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: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting

**Friday, September 12, 2014 – 2 p.m.**

**Commission Tour – Informational**
The Commission will meet at Hemenway Park, located at 401 Ville Drive, Boulder City, Nev., 89005, to tour the park’s new desert bighorn sheep interpretive display, and from there the Commission will proceed to visit and tour the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Station at Boulder Beach. The public is invited to participate but is required to provide their own transportation.

**Saturday, September 13, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.**

1. **Election of Officers – Vice Chairman Drew - For Possible Action**
   In accordance with Commission Policy #1 the Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman.

2. **Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman**

3. **Approval of Agenda – Chairman – 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.
Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman - 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).

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.

Approval of Minutes – Chairman - For Possible Action
The Commission may approve Commission minutes from the August 2014 Commission meetings.

Commission Regulations - Workshop – Public Comment Allowed
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to watercraft to clarify what is considered a towed device behind a vessel or restricted areas closed to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels or certain water bodies not large enough to accommodate the activity.

The regulation will clarify what type of device can be towed behind a vessel. It will further clarify what areas are restricted to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels and in certain water bodies that are too small to accommodate the activity.

Commission General Regulation 444, Laughlin Fishermen’s Access, LCB File No. R086-14 - Game Warden Captain David Pfiffner
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to watercraft that will prohibit swimming or bathing around a dock or boat ramp or using a dock or boat ramp to swim or bathe; and docking a vessel or otherwise trespassing in a prohibited area at Laughlin Fishermen's Access.

The regulation addresses safety concerns of people swimming and/or bathing in a heavily congested boating area. The regulation will reduce potential injuries which may include prop injuries, vessel collisions and trauma injuries incurred by vessel striking users in a swimming and/or bathing in the launch area and will prohibit trespassing or docking in prohibited areas, allowing the area available for emergency vessel use at Laughlin Fishermen’s Access.
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to hunting; authorizing the Department to issue an archery disability permit to a person with a permanent disability; revising the definition of “longbow” for certain purposes; revising the circumstances under which a person may use a crossbow to hunt a big game mammal or a bow to hunt a game mammal or game bird; authorizing a person to use a scope permit during a type of hunt that is restricted to bows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation will allow for the use of crossbows in archery seasons for hunters with specific disabilities and clarifies archery equipment legal for any bow hunter in an archery season.

The Commission will hear a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation clarifies the licensing requirements for tanneries by including the activities licensed as a taxidermist and will reduce the amount of record keeping taxidermists must complete when receiving hides, pelts or other wildlife parts from another taxidermist. The regulation was requested through a petition accepted by the Commission.

The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping, other than with a box or cage trap, within 1,000 feet of certain trails and campgrounds and within one-half mile of certain residences; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Department was directed to develop this draft regulation by the Commission at the June 20 and 21, 2014, meeting in Tonopah.

The regulation will prohibit trapping within 1,000 feet or each side of certain designated hiking trails, campgrounds, picnic areas and recreation areas located in a portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. The regulation expands that prohibition to include the Bonanza Trail, Cold Creek Campground and Willow Creek Campground located within that portion of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

An overview of private land elk programs and discussion of issues and problems encountered with the special elk incentive tag arbitration process was provided at the August meeting. Recommendations to improve the system may be selected.
13* Trapper Education – Chief of Conservation Education Teresa Moiola – For Possible Action
The Commission will hear a follow up presentation on options for trapper education. Items for consideration may include among others; regulatory authority, course content development and objectives, course delivery, and associated costs and budget. The Commission may take action to provide guidance on the development of related regulations.

14 Reports – Informational

A Sage-grouse and Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Update - Secretary Tony Wasley and Commissioner Drew
An update on the status of the sage-grouse will be provided as well as an update on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council.

B* Litigation Report – Senior Deputy Attorney General David Newton

C Department Activity Report - Secretary Tony Wasley
Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

D Commission Meeting Videoconferencing – Deputy Director Patrick Cates
A report will be provided on Commission videoconferencing.

15 Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments - Secretary Tony Wasley and Chairman - For Possible Action
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14 and 15, 2014, 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 as necessary at this meeting.

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

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