smith noted that the Washoe County board had engaged the services of its current recording secretary since 1999 when Commission Chair Lent was the Washoe County Board Secretary. Chair Smith stated that the Commission had opted for Option 1 that provides much of what the County Game Boards had requested using historical expenditures. Chair Smith then detailed the Heritage Fund project approved by the Commission and noted that he had asked for and received an audit how the approved project meet NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) and NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) requirements for the use of Heritage Fund money. Chair Smith noted that the Commission had accepted the board recommendations on tag allocations except in specific area wherein a County Game Board had asked for a modification.

Commissioner Daryl Capurro commented that the compliance review was done by Department direction and that all projects met funding regulations. Mr. Capurro noted that specific information on how the regulations were not met is necessary so that any inconsistencies can be identified and corrected.

**5-3). Update and status report on the Washoe County Predator Control Project and the Wildlife Damage Management Subcommittee** – Chris Hampson – Game Bureau Biologist, commented that two (2) more cats have been harvested in the last week a 4-year old male and 3-year old female from the Red Mountain Creek area in the Granite Range.

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- 6. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) June 25 and 26, 2010, meetings in Ely, Nevada; and 2) August 13 and 14, 2010, meetings in Fallon, Nevada.*

Chair Smith will attend the June 25 and 26, 2010, meetings in Ely, Nevada.

Member Flowers and/or Member Harwell will attend the August 13 and 14, 2010, meetings in Fallon, Nevada.

- 7. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 383, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R005-10 – WILDLIFE HIGHWAY CROSSING** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to wildlife; prohibiting a person from hunting or taking a big game mammal or discharging a firearm within a certain distance of a Wildlife Highway Crossing.*

Chair Smith outlined the agenda item and opened the meeting to public comment.

Shane Evans suggested that the crossings should be well marked so that the public is notified of the crossings.

Chair Smith read portions of the regulation into the record noting that officers or other agencies acting in an official capacity were exempt.

Member Wilson commented that there are some concerns about noticing or adequately marking the crossings that might otherwise not be known to the general public. Therefore, it is his opinion that the crossing need to be marked in a manner that clearly designates the area as a wildlife crossing.

There was some discussion about whether hunting across any improved roadway is allowed. It was noted that hunting across any maintained roadway is prohibited and that there are other regulations related to the discharge of a fire arm within specified distances of a roadway. . Other discussion noted that the half mile radius provide a wildlife refuge of sorts and are intended to herd animal to the under or over pass constructed for the safe passage along various pathways used by wild game animals.

***It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation Number 383, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R005-10 with the following modification to Paragraph 3 that public notices or markers be placed on the structures that identify the structure as a wildlife highway crossing. The motion***

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***carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

- 8. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 389, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) FILE NO. R083-10 – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to wildlife; prohibiting a person from interfering with the use of a guzzler or other water development; providing an exception.***

Chair Smith summarized the agenda item and read the proposed modifications into the record.

Chris Hampson – Game Bureau Biologist, commented that he had been involved in some of the early discussions and recalled there had been some discussion about the placement of blinds and other activities that may force animals away from the water. Mr. Hampson noted that there are some issues that may be brought forward to the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) and suggested that the Washoe County board include any modifications in their recommendation to the Commission.

Member Wilson outlined his concerns about the interpretation/definition of “interfere with the use of a guzzler.” Mr. Wilson noted that having a blind near a guzzler might not be considered interference whereas placing a blind in the guzzler might. Additionally, Member Wilson believes that the issue of water rights ownership needs to be clearly defined as without a clear deed of ownership there may be no legal means by which the use of the water right can be enforced.

During the discussion it was suggested that the diversion of the water may be the underlying reason for the proposed modification. However, it is generally thought that the water (guzzlers) belongs to the State of Nevada until or unless there is a ruling otherwise. Other discussion suggested that the destruction of a guzzler by shooting holes in the guzzler should be addressed in the modification. As the discussion continued, it was also suggested that the harvesting of an animal near a guzzler could also be construed as interfering with the use of the guzzler.

Member Flowers noted some concern that the proposed language might not be correct and suggested that no action be taken until the issue of flow to the guzzler and a definition of causing interference is clarified.

Member Wilson commented that, in his opinion, the AG (Attorney General) should render an opinion on the water rights ownership issues and adds language that clarifies that defines interference whether it is a barrier or some other form of interference that creates an interference with the use of a guzzler. Additionally, Member Wilson would like a clear definition of what constitutes an “enhanced water basin.” Member Wilson noted that a lack

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of clarity could result in a significant number of legal challenges given the somewhat vague language being proposed.

***A motion by Member Wilson to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner approve Commission General Regulation Number 389, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R083-10 with modifications to paragraph 1, Subsection B to strike the words "... interfere with the use of ..." and adding the word "alter"; Provide a definition of Enhanced Natural Basin in Section 3; insert the words "... block any game animal access to a guzzler or other water development ...".***

Chair Smith recommended that no action be taken on the proposed modification until the changes and clarifications are in place so that this and other County Game Boards have a better understanding of the proposed modifications.

Commissioner Capurro commented that the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) had hoped to have the modifications in place in advance of the upcoming season openings.

Member Wilson commented that he could not support what he believes to be the enactment of "bad law" and suggested that it not be approved until such time as the requested clarifications are made.

Chair Smith stated he would not support the approval of the proposal without having the language clarified.

***Member Wilson withdrew his original motion.***

***It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners not approve the language being proposed in Commission General Regulation Number 389, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R083-10, as it appears, in his opinion, to be unconstitutionally vague. Member Wilson further recommended that Section 3 more fully define an "Enhanced Natural Basin; modify Section B to read "alter any guzzler"; and add language as it pertains to the blocking of any game access to a guzzler or other water development. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

The meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m. Member Copeland excused.

- 9. COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07 AMENDMENT NO. 6 – UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or***

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*otherwise modify a proposed amendment that recommends changes to season dates, open areas, game management units, bag limits and special regulations for Sage Grouse and Wild Turkey; and Bobcat season and sealing dates.*

Chris Hampson – Game Bureau Biologist, outlined the proposed modifications explaining that Unit 032 in the Pine Forest Range is being closed due to the low populations. Mr. Hampson noted that most surveys of the current brood is not done until later in the year as there may be a significant loss of chicks during summer and early fall. Mr. Hampson outlined the data gathered from the wing survey, including productivity. Typically, populations are based on current as well as historical data.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment No. 6 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits, as presented for Sage Grouse. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

Mr. Hampson then noted that the fall season hunt had been cancelled for Wild Turkey due to the lack of mature Toms identified in recent surveys. Mr. Hampson noted that the decrease in population may be the result of poor productivity or some change in management practices.

There was some discussion about whether refunds would be issued for the closed areas. As the discussion continued, it was noted that an opinion from the AG's (Attorney General) office may be needed since this is a closure of a season. It was noted that refunds were not offered on the Rocky Mountain Sheep as there was no tag allocation due to a late development that significantly and adversely affected the herd population. Other discussion suggested that most hunters are aware of the situation with the Wild Turkey populations.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Wilson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment No. 6 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits, as presented for Wild Turkey. The motion carried: members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

Mr. Hampson noted the changes to the fur bearing seasons and sealing dates.

Chair Smith outlined the changes to sealing dates throughout the State of Nevada.

Joel Blakeslee - Nevada Trappers Association President, concurred with the change in the sealing dates.

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Don Molde provided a graph of bobcats harvest dating back to the early 1980's (copy on file). Mr. Molde explained that, in his opinion, there is little correlation between the numbers of cats harvested and season length.

Mr. Blakeslee noted that the quota is based on the kitten to female ration, similar to that used for Muledeer and other big game animals. It is expected that the survival ratio will be greater this year (2010) due to the increased number of small animals such as rabbits and other species as a food source. Mr. Blakeslee noted that fur prices had dropped significant due to the overabundance of fur. While the decreased supply has led to an increase in prices globally, the continued economic downturn has caused some trappers to reduce their trapping activities.

***It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 07-07 Amendment No. 6 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits, as presented for fur bearers. The motion carried: members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

**10. DUCK STAMP REQUEST – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a list of twenty-three (23) projects submitted for funding from Duck Stamp funds. The projects total \$141,036.00.**

Chair Smith provided an overview of the agenda item and commented that he believes there is more than the total project costs available in the Duck Stamp fund.

Member Wilson commented that the amount calculated for project costs total about three (3) years of revenue. However, of particular concern is the use of Duck Stamp funds for project that do not meet the criteria that mandates that Duck Stamp fund be used exclusively for the protection and propagation of migratory birds and preservation of wetlands. The projects for the Nevada Hunters Journal and brochures on weapons and wetlands such as Carson Lake do not meet that criteria and should therefore not be funded in his opinion.

***It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the Duck Stamp fund project with the exception of those for the Nevada Hunters Journal, Carson Lake Wetlands and Steptoe Valley brochures, which do not meet the criteria set forth in the regulation resulting in a cost savings of \$10,000.00. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

**11. UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or**

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*otherwise modify a list of ten (10) projects submitted for funding from Upland Game Stamp funds. The projects total \$172,110.00 plus \$160,000.00 in associated salary.*

Chair Smith summarized the agenda item and noted that there appears to be a significant amount of matching funds for the proposed projects.

Member Wilson outlined his concern about the use of funds for the Sportsmen's Journal, which does not meet the criteria set forth in NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) on the use of Upland Game Stamp funds.

There was a brief discussion about the use of Upland Game Stamp funds for seed mix and food plots in the Mason Valley (Nevada). It was noted that the seed would plant some seventy (70) acres.

***It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve the list of project for the use of Upland Game Stamp funds with the exception of the Sportsmen's Journal which does not meet the criteria for the use of funds. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

**12. GOOSE CREEK PORTION OF THE WELLS ELK SUB-PLAN –** *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a request to set up a Steering Committee to revise the Elk Population Objective of the Goose Creek portion of the Wells Elk Sub-Plan.*

Chris Hampson – Game Bureau Biologist, commented that the Elk populations are beginning to bump up against mandated population caps and that there has been some issue on herds shared with the State of Utah.

During the discussion it was noted that there had been some previous Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) discussion about the Elk herd in the Goose Creek area. During that discussion it was suggested that there had been concern voiced by ranchers about why Elk should be allowed on the land when ranchers cannot graze cattle. Other discussion concurred with the formation of a Subcommittee to further research the issues.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Wilson, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners appoint a Subcommittee to revise the Elk Population Objective of the Goose Creek portion of the Wells Elk Sub-plan. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

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- 13. PETITION** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a petition filed by the Nevada Guides and Outfitters and Guides Association to “return to the original wording of NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.4237 that allows applicants who were unsuccessful or rejected to apply in the main draw for deer.”*

Chair Smith provided an overview of the agenda item that would reinstate the original language that would allow applicants who were unsuccessful or rejected to apply in the main draw.

Shane Evans commented that this represented a monetary issue, which would provide substantial benefits in terms of revenue for the State of Nevada and more specifically NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife).

Chair Smith noted that he had several discussions about the proposal and stated that there is no specific effect on resident hunters if this were approved.

George Corner - Nevada Outfitters, recalled that the modification had been the result of a legal challenge filed by George Tallman. Although Mr. Tallman is a member of the group and he has only been active during his attempt to get the organization to support his challenge, which was unanimously rejected by the membership. Mr. Corner noted that the organization was unaware of the proposed change that removed the ability to seek a tag from the main draw. Mr. Corner explained that the change had significantly and adversely affected his business and that the reversion to the original language would have no detrimental effect on resident hunts.

During the discussion it was noted that there is some anecdotal evidence that suggests the modification to the NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) had detrimentally affected guides hunt businesses. However, another contributing factor is the continued downturn in the national economy, which has prompted many individuals to reduce spending. As the discussion continued, it was pointed out that without an ability to guide a hunt in the Rubies that Mr. Corner had been unable to convince former clients that some of the best hunt opportunities in the west can be found in other parts of Nevada.

Member Flowers noted that former member Judi Caron had contacted him to express her opposition to allowing the guided non-resident hunt entered in the first general draw. However, she would like to see if there is a way to add guided hunts to the PIW (Partnership in Wildlife) hunt process with left over tags then going to the second draw. Member Flowers commented that, in his opinion, all hunters need one bite at the apple whether they are guided hunters or non-guided. Therefore, Member Flowers can not support the change.

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Member Wilson noted that while there is no specific effect on resident hunters, he believes that as a member of the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife that his charge is to make recommendations on behalf of Washoe County. Mr. Wilson explained that he is unsure that there is an issue that requires the suggested change.

Chair Smith noted that he too had discussed the matter with Ms. Caron and that he believes the board must weigh both sides of the issue. While the effect on resident hunters is nil, there have been some adverse impacts to guides and the State of Nevada in terms of revenue. Chair Smith believes that the positive benefits of the proposed modification outweighs any negative impact. Therefore, Chair Smith can support the request.

***It was moved by Member Wilson, seconded by Member Harwell, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve the Nevada Guides and Outfitters and Guides Association petition to revert to the original wording of NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.4237 that allows applicants who were unsuccessful or rejected to apply in the main draw for deer as submitted. The motion carried: Members Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; Member Flowers dissenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

**14. WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECT – A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve, deny or otherwise modify a recommendation by the Heritage Committee to approve one (1) Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Heritage Project which requested an extension of funding into fiscal year 2010-2011.**

Chair Smith provided an overview of the request noted that the project had been initially approved in 2008-2009. Mr. Smith noted that the AG (Attorney General) representative had opined that the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners) could not discuss or take action on the request at their last meeting due to improper public noticing. Chair Smith suggested that the Commission direct that the study be completed on or before June 30, 2011 and that future request for extension be denied.

***It was moved by Chair Smith, seconded by Member Flowers, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve a recommendation by the Heritage Committee to approve one (1) Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Heritage Project which requested an extension of funding into fiscal year 2010-2011. Chair Smith further moved that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners direct that the project be completed in fiscal year 2010-2011, which ends on June 30, 2011, and that no future time extensions be granted. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

**15. MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING JUNIOR HUNT PROGRAM TO A NOVICE HUNT PROGRAM TRI-COUNTY MULEDEER WORKING GROUP – A review,**

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*discussion and possible recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to modify the existing Junior Hunt program to a Novice Hunt program.*

Chair Smith provide an overview of the agenda item and noted that the request would extend eligibility from a maximum of 17 years of age to any person who has never hunted regardless of age.

Commissioner Capurro outlined his concern that the reason for establishing a Youth Hunt was to recruit young hunters, which has an ever increasing age with little recruitment. Mr. Capurro stated he would not like to see that lost if the program were to be modified.

Shane Evans concurred that the Youth Hunt is an excellent program and that he believes this proposal may change the intended purpose of the Youth Hunt.

Allen Moss noted that he had taken his sons to Colorado to hunt and that the state continues to lose young hunters. Mr. Allen stated that the Youth Hunt would have to focus on children first in the State and then children from out-of-state.

Diana Belding noted that there were many adults who were never exposed to hunting as children and that the intent is to provide an opportunity for them to experience hunting first hand.

During the discussion it was explained that there were only 333 tags left from the Youth Hunt in the first draw. As the discussion continued, it was noted that there is some concern about supporting a hunt that allows older adults to compete with children. Other concerns include how the first time hunt could be verified if a hunter were a new resident to the State of Nevada. It was suggested that perhaps a Novice Hunt might be better served as a separate hunt. However, the establishment of another special hunt will continue to result in fewer tags for Nevada hunters that might not ever had drawn a tag. It was suggested that perhaps a Subcommittee should be appointed to further study the issues.

**16. MULE DEER RESTORATION COMMITTEE** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Mule Deer Restoration Committee with background information and possible methods and procedures to achieve the goal of increased Mule Deer populations throughout the State of Nevada.*

Member Flowers drew attention to the request from Cory Lytle (copy on file) to add the matter to the meeting agenda. Mr. Flowers read the request into the record.

Chair Smith directed that the matter be added to the August 9, 2010, meeting agenda as it appears that the amended agenda had not been properly posted to the website.

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- 17. NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION** – *A review, discussion and possible direction to the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Chair (Rick Smith) to provide written correspondence to Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons recommending candidate to fill vacant Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission sportsmen’s seat on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*

Chair Smith outlined the agenda item noting that the board had taken action at the May 20, 2010, meeting on the two other appointments. Mr. Smith recalled that the board had also recommended that Governor Jim Gibbons not reappoint Scott Raines to the Commission (Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner). A request to obtain name(s) and other information on potential candidates being considered by the Governor was denied by the Governors office as it was confidential information.

Member Wilson opined that the refusal to disclose the information may be in violation of certain state and federal regulations regarding public information. Member Wilson suggested that without supporting documentation on any potential candidate that the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife should, in his opinion, maintain their original recommendation, which includes a recommendation not to reappoint Mr. Raines to the Commission.

Chair Smith noted that there is only one known applicant for the position other than Mr. Raines and that he is not personally familiar with the applicant. Chair Smith outlined his understanding of the appointment process that requires that at least one County Game Board make a recommendation on potential candidate for the Commission.

Member Wilson reiterated his concern about holding applicant information confidential, which he believes has some negative effect on the ability of the County Game Board to make informed decisions and recommendations.

During the discussion it was noted that the candidate must complete an application, which is available on the internet before the Governor can make an appointment due to background and other verifications that must be completed.

***It was moved by Member Flowers, seconded by Member Harwell, to reiterate recommendations made at the May 20, 2010, meeting, including a recommendation to not reappoint Scott Raines to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. The motion carried: Members Flowers, Harwell, Wilson and Chair Smith assenting; and Member Copeland excused.***

- 18. MEMBER COMMENTS \*** – *Limited to emergent items not addressed elsewhere on the agenda. While the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may not engage in discussion or take action on any item identified under this topic the matter*

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*may be placed on a future agenda for discussion and possible action or recommendation of action to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*

Member Wilson noted that a 13-year old had provided a rebuttal to a recent article in the RGJ (Reno Gazette Journal) on the predator control issue. Member Wilson stated that he had been honored to have served on the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and drew attention to the detail of the meetings agendas, minutes and discussions among and between the board members and the public.

Chair Smith expressed his appreciation to Member Wilson for his service to Washoe County in serving on the Washoe County board.

Chris Hampson commented that Mr. Wilson had brought a level of professionalism to the board which he appreciated.

## **19. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS \* – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the Monday, August 9, 2010, meeting.***

The August 9, 2010, meeting agenda, may include, but is not limited to: 1) A joint presentation by the Nevada Trappers Association and Trailsafe on the banning of trapping in the arms congested areas of Washoe County; and 2) **MULE DEER RESTORATION COMMITTEE** – *A review, discussion and possible recommendation to the Mule Deer Restoration Committee with background information and possible methods and procedures to achieve the goal of increased Mule Deer populations throughout the State of Nevada.*

## **20. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

**AS APPROVED BY THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE IN SESSION ON AUGUST 9, 2010.**

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