



Public comment closed.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**

The group has not met so there was no report.

No public comment.

**2. UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL ONLY) ON THE BI-STATE SAGE GROUSE.**

Mr. Pohlman stated a field trip is planned for the Grant Range area. The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council met and are in a 14 month window of collecting data and setting up the mechanism they will use whether the sage grouse gets listed or not. He discussed the status of the Conservation Credit system, BLM EIS for the whole state, update to the state plan and development of a strategic action plan, USGS habitat suitability mapping, and the U.S. Wildlife Service data call.

Vice Chairman Burnside thought the Bison Fire destroyed a lot of habitat for the bi-state population and that might affect the Fish & Wildlife Service's decision.

Chairman Cook said Policy 23 and the Predator Management Plan included a lot of information on the sage grouse.

No public comment.

This was informational only.

**3. UPDATE (INFORMATIONAL ONLY) ON THE REINTRODUCTION OF LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT INTO LAKE TAHOE.**

Chairman Cook received an email from Stephanie Byers, U.S Fish & Wildlife Service, about the details of the summer sampling. It will run from July 29th through August 8th. He thinks their effort to keep the public informed has been valuable.

**7. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 21 & 22, 2013 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.**

Vice Chairman Burnside and Mr. Pohlman attended. Items of interest highlighted were:

- Duck stamp projects all approved. Pumping costs and use of funds approved for noxious weed work were addressed by Vice Chairman Burnside at the meeting.
- Upland game stamp projects approved with discussion about funding mechanisms.
- A small DCABMW budget amount was approved.
- All Heritage project extensions approved as well as funding for the proposed Heritage projects.

- White Pine Elk Incentive Damage Panel appointment process was delayed a bit until they determined all the names had been publicly vetted.
- Landowner denied access to the two hunters that drew the Turkey tags in Douglas County. Vice Chairman Burnside spoke during public comment about assurances made that the private landowner would allow people to hunt and that is why public funds were expended on acquiring, releasing, and managing the birds.
- Upland game release plan was approved.
- Policy 25 will be left as is and the Predator Management Plan will be its own policy (Policy 23).
- There was a presentation on trail cameras.
- There was a presentation on White Pine County fishable waters focusing on Comins Lake.
- There was an update on wild horses and it was stated they are going to do a gather to get all the horses off the Sheldon and will use invasive species monies to fund the gather.
- Sagebrush Ecosystem update.

This was informational only.

- 4. The following items, 4a through 4h, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, August 2 & 3, 2013 at the Churchill County Chambers, 155 N. Taylor Street, Fallon, 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.**

**4a–4h. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:**

**4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON AMENDED UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP ACCOUNT FUNDING REQUEST.** The Commission will review and be asked to approve a request to amend an action taken at the June 21, 2013, Ely Commission Meeting. Staff is seeking Commission approval to add a new project to the list of approved projects to be funded in Fiscal Year 2014 Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The new project is Wildlife Heritage Program Project number 14 - 03, "Pine Nut Vegetation and Sage Grouse Research Project." This project would benefit upland game bird species, including sage-grouse, and staff is proposing that the Commission fund \$12,000 of this project's total cost of \$30,000 with Upland Game Bird Stamp Account funds. The remainder of the project's costs will be funded by the Wildlife Heritage Program Account, as approved by the Commission at their June 20, 2013, Heritage Program meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees questioned the vegetation in the Pine Nut Mountains and Chairman Cook said they are going to try to restore some of it. Vice Chairman Burnside confirmed this is amending an action taken in order to add a new project in response to the fire.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve; carried unanimously.

**4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF A NEW COMMISSION POLICY ENTITLED #23 PREDATION MANAGEMENT. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will conduct a first reading of new Commission Policy #23 Predation Management.**

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Pohlman to recommend approval of Policy #23;

Chairman Cook asked if Policy 25 talks about a \$3 fee because that could be some of the differences between Policies 23 and 25. It will raise a lot of money to get projects done.

Vice Chairman Burnside pointed out the \$3 predator fee was already being paid. This is better defining what the funds can and will be used for.

Chairman Cook thought they plan to hold everyone more accountable and if they cannot show progress, the project will be done away with. He is glad to see they are serious about making progress or moving on. The money will be spent where it will be more useful.

MOTION; carried unanimously.

**4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2014 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN. The Commission will review changes to the draft Fiscal Year 14 Predator Management Plan and the Commission may take action to approve the plan.**

Mr. Turnipseed cited Project 32 and thought the outcome of the study will be interesting.

Chairman Cook pointed out they used a 2004 report by Mr. Lackey and thought that was a little old. He would have liked to see more updated information.

Vice Chairman Burnside said the project looks at where lions and bears overlap, specifically in the Virginia Range where the lions are killing a lot of horses. They want to know if the bears are pushing lions off kills and feeding on it themselves.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jared Lees said he thought Project 18 was falling by the wayside. He cited an article written by Gerald Lent he found interesting.

Mr. Emery said they have done well with their studies there. He said the statistics on what they killed from 2004 to 2012 show 46 lions killed and 1200 coyotes killed with a total cost of \$615,000. The deer herd has rebounded in there but it is not what it was.

Mr. Lees called attention to Project 29 and asked if they have bothered to drive the state lately.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve; carried unanimously.

**4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON BIENNIAL BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015. The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial big game release plan for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.**

Mr. Emery supports this aggressive plan.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve; carried unanimously.

**4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED TRAIL CAMERA REGULATION. The Douglas CABMW requested the development of a regulation to limit trail camera usage. The Commission will accept public input pertaining to usage of trail cameras and a proposed regulation.**

Mr. Emery said he spoke with Rob Buonamici and he would like to see them eliminated all together year round but an option would be picking up the cameras a couple weeks to a month prior. He thinks 5 days is not a big enough window for the people that sell trophy hunts since the animal's behavior will still be the same.

Chairman Cook asked how pulling cameras entirely would relate to photographers. Photographers can sell information and that is a conflict.

Mr. Emery thinks it should be illegal for everyone. A video or still camera could be used instead. He talked about how Montana handled the banning of trail cameras and how it eventually became accepted by the sportsmen.

Chairman Cook pointed out most cell phones or tablets have cameras on them too so pictures can be taken and sent.

Mr. Turnipseed does not have an issue with guides looking for rubs, scat, or tracks but he does have an issue with trail cameras.

Mr. Pohlman added National Geographic is using trail cameras too.

Vice Chairman Burnside thought it was interesting that Mr. Emery brought this forward yet he

uses trail cameras but recognizes it is questionable.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jared Lees thought Mr. Buonamici represented only hunters could be regulated and not non-hunters. He suggested maybe a compromise could be worked out regulating against only the wifi models.

Mr. Emery said the bottom line is that it is not fair chase and not ethical. He wishes Boone and Crockett would take a stand on this.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve the distance, time, and ban; carried unanimously.

**4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON BEAR AWARENESS/MANAGEMENT. The Commission will report on the letter authorized at the last meeting soliciting involvement of additional entities to assist with bear awareness education and may take action to amend the letter to address other bear management related issues.**

Vice Chairman Burnside said IVGID is concerned that there are bears getting destroyed because they are breaking into homes or garages for food or trash so they would like to try to educate the residents on how to prevent bear/people encounters. A presentation will be made at an IVGID meeting.

No public comment.

No action taken since background material was not provided on this item.

**4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-01 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL (DUCKS, GEESE AND SWANS) AND MIGRATORY WEBLESS BIRD (COOTS, GALLINULES, AND SNIPE) SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS, PUBLIC HEARING ON OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND KEY PITTMAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HUNTER RESERVATION SYSTEM -2013-14 SEASON. The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl (ducks, geese and swans) and migratory webless game birds (coots, gallinules and snipe) for the 2013-14 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2013 - 2014 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission may also adopt changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands and may take action to change the current method of awarding duck hunt reservations at the Overton Wildlife Management Area and Key-Pittman Wildlife Management Area. Public comment allowed.**

Chairman Cook highlighted the key changes.

Mr. Turnipseed stated Clark County objected to having the youth date start in mid-week.

No public comment.

MOTION by Emery/Turnipseed to approve with the amended changes; carried unanimously.

**4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 11-12 AMENDMENT #1, WILDHORSE RESERVOIR.** The Commission will consider the emergency regulation adopted June 21, 2013, by the Director and approved by the Governor, effective though October 15, 2013. Due to extremely poor winter precipitation, drought conditions and irrigation demands, Wildhorse Reservoir is expected to decline to around 20,000 acre feet of storage or 30 percent of capacity by late summer. Based on past history of these conditions in the reservoir a similar fish die-off occurred in 2007. This emergency regulation authorizes unlimited take of trout species from Wildhorse Reservoir through October 15, 2013. This will maximize the opportunity for angler harvest of the many large (14"+) trout in the reservoir prior to conditions likely to cause the fish kill. Public comment allowed.

No public comment.

MOTION by Pohlman/Emery to approve; carried unanimously.

- 5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK ON THE TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE'S (TAAHC) TOP FIVE ITEMS FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION.** Beginning in December 2012, when the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission reestablished the TAAHC, the committee began soliciting input from the CABs, NDOW staff and the public regarding tag allocation and tag application processes recommended for change. The committee has now ranked-ordered introduced topics received to date. The TAAHC is now requesting CAB review and comment on those topics ranked as #1.

Mr. Pohlman stated the way the law is written, you can only have an either/or elk season. You can only put in for a bull or a cow and they need to change the law to allow more flexibility.

Chairman Cook reviewed the list and thought most were fine with him.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

As far as mixing the cow and the bull, Jerad Lees stated he is split on that. He thinks it would change the draw process; he would rather keep it the way it is.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve; carried unanimously.

- 6. 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.

There were no disclosures made.

**7. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 21 & 22, 2013 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.**

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

**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.**

Mr. Turnipseed will attend the Fallon meeting and Mr. Emery will attend the Las Vegas meeting.

**9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2013, 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.**

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Tri County Wildlife Working Group
- Bi-state sage grouse
- Reintroduction of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout

MOTION by Emery/Burnside to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; carried unanimously.

The minutes of the July 30, 2013 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 17th day September, 2013.

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Bob Cook, Chairman