



MOTION by Pohlman/Turnipseed to approve the agenda as presented; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 5, 2014 & June 17, 2014**

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 as presented; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

Given the absences of some of the Board members, MOTION by Pohlman/Cook to table the minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting until the next meeting; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

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

No meeting has been held. Vice Chairman Cook would like the group to continue to meet to discuss the common issues of the three counties. He suggested they involve the mule deer biologist.

No public comment.

No action was taken.

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

Member Pohlman said there is an upcoming meeting to be held in Bridgeport by the groups that manage the area. They will be discussing the July letter that outlines the plans through FY 2018 for the Bistate Sage Grouse. The total cost of the plan will be \$26 million. This plan will be dovetailed into the approved Bistate plan. The listing decision on the Bistate Sage Grouse is expected to be made in April 2015, which is close to the date planned for the decision on the Greater Sage Grouse.

No action was taken.

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

Vice Chairman Cook has not heard from the U.S. Forest Service so he had no report.

**4. The following items, 4a through 4i, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, August 15 & 16, 2014 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–4i. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:**

**4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** In accordance with Commission Policy #1 the Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman.

No public comment.

No discussion and no action was taken.

**4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY MR. JOHN D. POTASH.** John D. Potash of Get Rattled LLC has submitted a petition to change regulations “To expand their business into areas that have different species of venomous snakes, this change would allow for them to be permitted by the Department to possess those other species of non-indigenous venomous snakes that are currently prohibited under NAC 503 and to which their company does not meet any of the currently listed exemptions. They would also like to expand their services by providing skunk aversion training as well. Skunks are also prohibited under NAC 503.” The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees supports having skunk aversion training.

Public comment closed.

Vice Chairman Cook sees this as an opportunity for this gentleman to expand his business and said this does not talk about the other businesses in the state doing the same thing so this appears to be a special interest. He does not support it.

Carl Lackey, NDOW biologist, said the law enforcement people are not in favor of this at all. They feel it opens the door for a lot more people to possess these unauthorized species and skunks are a rabies vector so they should not be pets.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to oppose the petition; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

**4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 NDOW BIENNIAL BUDGET.** The Commission may make recommendations to the Department for the biennial budget request.

The members indicated they did not receive any background material on this item.

Member Turnipseed thought there were about 30 budget accounts and he said most are dedicated.

No public comment.

There was no consensus reached or action taken on this item.

**4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-11 AMENDMENT #1 – APPLICATION PROCEDURES/DATES – TURKEY HUNTS.** The Commission will be presented with an amendment to the regulation that will establish the 2015 – 2016 application procedures for the resident and nonresident turkey hunts.

No public comment.

MOTION by Pohlman/Turnipseed to accept the changes; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

**4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON TRAPPER EDUCATION.** The Commission will hear a presentation regarding options for implementation of a trapper education program. Program items for consideration may include among others; statutory/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.

The members indicated they did not receive any background material on this item.

No public comment.

Member Turnipseed feels education is good but it does have a cost and that cost could have an effect on other programs.

There was no consensus reached or action taken on this item.

**4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON AN UPDATE ON BIGHORN HERD STATUS AND DISEASE IN MINERAL AND ESMERALDA COUNTIES AND AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN.** A request to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release Plan to add a desert bighorn augmentation for the Garfield Hills and Gillis Range in Mineral County.

The members indicated they did not receive any background material on this item.

No public comment.

There was no consensus reached or action taken on this item.

**4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 15-01 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL AND WEBLESS BIRD SEASONS, BAG LIMITS, AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR WATERFOWL AND WEBLESS BIRDS, PUBLIC HUNTING LIMITED ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND DESIGNATED STATE LANDS – 2014-15 SEASON.** The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl and webless game birds for the 2014 - 2015 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2014-2015 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 regulations for the Controlled Goose Hunting Zone within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Carl Lackey, NDOW biologist, reviewed the changes to the canvasback. There is a record count of ducks and geese this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees thinks the open/close/open dates for the regular season are confusing and ridiculous.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to approve; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

**4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 450, TRAP VISITATION, LCB FILE NO. R087-14. The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping; increasing the required frequency of visitation to certain traps, snares or similar devices used in the taking of wild mammals. The regulation will require a person who places a trap, snare or similar device in close proximity to one of the populated or heavily used areas which are set forth in regulation to visit a trap, snare or similar device at least once every second calendar day; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees stated his comments remain the same on this item.

Fred Voltz clarified the required frequency of visitation is a maximum of 72 hours.

Public comment closed.

Member Pohlman finds the definition of “congested area” interesting.

Member Turnipseed said Mr. Joel Blakeslee feels this will kill trapping in congested areas.

Vice Chairman Cook feels it is the job of this Board to represent the trappers in this area and their opinion should be taken into account.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to take it back to 96 hours for all areas;

Vice Chairman Cook thought this would make it easier on law enforcement as well.

Member Turnipseed said there are lots of circumstances that could prevent a person from getting to the traps every day.

MOTION; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

**4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 451, DEMERIT POINTS FOR TRESPASS AND TRAP VISITATION VIOLATIONS, LCB FILE NO. R088-14. The Commission will hear a regulation relating to increasing the number of demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for certain wildlife violations; expanding the wildlife violations for which the Department must assess demerit points. This regulation increases from three to 12 the demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must**

assess for a conviction for fishing in non-navigable waters on private property without permission; and from six to 12 demerit points for a conviction for hunting or trapping on private property without permission. The regulation also adds the imposition of six demerit points against a person for a failure to visit a trap, snare or similar device 48 or more hours after the prescribed period for visiting the trap, snare or similar device. Finally, this regulation requires the Department to double the demerit points assessed against a person if the person is convicted of committing the same violation within 60 months; providing other matters properly relating thereto.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees does not support this because it is overzealous and overstepping. Once a person hits 12 demerit points, they are out so what is the point of 24?

Public comment closed.

Member Turnipseed thinks this is the work of the anti-trapping people. He distributed a copy of NRS 503.240 and read it into the record. He also distributed NRS 207.200 and summarized it. He believes there is a lot of a checkerboard land east of here so it is hard to know when you are on private or BLM land so why should someone lose their license over this? Three or less demerits points would be better. There are statutes regarding the hunting on and marking of private property so why is a regulation adding demerit points necessary? Only 80 citations have been issued in the last ten years.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to deny; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

5. **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.**

Members Cook and Turnipseed disclosed communications from Judi Caron and Doug Martin.

6. **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 20 & 21, 2014 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.**

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the results of the last meeting on behalf of Chairman Burnside.

Topics included: sheep transplants, Duck and Upland Game Stamp projects; NACO wild horse lawsuit; approval of Heritage projects; approval with modification of the gray fox season and limits; and the lengthy discussion on trapping regulations and the modifications to the maps.

This was an update only.

7. **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.**

Member Turnipseed will attend Friday. Vice Chairman Cook may attend the Friday session also.

**8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12 & 13, 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.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

Member Pohlman stated he would be unable to make the September meeting.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to adjourn the meeting; carried with Burnside and Emery absent.

There being no further business to come before the DCABMW, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

The minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 9th day September, 2014.

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Craig Burnside, Chairman