

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location:

Clark County Government Center
Commission Chambers
500 South Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Video streaming and Teleconferencing available at:

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Western Region Office
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512

and

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Eastern Region Office
60 Youth Center Road
Elko, NV 89801

Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman, in his discretion, may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Forum restrictions and orderly business: The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

Please provide the Board of Wildlife Commissioners ("Commission") with the complete electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations to include as exhibits with the minutes. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

NOTE: County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Members and public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting.

Friday, January 24, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Johnston**
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Johnston – 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, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.
- 3.* Approval of Minutes – Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes may be approved from the November 1 and 2, 2019 meeting.

4. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Johnston – 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 Wasley may also be discussed.

5. 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.

6. Reports – Informational

A. Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Mid-Winter Conference – Secretary Wasley and Commissioner McNinch

A report from the conference held in Monterey, California will be provided by the attendees.

B. Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley

A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.

C. Conservation Partner Spotlight – Secretary Wasley – Informational

An overview of a key conservation partner program will be shared with the Commission.

D.* Litigation Report – Senior Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett

A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.

E.* Wildlife Heritage Account Report – Division Administrator Alan Jenne

A report will be provided on the funds available (interest and principal) for expenditure from the Wildlife Heritage account in the upcoming year and an update on available principal balance.

7. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Wasley – Informational

The Commission has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide additional detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Activity Report and are intended to educate the Commission and public as to the Department's ongoing duties and responsibilities.

8. Commission General Regulations – Workshop – Public Comment Allowed

A.* Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19 – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a fourth workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 404 of the 80th Legislative Session. At

the first workshop the Commission directed the Department to narrow the options for the transfer or deference of a tag. At the second workshop, the Commission directed the Department to draft changes to the regulation encompassing the description of “extenuating circumstances” and a timeline to return the tag to the Department. At the third workshop the Department was directed to re-write the regulation to allow for the transference of tags only in life-threatening circumstances.

B.* Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19 – Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz and Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow customers to purchase a bonus point for a type of hunt for a season that is not open. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline to be awarded to the alternate list.

9. Committee Reports - Informational

A.* Landowner Compensation Tag Committee Report – Commissioner and Committee Chair Brad Johnston – Informational

A report will be provided on the Committee’s recent meeting held on January 24, 2020.

B.* Regulation Simplification Committee Report – Commissioner and Committee Chair Brad Johnston - Informational

A report will be provided on the Committee’s recent meeting held on January 24, 2020.

10. Public Comment Period

Persons wishing to speak are requested to complete a speaker’s card and present it to the recording secretary. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

Saturday, January 25, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

11. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Johnston

12. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Johnston – 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, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

13. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Johnston and Secretary Wasley – Informational

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- 14. 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.
- 15. Update on the Fallon Naval Range and Training Center and Nevada Test and Training Range – Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – Informational**
The Department will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact statements status and timelines for Commission consideration of congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts.
- 16.* Request for up to 30 Pygmy Rabbits by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Secretary Wasley and Diversity Division Administrator Jennifer Newmark – For Possible Action**
The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has requested up to 30 pygmy rabbits from Nevada during late winter-early spring 2020 to augment their restoration efforts. Pygmy rabbits from Nevada are similar genetically to the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits, and these rabbits would be used to augment their semi-wild breeding population. The Commission may vote to endorse this request.
- 17.* Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Predation Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
The draft Fiscal Year 2021 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2020 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2020 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.
- 18. Commission Regulations – For Possible Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**
- A.* Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19 – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to amend Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Federal statute was adopted in 2019 which, should a state desire, would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the maximum allowable days of the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would provide authority to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a season at some future point if they choose. The Commission held a workshop on September 20, 2019 and a second workshop on November 1, 2019. The Commission has requested that the Department bring the regulation back for possible adoption.
- B.* Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19 – Wildlife Staff Biologist Mike Scott and Wildlife Staff Biologist Tom Donham – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting regulation to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if owner applicants cumulatively qualify for compensation tags in excess of the statutory limit.

- C.* Commission Regulation 19-05, Amendment #1, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody McKee – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider amendments to the 2020–2021 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. The Department amendments correct errors from last year, address emerging management needs, address substantial changes in wildlife abundance, or address conflicts.
- D.* Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment #1, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas - Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody McKee – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider amending 2020–2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.
- E.* Commission Regulation 20-02, 2020 Black Bear Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting 2020 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.
- F.* Commission Regulation 20-03, 2020–2021 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting 2020–2021 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.
- G.* Commission Regulation 20-04, 2021 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quota.
- H.* Commission Regulation 20-05, 2020 Dream Tag – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.
- I.* Commission Regulation 20-06, 2020 Partnership in Wildlife Tags – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota.
- J.* Commission Regulation 20-07, 2020 Silver State Tags – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota.

K.* Commission Regulation 20-08, 2020 Big Game Application Deadlines – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

L.* Commission Regulation 20-09, 2020 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

19. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2020, in Reno and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated meeting that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

20. Public Comment Period

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