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

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PLACE OF MEETING: **Churchill County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street, Commission Chambers, Suite #145, Fallon, NV**
DATE & TIME: **February 6, 2017 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. **Public Comment: Comment upon matters not on Agenda.**
4. **Verification of the Posting of the Agenda.**
5. **Consideration and possible action re: Review and Adoption of Agenda as submitted or revised.**
6. **Consideration and possible action re: Review and Adoption of Minutes of the meetings held on June 20, 2016; September 19, 2016; and November 14, 2016.**

7. **Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence.**
8. **Appointments:**
    A. **Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Final Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission's Agenda for February 10 and 11, 2017 (copy of Draft Agenda attached and marked as Exhibit "A" but the final Agenda may or may not include additional items and the final Agenda will be the one considered for discussion and action.)**
9. **Consider Future Agenda Items.**
10. **Public Comment: Comment upon matters not on Agenda.**
11. **Adjournment.**
12. **Affidavit of Posting:**

State of Nevada)
: ss
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 **31st day of January, 2017, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.** 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 @ www.churchillcounty.org; and*
6. *The State of Nevada Website @ https://notice.nv.gov/.*

Pamela D Moore

Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk of the Board

***Pamela D. Moore,** who was subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, 2017.*

Linda Rothery

Linda Rothery, Chief Deputy Clerk

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 or the TDD Nevada Relay Number 711.

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.*

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Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Nevada State Capitol Building
Capitol Assembly Chambers
Second Floor
101 N. Carson St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Videoconferencing at the following Location:

Grant Sawyer Building
555 E. Washington Ave., Fifth Floor, Suite 5100
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Public comment will be taken on every action item and regulation workshop item after discussion but before action on each item, and at the end of each day's meeting. Public comment 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.

Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 – 10 a.m.

1 **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace**

2 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – 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 **Nevada Lands Act**

A* **Nevada Land Management Task Force, Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1) of the 2015 Nevada Legislature and Subsequent Federal Legislation Update – Commissioner Drew – Informational**
Commissioner Drew will review the history of the Nevada Land Management Task Force, SJR 1, and subsequent federal legislation in regards to the transfer of no less than 7.2 million acres of public lands currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service to the State of Nevada.

Exhibit "A"

B **Nevada Lands Council Presentation (NLC) – Demar Dahl, NLC Director – Informational**
NLC Director Demar Dahl will provide a presentation to the Commission regarding the efforts of NLC to support federal legislation that would transfer federally managed public lands to the State of Nevada.

C **Nevada Lands Act – Commissioner Drew – For Possible Action**
The Commission may take action to develop a policy platform and/or designate Commission representative(s) to keep the Commission updated as to the development of new federal legislation related to SJR 1. The Commission may choose to develop correspondence identifying its concerns or desired clarifications to further develop or refine its position on proposed federal legislation.

4 **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.

5 **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Wallace – 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.

6 **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.

7* **Approval of Minutes – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes may be approved from the Nov. 18 and 19, 2016, meeting.

8 **Reports – Informational**

A* **Wildlife Heritage Account Report – Deputy Director Liz O'Brien**
A report will be provided on the funds available (interest and principal) for expenditure from the Wildlife Heritage account in the upcoming year.

B **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Mid-Winter Conference – Secretary Wasley and Commissioner McNinch**
A report from the conference held in Litchfield, Arizona, will be provided by the attendees.

C **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley**
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.

D* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward**

9* **Nevada Department of Wildlife Report about Hunting Near Dwellings and Residential Areas – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action**
The Department will provide an update on recent complaints and incidents involving people hunting in or near residential areas.

10* **Nevada Department of Wildlife Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management in Nevada – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action**
The Department will provide an update on the status and process of refining the draft harvest guidelines for consideration by the Commission. The Department will provide a briefing on revisions since the first reading of the current draft presented at the November 2016 Commission Meeting. This draft for possible adoption includes only the segment addressing big game management; the segment addressing upland game will be addressed at a subsequent Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to amend or adopt this draft of the harvest guidelines.

11* **Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Predation Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
The draft Fiscal Year 2018 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 2017 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2017 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

12* **Legislative Committee Report – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Jeremy Drew – For Possible Action**
A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings. The Commission may review bills of interest, consider legislative committee recommendations and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts contained within bills rather than specific language. The Commission will consider and may approve a spokesperson(s) who will relay Commission positions and platforms to the Legislature. (Support materials are as of the Legislative Committee meeting held on January 23, 2017. These materials may be updated at the Commission meeting based on the outcome of the February 8, 2017 Committee meeting. Bill and BDR language may be viewed online at: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/79th2017)

13* **First Reading, Commission Policy 26A, Transparency – Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – For Possible Action**
The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 26A, Transparency, and may take action to amend or repeal. The policy is outdated and unnecessary.

14 **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, Feb. 11, 2017 - 8:30 a. m.

15 **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace**

16 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – 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.

17 **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Wallace and Secretary Wasley – Informational**
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18 **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.

19 **Commission General Regulations – Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Green Regulation Speaker's Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary**

A* **Commission General Regulation 464, Appeals, LCB File No. R074-16 – Administrative Procedures Regulations and Policy (APRPC) Committee Chairman and Commissioner David McNinch – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation revises provisions relating to practice before the Commission. It provides more efficiency in scheduling appeals, will define that "calendar" days are used for calculation of deadlines, and more clearly notify the appellant in advance of a hearing that the Commission has limited jurisdiction. It will also provide for two, separate Attorneys General (one for the Commission and one for the Department) to avoid conflicts with one attorney advising two sides of the appeal. It also requires the appellant to give the agency advance notice of legal representation to improve scheduling for a separate lengthier time needed on agendas.

These changes were approved at the May 12, 2016, meeting of the Board of Wildlife Commission's APRPC Committee which included relevant suggestions from the public and legal counsel. The Commission held a workshop in Reno on August 12, 2016, where the Commission asked to include information regarding the notice to the appellant and also to insert language that if a party fails to file certain information within 14 days they may waive their right to a hearing on the appeal. A revision of the regulation was requested from the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB); which, contained additional edits. No Changes were suggested by the Commission at the November 19, 2016 meeting.

B* **Commission General Regulation 467, Special Assistance Permit, LCB File No. R105-16 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Through Assembly Bill 136 of the 2015 Legislative Session, the Nevada State Legislature mandated the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person may assist a licensed hunter with certain disabilities in the killing and retrieval of a big game mammal.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation on August 12, 2016, where several changes were considered. The Commission held another workshop on September 23, 2016 to consider public comment and changes that were implemented at the last meeting.

20* **Commission Regulation 17 - 03, 2017 Black Bear Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting 2017 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.

21* **Commission Regulation 17 - 04, 2017 - 2018 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting 2017 - 2018 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

22* **Commission Regulation 17 - 05, 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox and Cody Schroeder and Staff Biologist Cody McKee – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 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 legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.

23* **Commission Regulation 17 - 06, 2018 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2018 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

24* **Commission Regulation 17- 07, 2017 Dream Tag Seasons – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Dream Tag seasons.

25* **Commission Regulation 17- 08, 2017 Partnership in Wildlife Seasons and Quotas – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 PIW hunt species, seasons and quotas.

26* **Commission Regulation 17 - 09, 2017 Silver State Tag Seasons and Quotas– Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2017 Silver State Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

27* **Commission Regulation 17 - 10, 2017 Big Game Application Deadline Information – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2017 big game tag application deadline information.

28* **Commission Regulation 17 - 11, 2017 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility – Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting language regarding the 2017 big game tag application eligibility, to include ability to apply for bull and spike elk, and ram and ewe of same bighorn subspecies.

29 **Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 24 and 25, 2017, in Southern Nevada 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 committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

30 **Public Comment Period**
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*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website. Further 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; supporting material for this meeting is available for the public at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Reno, NV, 89511. 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, Elko, 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.

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