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****NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING****

PLEASE POST

PLACE OF MEETING: Churchill County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street, Conference Room #102, Fallon, NV
DATE & TIME: December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
TYPE OF MEETING: Meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Notes:
I. These meetings are subject to the provisions of Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241). Except as otherwise provided for by law, these meetings are open and public.
II. Action will be taken on all Agenda items, unless otherwise noted.
III. The Agenda is a tentative schedule. The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may act upon Agenda items in a different order than is stated in this notice – so as to affect the people’s business in the most efficient manner possible.
IV. The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may combine two or more Agenda items for consideration, remove an item from the Agenda, or delay discussion relating to an item on the Agenda at any time.
V. In the interest of time, the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife reserves the right to impose uniform time limits of not more than three minutes upon matters devoted to public comment.
VI. Any statement made by a member of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife during the public meeting is absolutely privileged.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Verification of the Posting of the Agenda.
4. Review and Adoption of Agenda: Action to approve the Agenda as submitted or revised.
5. Review and Adoption of Minutes:
   Minutes of the Meeting of September 16, 2013.
6. Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence.
7. Public Comment: Comment upon matters not on Agenda.
8. **Appointments:**
   A. Consideration and possible action re: Concerns of the Churchill County residents living in the Stillwater area.
   B. Consideration and possible action re: Various matters as outlined in the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda items for the meeting scheduled December 6 and 7, 2013 (see attached Exhibit "A", which is incorporated herein by reference thereto).

9. **Consider Future Agenda Items.**
10. **Public Comment:** Comment upon matters not on Agenda.
11. **Adjournment.**
12. **Affidavit of Posting:**

   **State of Nevada**

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   County of Churchill

   I, Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board, do hereby affirm that I posted, or caused to be posted, a copy of this notice of public meeting, on or before the 25th day of November, 2013, at the following locations in Churchill County, Nevada:
   1. City Hall;
   2. County Administration Building;
   3. Public Library;
   4. Churchill County Law Enforcement Center;
   5. The Churchill County Website at [www.churchillcounty.org](http://www.churchillcounty.org).

   [Signature]

   Deputy Clerk of the Board

   Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 2013, Pamela D. Moore.

   [Signature]

   Deputy County Clerk

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**Endnotes:**

**Disclosures:**
*Churchill County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

**Accommodations:**
*Churchill County will make all reasonable efforts to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend. Persons who are disabled and require special assistance may contact the Churchill County Commission, in writing at 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, or by calling (775) 423-4092.

**Procedures:**
*The public meetings may be conducted according to rules of parliamentary procedure.*
*Persons providing public comment will be asked to state their name for the record.
*The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife reserves the right to restrict participation by persons in the public meeting where the conduct of such persons is willfully disruptive to the people's business.
*All supporting materials for this Agenda are available by requesting a copy from the Deputy Clerk prior to the meeting. During the meeting, there will be one copy available for public inspection. Additional copies are available by making the request from the Deputy Clerk. You are entitled to one copy of the supporting materials free of charge.
*In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Churchill County is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Equal Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800)795-3972 (voice), or (202)720-6382 (TDD).
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, Dec. 6, 2013 – 10:30 a.m.

1 Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Robb

- Outstanding Commitment to Wildlife Award Presentation - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici

2 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Robb – 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 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Robb - 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).

Exhibit "A"
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 Robb - For Possible Action
The Commission may take action to approve meeting minutes from its Sept. 20 and 21, 2013, and Oct. 7, 2013, Commission meetings.

Petition - Jarrod Mesloh of Nevada Tannery – For Possible Action
Jarrod Mesloh of Nevada Tannery has submitted a petition to the Commission with the stated purpose: “Tannery’s and wholesale providers to taxidermists are subject to and regulated like retail taxidermists.” The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

Petition – Travis E. Bertrand – For Possible Action
Travis E. Bertrand has submitted a petition to the Commission to “allow Blackhorn 209 powder during muzzleloader seasons.” The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

Commission Regulations - Workshop – Public Comment Allowed
Commission General Regulation 436, LCB File No. R089-13, Reciprocal Lake Mead, Lake Mohave and Colorado River Fishing Licenses - Chief Sjöberg and Program Officer 3 Hullinger - Workshop Public Comment Allowed
The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to licenses required for fishing in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This regulation amends language making the requirement for a minor to fish in the Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave system consistent with the rest of the state. Recent changes in Arizona fishing license requirements, and the Memorandum of Understanding under which both states administer reciprocal waters makes differential age requirements unnecessary.

Commission General Regulation 437, LCB File No. R090-13, Creating Ewe Hunt – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox and Program Officer 3 Maureen Hullinger - Workshop Public Comment Allowed
The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the assessment of demerit points for conviction of certain wildlife violations; establishing distinct tags for the hunting of ram and ewe bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The request for regulation change to establish the authority for a ewe hunt will assist the Department in addressing concerns related to bighorn sheep population densities, disease events and water and resource impacts.
Commission General Regulation 438, LCB File No. R091-13, Bonus Point Program – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox and Program Officer 3 Maureen Hullinger - Workshop Public Comment Allowed

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; providing an exception to the prohibition on the submission of applications for hunting tags and bonus points under certain circumstances; prohibiting the award of bonus points for depredation hunts and management hunts; providing for the award of bonus points in the categories of ewes of certain bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation amendment would provide the Commission the ability to determine species application eligibility in annual regulation to meet the Department’s management needs. Additionally the exclusion of depredation and management hunts from the bonus point program is to promote harvest regardless of age or antler size. The premise being that an applicant with a high number of bonus points is more likely to trophy hunt once they draw a tag for these types of hunts. This regulation also addresses the bonus point category for ewe hunts if the hunt becomes established by the Commission.

Commission General Regulation 431, LCB File No. R054-13, Aquatic Invasive Species Decal Use Defined - Chief Rob Buonamici - Workshop Public Comment Allowed

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to watercraft; revising provisions concerning the aquatic invasive species fee for certain vessels; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation is needed to exempt certain government vessels and aligns the Aquatic Invasive Species decal regulation with the boating registration decal regulation; allows for less confusion with the public and statewide enforcement personnel and allows the Department to invalidate decals if appropriate fees are not paid.

Commission General Regulation 432, LCB File No. R055-13, Jiggs Flatwake – Chief Jon Sjöberg - Workshop Public Comment Allowed

The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions related to waters on which a reduced speed is required; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Currently Jiggs Reservoir has no special regulation limiting boating speed, but does prohibit water skiing. The reservoir is too small (max 45 surface acres) and shallow (max 10 feet) to safely accommodate water skiing and other high speed activities. The reservoir has not been maintained at full capacity for many years since water seeps from the permeable bottom soil. Nevada Department of Wildlife is currently sealing the bottom in order to increase the water level that will restore the trout and bass fisheries. Recreational fishing is the principal management for this reservoir. It is expected that jet ski use will increase as the water level increases and the agency feels that excessive speeds from jet skis and larger boats will become unsafe. Most users are expected to come from Elko, about 35 miles to the north. However, South Fork Reservoir is located 20 miles south of Elko, which has vast boating and jet skiing accommodations and use because of its large size (1,640 acres and depth of 67 feet).
13* Commission General Regulation 433, LCB File No. R056-13, Remove Fishing Tackle Restrictions – Chief Sjöberg - Workshop Public Comment Allowed
The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; removing Andorno Creek, Coleman Creek and the North Fork of Battle Creek from the waters restricted to use only artificial lures with single barbless hooks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

NDOW proposes to change the special fishing regulations (use of artificial lures and single barbless hooks only) for Andorno, Coleman, and North Fork Battle creeks to a general fishing regulation (any legal fishing method) for Humboldt County. These streams fall within of the Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) recovery program and fish populations have been restored and are self-sustaining. These streams are remote and receive very little angling use and, therefore, they are to the point that the public can now harvest some of these fish. Local public support for future LCT restoration may increase by allowing anglers to use less restrictive fishing tackle for catching a Nevada native fish.

14* Commission General Regulation 434, LCB File No. R057-13, Unit Boundaries – Chief Larry Gilbertson - Workshop Public Comment Allowed
The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife management areas and units; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Inconsistencies exist between the hunt units map and corresponding written boundary descriptions. This regulation legally describes wildlife management units throughout the state that are used for the management of wildlife species. The written description provides a legal basis for the enforcement of unit specific harvest regulations.

15 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, Dec. 7, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.

16 Call to Order, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Robb

17 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Robb – 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.

18 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Robb - Informational
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19 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.

20* Second Reading of Commission Policy #23, Predation Management -
Commissioner McBeath and Staff Specialist Pete Bradley - For Possible Action
In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will conduct a second
reading of Commission Policy #23, Predation Management, and may take action to
adopt the policy.

21* Elk Hunt Management Strategies – Program Officer 3 Maureen Hullinger - For
Possible Action
The Department is considering new elk hunt management strategies to include: removal
of depredation hunts from the bonus point program; antlerless elk management tag
awarded when a deer tag is drawn within specified units; antlerless elk management tag
awarded when an antlered elk tag is drawn; allow applications for both antlered elk and
antlerless elk in the same draw period; and implementation of spike hunts. The
Commission will hear an associated report from the Department regarding the guidelines
for these proposals, and County Advisory Boards will have an opportunity to comment
and make recommendations regarding the application eligibility options presented.

22* Elk Damage and Incentive Committee – Commissioner Wallace and Game Division
Staff Specialist Mike Cox – For Possible Action
An update will be provided on the status of exclusionary elk-proof fencing projects
statewide and the proposed new antlerless elk landowner tag program as an additional
tool to address elk damage on private property.

Commission Regulations – For Possible Action

23 Commission General Regulation 436, LCB File No. R089-13, Reciprocal Lake
Mead, Lake Mohave and Colorado River Fishing Licenses - Chief Sjöberg and
Program Officer 3 Hullinger - For Possible Action
The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating
to licenses required for fishing in the reciprocal waters of the Colorado River, Lake Mead
and Lake Mohave; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Note: Support
material under agenda item #8.

This regulation amends language making the requirement for a minor to fish in the
Colorado River, Lake Mead and Lake Mohave system consistent with the rest of the
state. Recent changes in Arizona fishing license requirements, and the Memorandum of
Understanding under which both states administer reciprocal waters makes differential
age requirements unnecessary.
24 **Commission General Regulation 437, LCB File No. R090-13, Creating Ewe Hunt** - Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox and Program Officer 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

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25 **Commission General Regulation 438, LCB File No. R091-13, Bonus Point Program** - Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox and Program Officer 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action

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26 **Commission General Regulation 431, LCB File No. R054-13, Aquatic Invasive Species Decal Use Defined** - Chief Rob Buonamici – For Possible Action

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27 **Commission General Regulation 432, LCB File No. R055-13, Jiggs Flatwake** - Chief Jon Sjöberg - For Possible Action

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Commission General Regulation 434, LCB File No. R057-13, Unit Boundaries - Chief Larry Gilbertson – For Possible Action
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Reports ~ Informational

A* Predation Management Fiscal Year 2013 Report - Game Division Staff Specialist Pete Bradley
Staff will present the Fiscal Year 2013 Predation Management report.

B Big Game Disease Investigation Update - Dr. Peregrine Wolff
Staff will present findings regarding current big game disease investigations.
C* Bear Committee Report and Bear Management – Chairman Robb and Commissioner McNinch
A report will be provided on the recent Bear Committee meeting and on the letter authorized at the last meeting soliciting involvement of additional entities to assist with education on bear related issues.

D* Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) – Chairman Robb
A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

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

F* Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp Procedure – Conservation Education Chief Teresa Moiola
A presentation will be provided by the Department on proposed updates to Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp Procedures.

Systems Consultants will present an interim annual report of the 2013 Big Game Draw. Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license and tag fees and counts as well as bonus point and client statistics for the five draws already completed this year.

H* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward

I Farm Bill Update – Secretary Tony Wasley
A report will be provided on the federal Farm Bill.

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

31 Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments - Secretary Tony Wasley - For Possible Action
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 2014, in Las Vegas, 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.

32 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.
*Support material is provided and posted to the NDOW website (ndow.org). Updates to support material will be posted at ndow.org. Support material for this meeting may be requested from Recording Secretary Suzanne Scourby at (775) 688-1599 and is available for the public at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4660 Kietzke Lane, Suite B-118, Reno, NV, 89502. 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; 815 E. Fourth Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445; 60 Youth Center, Ely, NV, 89801; 1218 N. Alpha Street, Ely, NV 89301; 744 S. Racetrack Road, Henderson, NV 89015; and 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, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Individuals with hearing impairment may contact the Department at 775-688-1500 via a text telephone (TTY) telecommunications device by first calling the State of Nevada Relay Operator at 1-800-326-6868. Disabled individuals in need of special services should contact the Department prior to the meeting at (775) 688-1599.