

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the June 24, 2008 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008 in the CVIC HALL (SECOND FLOOR) 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Turnipseed
Vice-Chairman Kevin Servatius
Bob Cook

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Denton
Craig Burnside

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Bernard, Private Citizen
Nevada Jim Ornellas, Private Citizen
Marshall Goldy, Private Citizen

1. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** – Chairman Turnipseed called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 6, 2008** – Motion by Cook/Servatius to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Denton and Burnside absent.
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** – Matt Bernard addressed a concern regarding a bighorn sheep found dead outside of Elko. The person that found the dead ram informed NDOW that they had taken the head, which did not seem to concern the biologist at NDOW at the time they were informed. However, some days later, the law enforcement officer contacted the gentleman and had him bring the head in. They questioned him and then retained the head. Mr. Bernard was questioning whether or not a person could keep pickups. NRS clearly states you cannot possess any part of a big game animal without a tag. Shred hunting is technically against the law and he is troubled by having a law in place that does not allow the pick up of shed antlers.
5. **DISCLOSURES** – Chairman Turnipseed spoke about a letter received from Mr. Goldy.

Marshall Goldy talked about the lack of a definition of a predator at NDOW. NDOW uses the term but what is a predator?

Chairman Turnipseed discussed the NRS and NAC as they relate to what can be hunted legally.

Mr. Goldy continued and asked what the NDOW Division of Predator Control is controlling if there is no definition of a predator.

Chairman Turnipseed answered coyotes and mountain lions.

Mr. Goldy said he would like to see animals classified as predators listed as predators not as

big game animals.

Kevin Servatius pointed out the statute that he might challenge (NAC 503.035), which would move an animal to an unprotected class.

Nevada Jim Ornellas spoke about the increase in fees for the mountain lion tags, which goes to the predator control agency to kill the same mountain lion that the sportsman is paying to hunt. That is a double standard. Additionally, Fish & Game is contributing \$80,000 per year to kill the same animal.

Mr. Goldy said USDA's hunters killed 16 mountain lions in Area 014. What is the chances of getting a mountain lion out of an area where USDA is actively killing mountain lions?

6. **REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MAY 9 AND 10, 2008 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING** – Bob Cook attended and noted he read a letter into the record regarding the board's objection to the proposed removal of three members. At the meeting he was advised that there is an attempt to remove a fourth member. Also, he spoke about the Walker River Restoration Plan.
7. **ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the June 27 and 28, 2008 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.

Motion by Servatius/Cook to approve the consent calendar; carried with Denton and Burnside absent.

7-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 357 - LCB FILE NO. R059-08 - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST KEVIN LANSFORD. The commission is requested to amend a regulation relating to wildlife, classifying the gray wolf as a game mammal, and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27th and for action on Saturday, June 28th.*

7-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 358 - LCB FILE NO. R066-08 - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission is requested to amend regulation relating to wildlife, revising the circumstances under which a resident of Nevada or a nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag to hunt an antelope, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat; and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27th and for action on Saturday, June 28th.*

7-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 359 - LCB FILE NO. R068-08 - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission is requested to amend language requiring the Department of Wildlife to return the fees submitted for a tag for a subspecies of bighorn sheep or mountain goat under certain circumstances, prohibiting the Department from returning the fees submitted for a tag for elk or deer under certain circumstances, and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27th and for action on Saturday, June 28th.*

7-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 360 - LCB FILE NO. R067008 - PROGRAM OFFICER MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission

is requested to amend language to expand the amount of hunter choice numbers allowed when applying for a tag to hunt mountain goat, and other matters properly related thereto. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, June 27th and for action on Saturday, June 28th.*

7-E. ACTION REGARDING ELK DAMAGE REGULATIONS, REVISIONS TO NAC 502.42259, 502.42261, 502.42263, AND 504.350 - CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON. The commission will review and may approve submission of proposed language pertinent to elk damage management to the legislative counsel bureau for review.

7-F. ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 08 UPLAND GAME STAMP PROGRAM UPDATE AND FISCAL YEAR 09 PROJECTION PROPOSALS - WILDLIFE STAFF BIOLOGIST JOHN GEBHARDT. The commission is requested to review and approve 14 Upland Game Stamp Program projects, as described in support material, totaling \$292,672.

7-G. ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 08 DUCK STAMP PROGRAM UPDATE AND FISCAL YEAR 09 PROJECT PROPOSALS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST ELMER BULL. The commission is requested to review and approve 22 projects, totaling \$121,995.

7-H. ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES AND BANDS OF THE YAKIMA NATION FOR PRONGHORN ANTELOPE - JIM STEVENSON, BIG GAME BIOLOGIST, YAKIMA NATION. The commission will review and may approve a request from the Yakima Nation for surplus pronghorn from Nevada.

7-I. ACTION REGARDING EXPLANATION OF NEW REGULATORY CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING ON THE NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE (“NTTR”) - COLONEL KENNETH KESKEL. The commission will hear and may take action in response to new special access requirements at NTTR, including that all hunters and their parties must be at least 14 years of age, comply with all other Nevada hunting requirements, give their consent to a criminal background check, and attend a hunter’s safety briefing.

7-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07, AMENDMENT 2 - SHAWN ESPINOSA, CRAIG MORTIMORE, KEVIN LANSFORD. The commission will review and may approve hunting seasons for upland game, rabbit, dove, and crow, and trapping / sealing dates for furbearing mammals.

7-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-05, AMENDMENT 1 - CHAIRMAN BENTLEY. Presentation of the Heritage Committee’s heritage tag vendor recommendations for approval of the 2009 heritage tags.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JUNE 27 AND 28, 2008 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.

8-A. DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND AUDIT REPORT - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER III DAVE PRATHER

8-B. ORIENTATION COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER McNINCH

8-C. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

8-D. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN

Chairman Turnipseed discussed the rulings on the three phases of the takings.

8-E. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE

8-F. EAST FORK OF THE WALKER RIVER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PAT SOLLBERGER – The board discussed the report.

8-G. UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO ECONOMICS SURVEY - DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR KIM ROLLIN

8-H. CANADA GEESE TRANSLOCATION PROGRAM - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST CRAIG MORTIMORE

8-I. WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON

8-J. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ISSUES: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, CLARK COUNTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ROAD CLOSURES, WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT UPDATE, AND FIRE SUPPRESSION EFFORTS FOR 2008 FIRE SEASON - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WORKSHOP HELD IN WINNEMUCCA ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008

Chairman Turnipseed, Bob Cook, and Craig Burnside will continue to receive backup material in the mail. In an effort to reduce costs, Commission agendas and minutes will now be available on the website instead of through the mail.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS – No one will attend the next meeting but Craig Burnside will attend the meeting in Eureka in August.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT DCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the DCABMW is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2008. Bob Cook will not attend the August meeting. The CCABMW invited the DCABMW to hold a joint meeting with them in August but the board thought it would be best to hold their regular meeting in Douglas County out of respect to the citizens of Douglas County. Chairman Turnipseed will attend the CCABMW meeting and report back to the DCABMW.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Conservation Projects Proposal

13. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Servatius/Cook to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The minutes of June 24, 2008 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 11th day of August, 2008

Mike Turnipseed, Chairman