

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for **5:30 p.m. on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 in the CVIC HALL 1602 ESERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Cook, Chairman
Craig Burnside, Vice Chairman
Bob Pohlman
Michael Turnipseed

MEMBER ABSENT: Wes Emery

NDOW STAFF PRESENT: Carl Lackey, NDOW
Kim Tisdale, NDOW

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Cook explained Wes Emery informed the Board at the last meeting that he would be unable to make this meeting due to a scheduling conflict. He thanked Marshall Goldy, Nevada Jim Ornellas, and Heather Lackey for attending.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Burnside/Turnipseed to approve the agenda as presented; carried with Emery absent.

ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 7, 2012

MOTION by Pohlman/Burnside to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Emery absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Burnside noted the inclusion of documents in the support material requesting CAB input on the proposal to have all the tag applications be completed online by 2013.

Bob Pohlman asked how this proposal would affect people applying as a deer party and who may later wish to add another party.

Chairman Cook wondered if the proposal by the Department would create a problem for people who do not have computers.

Vice Chairman Burnside did not believe it would. He explained the process to withdraw an application and resubmit a new application if there were a desire to add or change the people in the deer party. That can be done online but not on paper. Keeping in mind the goal to represent all sportsmen, he said 2500 sportsmen only submitted by paper last year.

Mike Turnipseed said substitutions are a problem too. He is more interested in the alternatives if you turn a tag back in.

Marshall Goldy pointed out all Libraries have computers. The problem would lie with the people who are not comfortable with using computers.

Vice Chairman Burnside said computer help is readily available so it is really not much of a problem.

Mr. Pohlman asked what would happen if a person who had a lot of points and applied with people who had fewer points and they draw tags but then the person with the greater number of points turns their tag back in but gets to keep their points. It gives that person more leverage.

Mr. Turnipseed said a returned tag would go to the next draw number but alternatives have been suggested because of the difficulty in notifying the next person. He stated it only applied to trophy tags because you cannot put in for party hunts on trophy hunts.

Vice Chairman Burnside supports an all online process.

Carl Lackey, NDOW, would like to see county support for a state law banning the feeding of wildlife. He has talked to some of the larger sportsmen's groups about this to try to get some support for it. He suggested a possible BDR on this issue. The Chairman indicated they would place this topic on the next agenda.

Another concern is the ineffectiveness of the Douglas County trash ordinance as it applies to bears. The enforcement division of the county cannot issue warnings or citations unless they personally witness the bear getting into the trash. Another problem is homeowners may be unaware they have an issue with the bears scattering trash because the refuse people clean up the mess when they come upon it. The Chairman indicated they would place this item on the next agenda.

Mr. Goldy pointed out Douglas County only has one code enforcement officer to enforce all the codes of the county. If the refuse people pick up all the trash, then there is no evidence so a citation cannot be written.

Public comment closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TRI-COUNTY DEER RESTORATION WORKING GROUP AND THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE GROUP TO INCLUDE OTHER SIERRA FRONT WILDLIFE ISSUES.

Chairman Cook said they are attempting to set up a meeting to identify focus areas and are considering a name change. Mr. Turnipseed indicated he would be willing to serve on that Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Goldy is concerned that changing the focus from mule deer to wildlife will cut down on the original intent of the group. The group was started to focus on mule deer.

Vice Chairman Burnside said the change came about to allow the group to work on wildlife issues that affect all three counties such as the bear population and bi-state sage grouse without watering down the mule deer importance. This group is made up of two members each from Washoe, Carson, and Douglas Counties.

Chairman Cook added the issue of hunting in rural areas and the common issues at Lake Tahoe. He does not believe the focus has changed; this group can be effective in other areas too.

Mr. Goldy does not mind the group looking at other big game but does not want to see other biodiversities. He would rather see the name be "Tri County Big Game Restoration Group" or something similar.

Public comment closed.

This was a discussion only.

2. UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL ONLY) BY BOB POHLMAN ON THE BI-STATE SAGE GROUSE.

Mr. Pohlman said a letter was sent out from the Wildlife Service asking professionals who collect data on the movement of sage grouse to turn their data in by September

28th. On September 24th the Local Area Working Group for the Bi-State Sage Grouse will meet in Bridgeport. On September 19th the Dream Tag Advisory Board will meet at NDOW to determine how to distribute \$265,000 in funding from the Dream Tag. On October 30-31 the Nevada chapter of the Society for Range Management will meet at CVI and the topic will be the bi-state sage grouse.

This was informational only

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON DREAM TAGS REGARDING FUNDING FOR GREATER SAGE GROUSE.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Turnipseed to approve the letter, authorize the Chairman to sign the letter, and direct the Clerk to forward it to the Advisory Board; carried with Emery absent.

Mr. Pohlman provided a brief overview of the project.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE NOMINATIONS, EITHER AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION, FOR THE WAYNE E. KIRCH WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARD.

Chairman Cook said nominations were due by November 15th.

No public comment.

At this time, the members did not have a nomination recommendation.

The following items, 5a through 5i, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, September 21 & 22, 2012 at the Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.

5a–5i. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

5a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 399, LCB FILE NO. 148-12 - SPECIAL PERMIT. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; to issue a special permit to allow a person to handle, move or temporarily possess any wildlife which is classified as protected under certain circumstances; setting forth the information which must

be included in an application for the special permit; specifying the maximum period of validity of the special permit; requiring a holder of the special permit to submit a report to the Department within a certain period after the special permit expires; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Mr. Turnipseed believes this is directed at desert tortoises and gila monsters but sounds a little extreme.

Vice Chairman Burnside believes this is designed to allow relocation of protected species to prevent harm to them if they are encountered on land where a project is going on.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only.

5b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 410, LCB FILE NO. R149-12 – GIZZARD SHAD. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; providing that gizzard shad may be used as live bait fish in certain waters; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Wildlife Commission will consider taking action to make gizzard shad legal for anglers to capture and use as bait in Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and Colorado River in Clark County.

Kim Tisdale, NDOW, said the intent is to include these on the list of authorized live bait.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only.

5c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 411, LCB FILE NO. R150-12 – UNIT BOUNDARIES. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; providing for the management of all wildlife within management areas established by the Department of Wildlife; revising the boundaries of certain management areas; creating new management units within certain management areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Commission will consider and may take action to adopt area and corresponding unit boundary changes, updates, and new unit descriptions.

Chairman Cook thinks Units 192/194/196 are pretty simple and that is how it should have always been.

Vice Chairman Burnside believes the proposed changes are meant to make it as simple

as possible.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only.

5d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 412, LCB FILE NO. R151-12 – RANGE FINDING SCOPE. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to hunting; revising the prohibition against using a weapon that is equipped with a certain type of sight while hunting; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. If adopted the regulation would allow for the use of scopes that utilize an internal range finder that cast a beam of light that is not visible to the human eye.

Since it is only the range finder technology and the laser sites are excluded, Vice Chairman Burnside can support this if it helps for cleaner kills.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Pohlman to support the language to modify the regulation; carried with Emery absent.

5e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 413, LCB FILE NO. R152-12 – AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to aquatic species; classifying certain aquatic species of wildlife as aquatic invasive species and injurious aquatic species; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Certain aquatic species have the potential to greatly alter aquatic environments and become economically damaging. Classification of certain aquatic species as invasive and injurious will be discussed.

Kim Tisdale, NDOW, said species are being identified as aquatic invasive species and injurious aquatic species and are the ones being targeted for inspections and decontaminate programs. Injurious aquatic species are the ones that can establish in our environment, reproduce, and wreak havoc on the native species.

Provided was a brief update on monthly sampling being done at certain bodies of water and the results of the sampling.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only.

5f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 414, LCB FILE NO. R153-12 – DESERT TORTOISE. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to desert tortoises; prohibiting a person from possessing more than one desert tortoise under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

No public comment.

There was no discussion on this item.

5g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 417 – LCB FILE NO. R156-12 – CRAYFISH. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to crayfish; authorizing a holder of a permit to take crayfish from the waters of Lake Tahoe to sell the crayfish to a food wholesaler or restaurant for human consumption; requiring the buyer and the seller of the crayfish to retain certain records of the purchase; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. A person may now obtain a permit to commercially capture crayfish from Lake Tahoe. Discussion will occur regarding the sale of crayfish taken under this permit by wholesalers and restaurants.

Kim Tisdale, NDOW, said the regulation was changed to allow the commercial harvest of crayfish to be sold to restaurants and wholesalers. Under the statute, a restaurant or wholesaler must have a possession permit to possess live crayfish and that permit is \$500. Reviewing this requirement, the Department feels as long as they can track the Lake Tahoe crayfish through the system then a possession permit would not be required. All the transfers have to be documented and the documentation kept for four years.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Pohlman to recommend approval of the language; carried with Emery absent.

5h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 419 – LCB FILE NO. R158-12 – TRAPPING TRAIL CLOSURE. The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to trapping; prohibiting trapping adjacent to specific trails and roads in Clark County.

No public comment.

There was no discussion on this item.

5i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON NORTHEAST NEVADA WILD

HORSE ECO-SANCTUARY. The Commission will review and discuss Nevada Department of Wildlife's response to the BLM's issuance of a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the potential impacts of the establishment of the Northeast Nevada Wild Horse Eco-Sanctuary. The Commission may elect to submit a letter to the BLM in support of NDOW's comment letter.

Chairman Cook stated no support material was received on this item so it would be hard to vote on it.

No public comment.

There was no discussion on this item.

5. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED. This is an opportunity for Board members to discuss any correspondence or communication they may have received regarding matters over which the Board has jurisdiction and control. No action will be taken other than to possibly have an item placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Turnipseed discussed the Holloway fire damage done to the habitat of the highest concentration of sage grouse in the state.

Vice Chairman Burnside talked about the county's purchase of a portion of the Seeman Ranch and the pond located on that property. The pond is drying up but contains quite a few bass. He contacted GRGID to see if they would like to transfer the bass to their fishing pond and they will once the water level gets a little lower.

Mr Pohlman said the two towns may use some of their land water rights to do something with the pond.

Chairman Cook referenced an email from Kim Tisdale on the research activities on Lake Tahoe.

Also discussed was the intent of the Town of Minden to bill the DCABMW for use of the meeting room. A letter was sent to the Town Board requesting the fee be waived for the rest of this fiscal year.

7. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 10 & 11, 2012 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.

No one attended but the Chairman read a summary of the meeting provided by Doug Martin of the Carson City Advisory Board.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS

AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.

No public comment.

Because there are no issues pressing for Douglas County and to help save money, no one will attend.

- 9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for December 7 & 8, 2012 in Reno, Nevada.**

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Turnipseed to tentatively schedule the next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife for Tuesday, December 4, 2012; carried with Emery absent.

- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. This is an opportunity for Board members to request that items be placed on future agendas. There will be no deliberation or action taken other than to request the Chair to place the item on an agenda.**

- Tri County Wildlife Restoration Working Group
- Update on the bi-state sage grouse
- Law to ban the feeding of wildlife
- Douglas County trash ordinance as it relates to bears.
- Update on the bear hunt and enforcement of the hunting unit boundaries

MOTION by Burnside/Turnipseed to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.; carried with Emery absent.

The minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 4th day December, 2012.

Bob Cook, Chairman