

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting
Las Vegas Convention Center
3150 Paradise Road
Room 260, Second Floor
Las Vegas, NV 89109**

*Amended AGENDA – Jan. 30, 2012
See Changes to Agenda Item #23 C*

NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting for items not on the agenda

Friday, February 3, 2012 – 9:30 a.m.

- 1 **Call to Order, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman McBeath**
- 2 **Approval of Agenda – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, combine items for consideration or take items out of order.
- 3 **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman McBeath - Informational**
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Mayer will also be discussed.
- 4 **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items – Informational**
CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.
- 5 **Approval of Minutes – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes from the Sept. 23 and 24, 2011, meeting.
Note: Support material previously sent.
- 6 **Wildlife Society Award Recognition for Conservation Educator Margie Klein - Conservation Education Chief Teresa Moiola**
- 7 **License Appeal Hearing - Reynaldo Martinez – Chief of Game Rob Buonamici – For Possible Action**
Mr. Martinez is appealing revocation of his license privileges.

- 8 **Regulation Workshop – Informational – Public Comment Allowed**
- A* **Commission General Regulation Number 396 LCB File No. R051-11 – Internet Contingency – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger**
 The Commission may adopt permanent regulations relating to authorizing the Director of the Department of Wildlife to extend the period for applying for a tag or bonus point under certain circumstances; and providing other matters related thereto.
- B* **Commission General Regulation 402, LCB File No. R055 – 11, Bighorn Sheep and Swan Changes to NAC 502.345 – Game Division Chief Gilbertson and Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox**
 The Commission will consider and may take action to adopt proposed changes to provisions pertaining to miscellaneous requirements related to bighorn sheep hunting including elimination of mandatory indoctrination requirements, elimination of mandatory possession of certain optics while hunting bighorn sheep, plugging of skull/horns of harvested bighorn sheep, removing or altering the seal, plug or branded identification number once permanently attached, elimination of provision to notify the Department upon transfer of ownership of a bighorn skull, and changes to swan permit eligibility to allow youth and senior hunter access to permits consistent with state and federal waterfowl/migratory license and stamp requirements.
- C* **Commission General Regulation 403, LCB File No. R078 – 11, Unit Boundary Description Changes to NAC 504.210 – Game Division Chief Gilbertson**
 The Commission will consider and may take action to adopt proposed changes to wildlife management area and unit descriptions.
- D* **Commission General Regulation 404, LCB File. No. R091 – 11, Radio Telemetry and Satellite Transmitter Regulations – Wildlife Staff Specialist Tony Wasley**
 The Commission will be asked to adopt an amendment to Chapter 503 of NAC prohibiting the use of an electronic receiving device to locate wildlife fitted with an electronic transmitting device while hunting, requiring notification of the Department when a radio-marked animal with a transmitting device is harvested, coordinate the return of the transmitting device to the Department, and prohibiting the destruction of such a transmitting device except by qualified Department personnel and other matters properly relating thereto.
- 9 **Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) Groundwater Development Project – Director of Environmental Resources for Southern Nevada Water Authority Zane Marshall – Informational**
 Director of Environmental Resources Zane Marshall will provide an update on environmental compliance activities related to SNWA’s groundwater development project as well as an update on implementation activities related to the stipulated agreements that SNWA has entered into with various Department of Interior agencies and the United States Forest Service. Mr. Marshall will also report on SNWA’s land and surface water right holdings in White Pine and Lincoln Counties.
- 10* **Request for Antelope from the Yakama Nation in Washington State – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will be asked to approve a request from the Yakama Nation for up to 100 antelope for release on tribal lands in Washington State.

11* **Request for Desert Bighorn Sheep from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox – For Possible Action**

The Commission will be asked to approve a request from the State of Utah for desert bighorn sheep for release in Utah.

12 **Public Comment Period**

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Saturday, February 4, 2012 – 8:30 a.m.

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16 **Regulations – Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed**

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17* Commission Regulation 12 – 1, Black Bear Season – Game Division Chief Gilbertson – For Possible Action

The Commission may adopt regulations for the 2012 black bear season including open areas/units, dates, legal weapons, hours, and specific regulations for the hunting of black bears including proposed indoctrination provisions.

18* Commission Regulation 11 – 03, Amendment #1, Big Game Seasons - Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox and Tony Wasley – For Possible Action

The Commission may adopt amendments to recommended changes to big game season dates and bighorn sheep indoctrination provisions.

19* Commission Regulation 11 – 06, Amendment #2, 2012 Wildlife Heritage, Silver State, and Partnership in Wildlife Tags - Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

The Commission may adopt an amendment to annual regulation regarding the 2012 Silver State Tag species and seasons by adding a Nelson Bighorn Sheep tag and other matters related thereto.

20* Commission Regulation 07 – 07, Amendment #9, Overton-Key Pittman Hunter Reservation System – Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull – For Possible Action

The Commission may adopt an amendment to a portion of Commission Regulation 07-07 to address issues of concern related to the current method of awarding dove hunt reservations at the Overton Wildlife Management Area.

- 21* **Commission Regulation 12 – 03, 2013 Heritage Tag Regulation – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission may adopt annual regulation relating to the 2013 Heritage Tags, species, seasons, unit groups and other matters related thereto.
- 22* **Commission Regulation 12 - 04, 2012 Dream Tag Regulation – Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission may adopt annual regulation relating to Dream Tag seasons, unit groups, legal weapons, hunting hours and other matters related thereto.
- 23* **Heritage Program Update – Deputy Director Cates – For Possible Action**
- A **Heritage Committee Report – Commissioner Wallace**
A report of the most recent Heritage Committee meeting.
- B **Heritage Account Report – Deputy Director Cates**
A report on the Heritage Account balance, interest earned, and funds available for Fiscal Year 2013 Awards.
- ~~C **Reallocation of Heritage Project #12 – 27, Maxell Global Tech**
The Commission may consider reallocating \$47,400 from project #12 – 27 Maxell Global Technologies to any other 2012 project proposal previously considered by the Commission.~~
- C **Cancellation, Disqualification and Reallocation of Heritage Project #12 – 27 from fiscal year 2011-2012, Maxell Global Tech**
The Commission may consider under NAC 501.340(3) cancelling funding for Maxell Global Technologies for the 2011-2012 fiscal year project proposal the Commission had previously considered and disqualifying the Maxell Global Technologies project from any future funding. The Commission may consider reallocating \$47,400 from project #12 – 27 Maxell Global Technologies to any other 2011-2012 project proposal previously considered by the Commission.
- D **Commission General Regulation 407, Wildlife Heritage Trust Fund**
The Commission may consider draft changes to the permanent regulations to implement a granting process for project awards, allow reallocation of unused project funds, and any other related matters as deemed appropriate by the Commission or as recommended by the Heritage Committee.
- 24 **Trapping Regulation Committee Report – Commissioner McNinch – For Possible Action**
Commissioner McNinch will report on the substance of the committee meeting held yesterday, Feb. 3, 2012, in Las Vegas, to obtain public comment on a draft regulation governing the trapping of furbearing mammals in residential areas of a county whose population is 100,000 or more per the 2011 Legislative Session requiring the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations by December 31, 2012. Based on the report of the Trapping Regulation Committee, the Commission shall consider revisions and additions to a draft regulation.

25 **Reports – Informational**

A **Bear Committee Report – Commissioner McNinch**

Commissioner McNinch will report on the Bear Committee meeting held in Reno.

B* **Federal Lands Designation – Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife President Larry Johnson**

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership in conjunction with other interests in western states is proposing a new federal land designation to benefit wildlife.

B **Sage-Grouse Update – Director Ken Mayer**

In accordance with the Commission’s request, Director Mayer will provide an update on the status of sage-grouse which is pending listing under the Endangered Species Act.

C **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Mid-Winter Conference Update – Vice Chairman Robb, Commissioner Drew and Director Ken Mayer**

D **Wild Horse Update – Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull**

In accordance with the Commission’s request, Chief of Habitat Bull will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

E* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General David Newton**

26 **Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioner’s Committee Assignments – Chairman McBeath – For Possible Action**

The Chairman will designate and adjust committee assignments, including the creation of new committees, the consolidation of existing committees, and/or the elimination of existing committees, as necessary. The Commission will take action to approve the revised committees and committee assignments as proposed by the chairman.

27 **Future Commission Meeting – Director Ken Mayer - For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is currently scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2012, in Reno. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting.

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*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website, and updates to support material will be posted at ndow.org
In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting date and has been posted on the NDOW website at NDOW.org and at the following Department of Wildlife offices: 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV, 89512; 380 W. “B” Street, Fallon, NV, 89406; 60 Youth Center, Elko, NV, 89801; 4747 W. Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV, 89108. Notice to the Public: Nevada Department of Wildlife receives Federal Aid in Fish and/or Wildlife Restoration. The U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, natural origin, age, sex, or disability. Individuals with hearing impairment may contact the Department via telecommunication device (TDD) (775) 688-1550. Disabled individuals in need of special services should contact the Department prior to the meeting at (775) 688-1599.

