

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

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on the activities of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council. They are working to establish a definition of good and poor habitats so a policy on habitat can be established. Work is also being done on mitigation banks for conservation and they are soliciting information and preparing to get them set up. Discussed was the habitat mapping criteria being worked on by Peter Coates, USGS. Mr. Pohlman offered to email any of the information he has on this subject to interested parties.

Vice Chairman Burnside said one of the Upland Game Bird projects had to do with the purchase of 14 GPS collars for sage grouse but they were only able to deploy one since there is no desire by the mining companies to participate in the study.

This was an update only and no action was taken.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON FOOTHILL/JACKS VALLEY ROAD.

Mr Emery thought the installation of flashing deer signs might be an effective tool.

For the time being, the Board decided to delay discussion on this matter.

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

Chairman Cook understands the Fish & Wildlife Service has plans to do projects over the summer and include some of the residents.

This was an update only and no action was taken.

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS THAT MAY IMPACT THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE IN GENERAL.

Mr. Turnipseed updated the Board on AB 345 (predator fees and big game tag applications), which was vetoed by the Governor and AB 168 (puts a member of the general public on county advisory boards), which has been passed and signed into law. He is unsure whether this will add an additional member to the Board. The gun registration bill was vetoed.

Chairman Cook believes license holders and guides could and do represent the general public and he does not want them excluded from the appointment process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees said the wording sounds like it adds a member but it has been represented in the hearings that it will not. He thinks license holders will not be excluded. He asked if one of the current members of the Board would be exempt for reappointment to make room for a member of the general public.

Public comment closed

Mr. Pohlman explained the appointments are made by the Board of Commissioners. He talked about the change to the meaning of burden of proof in the gun registration bill.

This was a discussion only and no action was taken.

- 6. The following items, 6a through 6k, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, June 21 & 22, 2013 at the Bristlecone Convention Center, 150 6th Street, Ely, 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.**

6a–6k. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

6a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DUCK STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve projects submitted for funding from Duck Stamp funds. The total cost of the projects is \$142,950.

No public comment.

Vice Chairman Burnside reviewed the NRS related to the allowed use of duck stamp funds. He cited a project approved to do noxious weed work on the Bruneau and Franklin WMA but the herbicide purchased for the project was used for NDSP lands at the South Fork Reservoir and wondered if it should have been done since that project was not approved by the Commission. Discussing the Scripps WMA Well Pumping project, Vice Chairman Burnside thought \$1000 seemed like a lot of money just to run a pump to fill the spray tanks to spray the weeds in this management area. He stated weeds are becoming more and more of a problem especially in the Wildlife Management Areas.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Burnside to support all of the projects with the concerns noted that money was used at the South Fork Reservoir that was originally approved for the Bruneau and Franklin WMA project and spending \$1000 on electrical costs for well pumping at Scripps seems excessive; carried unanimously.

6b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE UPLAND GAME STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve projects

submitted for funding from Upland Game Stamp funds. The total cost of the projects is \$271,050.

Vice Chairman Burnside said the Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse brooding habitat is the same as is needed by the sage grouse and wondered if bringing in the Columbian creates competition for the same habitat during the brooding season. Sage grouse habitat has diminished quite a bit so even a little competition might be an issue.

Mr. Turnipseed thought Sharp-tails did not require any sagebrush except for cover. There are lots of grasslands that are at a low enough elevation not to grow PJ. It is not restricted to meadows and can be on the hills.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Burnside to support all the Upland Game projects; carried unanimously.

6c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 2014 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. The Commission may approve budgets for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife for FY 2014.

Chairman Cook explained a Douglas County budget request was submitted for \$4633, which is \$342 more than last year's request. The preliminary recommendation for Douglas County was \$252 and after discussion with them, they accepted our request. Chairman Cook feels the request was reasonable since members will try to attend all upcoming meetings and he stated the renting of the meeting room was inadvertently left out of the request but the budget should have enough funding to cover that expense.

PUBIC COMMENT

Marshall Goldy wondered if they were trying to strangle the boards by suggesting insufficient amounts for them to attend the meetings. It is important for the Commission to know that participation from sportsmen working through these boards will have to be funded by the state. Operating expenses are required and they need to provide the funding so members can attend the meetings.

Chairman Cook thought Mr. Goldy's message would be a good one to pass on to the Commission.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Burnside to support the budget request as submitted; carried

unanimously.

6d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 and FISCAL YEAR 2012 HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSIONS. Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the Commission may approve requests for extension of 2013 Heritage projects.

Chairman Cook cited the Pinenut Vegetation and Sage Grouse Research project and said they did not find any sage grouse to put collars on and that is why they are requesting an extension. He does not have a problem with any of these requests and Members Pohlman and Burnside concurred.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Turnipseed to approve; carried unanimously.

6e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 and FISCAL YEAR 2012 HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. Pursuant to NAC 501.300, the Commission may approve reallocation of unused Heritage funds from a previously approved 2012 project to any other previously considered 2012 project application.

The members indicated they did not have any supporting material for this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Goldy said the Board should not rubber stamp items that Commission wants to spend money on if the backup for the request is missing or insufficient. Vice Chairman Burnside reassured him that declining to take action on items with little or no backup has been this Board's practice.

Public comment closed.

The Board did not take any action since they did not have enough backup information to make an intelligent decision.

6f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. The Commission will hear the recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve project applications for 2014.

It was noted that all that was provided was the titles of the projects and not what the project entails.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees thought one of the projects was designed for the big horn sheep hunters to do some scouting on the sportsmen's dollar.

Public comment closed.

The Board did not take any action since they did not have enough backup information to make an intelligent decision.

6g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK INCENTIVE AND DAMAGE ARBITRATION PANEL. The Commission will consider input provided by the White Pine County Board to Manage Wildlife and may take action to select three appointments to the White Pine County Elk Incentive and Damage Arbitration Panel to serve for the next two years (NAC 502.42283 and NAC 504.430).

Chairman Cook talked about the installation of wire fences designed to knock the horns off and this would help deter some of that.

Member Emery added the elk raise havoc with fencing but that is why there are landowner tags.

No public comment.

The Board did not take any action since they did not have enough backup information to make an intelligent decision.

6h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION (CR) 12-06 AMENDMENT #2-SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS CHANGES FOR SAGE GROUSE, BLUE GROUSE (DUSKY AND SOOTY), AND WILD TURKEY – 2013-14 SEASON. The Commission will consider recommendations and make possible changes to the existing CR 12-06 to modify regulations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for sage-grouse, blue grouse (Dusky and Sooty), and wild turkey for the 2013-14 season.

Vice Chairman Burnside highlighted the proposed changes.

The Board members thought it would have been beneficial to have Mr. Carl Lackey, NDOW, at this meeting to answer questions raised.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees feels it is hard to get on the land unless you know somebody so they are just opening it up so if a person can get permission to get on the property then they can take a turkey. He has only seen the turkeys on the California side but Vice Chairman Burnside said he has seen the turkeys on the Nevada side also. Mr. Lees asked what happened to 203 outside of Mason Valley. Vice Chairman Burnside suggested there may not have been any changes there or that information would have been provided.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve with the question of what the rules are for Douglas Unit 192; carried unanimously.

6i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION (CR) 13-07 AMENDMENT #1, 2014 HERITAGE TAG VENDORS. The Heritage Committee chairman will provide the committee's vendor recommendations to the Commission for possible action regarding the 2014 tags.

Member Emery likes the season dates for the Heritage Tags because it opens up almost an extra month on many of the hunts. It may be a little early on the mule deer and elk but the sheep may generate more money for the tags because it is a liberal season. People spend a lot of money on these tags and should have a good opportunity and be able to spend ample time.

There was a brief discussion on the vendor submission of applications and the recommendation process.

Vice Chairman Burnside finds it interesting that some of the donors do not receive any tags such as the Carson Valley Chukkar Club and others receive more than one.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees will ask the Chukkar Club if they submitted any applications. He thinks they did not.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve the recommended action; carried unanimously.

6j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015. The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

Member Emery supports moving the quail and grouse around in several different locations; this will spread some of these game birds out a little bit.

Vice Chairman Burnside recalled the summary report for the plant of the Columbia Sharp Tail and the range of movement they had.

Member Emery likes the release locations in Lincoln County since you do not see quail at all there. This is a good program.

No public comment.

MOTION by Pohlman/Emery to approve the recommended action; carried unanimously.

6k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF REVISED COMMISSION POLICY #25, WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT. In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy #25, Wildlife Damage Management.

Chairman Cook read a summary of the policy.

Vice Chairman Burnside pointed out AB 45 is the driving force behind this change.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Goldy thought this is the one that has to do with the Governor vetoing the same subject. It was passed by the Legislature and he vetoed it because the environmentalists were trying to get a hold of AB 291 funds and make it for studies, education, etc. and he vetoed it so it could not be used. Now this comes along and is saying exactly what the Legislature passed and was vetoed. It is basically a money grab by the environmentalists. AB 291 funds were to be used specifically for boots on the ground predator control. This is a way to use AB 291 funds for studies and education, etc. There is only so much money in the fund and the boots on the ground predator control will likely suffer if this is passed.

Member Turnipseed said the agenda could have been set prior to the Governor vetoing it and Mr. Goldy agreed.

Mr. Goldy wondered if this is passed by the Commission then does the Governor have the ability to veto it. He thinks this could be an end run.

Public comment closed.

Vice Chairman Burnside read from the existing legislation under the fee that is charged for predators and the allowed uses. The existing legislation already allows those studies, programs, and education. Action on this item may not be necessary if this was ultimately vetoed by the Governor. He would like to know what old Policy 25 was. He likes that this defines the related sections of NRS and states the plan is required to be renewed annually.

Chairman Cook would like to see what the changes are.

By consensus, the Board agreed not to take action on this item.

- 7. 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.**

Member Turnipseed reported he had a call from Mel Belding regarding the trail cams. He also had a call from Doug Martin about the same subject and he explained DCABMW's position on the trail cams to him. He ran into Carl Lackey who invited him to take part in a bear tagging project. He talked about the transplant of Bighorn Sheep ewes in the east Humboldt and the survival rate of those transplanted.

Chairman Cook said he was appointed to the bear committee.

This was a discussion only.

- 8. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 10 & 11, 2013 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.**

Member Emery attended and enjoyed the experience. The bear issue was discussed and the tag quota setting took quite some time.

Chairman Cook recapped the meeting too highlighting the donation by Commissioner McBeath's family of 140,000 acres in White Pine County for conservation, DCABMW's trail cam letter was read, there was lots of input on the bear hunt, and he summarized the 2013 big game hunt recommendations.

This was a discussion only.

9. **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.**

Vice Chairman Burnside and Member Pohlman will attend and Vice Chairman Burnside will represent the DCABMW.

10. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 2 & 3, 2013, in Fallon, 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 as necessary at this meeting.**

The next meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

11. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

MOTION by Burnside/Turnipseed to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.; carried unanimously.

The minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 30th day July, 2013.

Bob Cook, Chairman