

**DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**  
**Minutes of the January 27, 2014 Meeting**

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014 in the CVIC HALL 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Burnside, Vice Chairman  
Michael Turnipseed  
Bob Pohlman  
Wes Emery

MEMBER ABSENT: Bob Cook, Chairman

NDOW STAFF: Carl Lackey, Biologist

STAFF: Lorraine Diedrichsen, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chairman Burnside noted the excused absence of Chairman Cook.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerad Lees does not like the requirement to take an education course before being able to pick up shed antlers.

Vice Chairman Burnside said it appeared that if they are being picked up for noncommercial use from April 1 through December 31 then the permit is not needed. From January 1 through the end of March requires a permit.

Mr. Turnipseed added they are setting a season for when the animals are the most vulnerable.

Regardless of the dates, Mr. Lees feels it makes criminals out of innocent people.

On another subject, Mr. Lees feels Mr. Turnipseed expressed his own views on the elk hunt instead of those of the DCABMW when speaking before the last Commission meeting. He thought Mr. Turnipseed should be clearer about whose views he is expressing when speaking before the Commission.

Mr. Turnipseed talked about the proposals to decrease elk especially in Elko County and he feels having over the counter elk tags will help accomplish that. He stated he would be more aware of identifying whose views he is expressing when speaking before the Commission.

Vice Chairman Burnside stated over the counter tags were discussed during the last meeting but the DCABMW did not take action on that suggestion.

Carl Lackey, NDOW, asked if a person that is in an area that has the deer elk and you get a deer tag, is it drawn like a party tag. If you opt out, do you increase the chances of getting a deer tag?

Mr. Turnipseed stated it is a special hunt with a different application number.

Public comment closed.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve the agenda as presented;

No public comment.

MOTION; carried with Cook absent.

**FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **September 17, 2013**

MOTION by Pohlman/Turnipseed to approve the minutes as presented;

No public comment.

MOTION; carried with Cook absent.

- **December 2, 2013**

MOTION by Pohlman/Emery to approve the minutes as presented;

No public comment.

MOTION; carried with Cook absent.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE.**

Due to the absence of Chairman Cook, the consensus of the Board was to table this item until the next meeting.

No public comment.

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

There was no report since a meeting has not taken place.

No public comment.

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

Mr. Pohlman feels that whether it is listed or not, it is going back to court. The main focus of the people raising this issue is to get the cattle off the range. Now there is a great plan but it does not take the cattle off the land so it will end up back in court. Whether listed or not, money is going to be spent on the sage grouse.

Mr. Turnipseed said the Bi-State plan will cost \$14 million to implement but neither the BLM nor the USFWS have the money. He discussed the 3500 acre Fairfield Ranch conservation easement granted in Douglas County.

Mr. Lackey identified the location of the easement.

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

Due to the absence of Chairman Cook, there was no report.

**5. The following items, 5a through 5j, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, January 31<sup>st</sup> & February 1, 2014 at the Clark County Government Center, Commission Chambers, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, 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.**

**5a–5j. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:**

**5a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 13-04, BIG GAME SEASONS, AMENDMENT #1.** The Commission will consider amending the 2014 (2014-15) hunting season dates, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics, legal weapon requirements, and hunt boundary restrictions, for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat; emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas; dates and times for indoctrination courses; establishing the 2014 (2014 - 2015) antlerless elk landowner hunt structure and statewide quotas; and establishing the 2014 any legal weapon resident and nonresident pronghorn hunts 2151 and 2251 seasons that were not previously set.

Members Turnipseed and Emery stated no real issues with the recommendations except some of the seasons are up against each other.

Vice Chairman Burnside called attention to Hunt 4107, cow elk depredation, and said multiple seasons

were recommended for Unit 121 and Units 144, 145 to extend more hunting pressure on the elk throughout the fall and allow for more tags to be issued with multiple openers. The Area 10 cow elk hunt was condensed into a single long season due to extremely low hunter success from the previously held 4 separate seasons. In one instance they are breaking up a big hunt into smaller hunts to put more pressure and in another instance they are condensing another one because of low hunter success when they had multiple seasons. The rationale is not clear.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to recommend approval of all of the season adjustments as presented;

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees is disappointed to see the ewe hunt. It was represented just to be a tool in the toolbox for a future need but now it is on here. He does not want to see a ewe hunt.

Mr. Turnipseed explained there are certain areas that are overpopulated as far as water and feed but the ewes are diseased or potentially diseased so they would like to kill them off since they cannot be transplanted or sold out of state.

Mr. Lackey added this was added just to get it on the books; they can do a 0 quota. There is not a biologist that wants to have a ewe hunt just for the sake of having a ewe hunt. We are limited on where we can translocate sheep because there is a lengthy process to get the sites cleared as well as there is the issue of how close we want to put Bighorns to an active allotment or trailing route. The status quo was a minimum of 10 miles but that is not adequate now. He discussed the distance a collared sheep travelled. The ewe hunt is being put in place to have the option of reducing a herd to minimize the sheep from coming into contact with domestic sheep and spreading disease.

Mr. Lees likes dividing up area 144 on the doe antelope-horns shorter than ears hunt. Regarding bears, he would like to see hunt unit 203 opened up.

Mr. Lackey said originally that was not put in because those areas are shotgun only because of the congested areas and shotguns were not legal for bears. It was not a legal weapon for bear at the time so unit 203 was left out. Adding that unit has been discussed and he can support making shotguns legal for bears because they are the most effective weapon on the bear. While this was discussed during the process of making the recommendations, they are recommending status quo for the three year review process. He can support opening unit 203 with shotgun only. With the moisture situation the way it is, it could be a bad bear year and that could increase opportunity for people by taking conflict bears. In the end, their recommendation is status quo.

Vice Chairman Burnside understands the rationale behind leaving things at status quo for the time being but at some point after the review, those suggestions should be considered.

Mr. Lees said he understood the bear subcommittee recommended shortening the bear season by a month. Mr. Lackey stated their recommendation is to leave it as is but there is no biological reason to reduce it or leave it.

Mr. Emery asked about a spring hunt and Mr. Lackey answered now is not the right time but having one could eliminate a lot of the concerns being expressed by the bear advocates. Mr. Emery asked about opening unit 192 on the west side of the Rim Trail and Mr. Lackey said it has been brought up to open it

up to archery only and no dogs but the timing is not right.

Public comment closed.

MOTION; carried with Cook absent.

**5b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-03, 2014 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINE AND INFORMATION.** The Commission will consider the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application deadline and information.

Vice Chairman Burnside reviewed the deadlines.

Mr. Pohlman stated the data shows many people in the county still file paper applications and some do a combination of paper and online.

Vice Chairman Burnside discussed the regional harvest limit history of lions.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to recommend approval of the big game application deadlines; carried with Cook absent.

**5c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-04, 2014 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION.** The Commission will consider the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application eligibility.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to approve; carried with Cook absent.

**5d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-05, 2014 SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASON AND QUOTAS.** The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2014 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons and quotas.

Vice Chairman Burnside reviewed the quotas and season dates.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve the recommendations; carried with Cook absent.

**5e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-06, 2014 DREAM TAG SEASONS.** The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2014 Dream Tags seasons.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve the recommendations; carried with Cook absent.

**5f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-07, 2015 HERITAGE TAGS SEASONS AND QUOTAS.** The Commission will consider the adoption of the 2015 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons and quotas.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve; carried with Cook absent.

**5g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-08, BLACK BEAR SEASONS.** The Commission will consider adoption of 2014 (2014-15) hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal gender, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees would like to open hunt unit 203 and make shotgun a legal weapon.

Mr. Emery likes those ideas and would like to use shotgun for all units for bears.

Mr. Lackey believes a shotgun cannot be used on big game.

After a brief recess, it was determined shotguns are a legal weapon for deer and lion only. Bears could be added once it goes through the LCB process.

He added staff is recommending keeping everything as it is. The next meeting of the bear subcommittee is February 21st and will be held in Reno. After he got clarification, Mr. Lackey stated the subcommittee made a recommendation to end the bear season on December 1st and the Commission can move forward with that recommendation or not.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve the NDOW's recommendations; carried with Cook absent.

**5h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 14-09, 2014 (2014-15) MOUNTAIN LION SEASON OPEN UNITS AND HARVEST LIMITS.** The Commission will consider the adoption of 2014 (2014-15) mountain lion hunting season harvest limits, hunting hours, and special regulations. Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.

Vice Chairman Burnside stated they are looking at a reduction in the total harvest limits.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to approve; carried with Cook absent.

**5i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 442, FISHING TACKLE TRUCKEE RIVER.** The Commission may adopt a regulation relating to

**fishing: removing the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line, 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 the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line. This change will make fishing regulations consistent for the entire river, helping to alleviate tackle confusion among anglers and allowing greater angling opportunity. In conjunction with the recently modified, reduced possession limit of three fish for the Truckee River this regulation change is expected to have a neutral effect on resident sport fish populations in the affected reach.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees thinks less regulation is good.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Pohlman/Turnipseed to accept the recommendations; carried with Cook absent.

**5j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 443 - R141-13 – WILDLIFE GRANTS PROGRAM.** The Commission will consider a regulation relating to wildlife; requiring the Department of Wildlife to establish a grant program to provide funding to facilitate wildlife restoration activities and research; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The need for the grant program regulation is to consolidate, clarify and streamline the Department of Wildlife's process to award funds for special projects. The Department of Wildlife currently uses a variety of granting and contracting processes for special project funds. This regulation will facilitate consolidation of these processes into a unified granting processes to clarify rules for applicants and to streamline administrative processes.

No public comment.

Mr. Turnipseed explained currently projects can be funded from a variety of sources and this is a way to have one application and the Commission, department, etc. will determine where the money will come from.

Vice Chairman Burnside thinks establishing a grant program will result in other entities, such as the conservation districts, applying for grant funds for habitat restoration projects.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to approve; carried with Cook absent.

**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 reports.

**7. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2013 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.**

Mr. Turnipseed reported on the discussion that took place regarding black powder substitutes and black powder for muzzleloaders.

**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.**

Chairman Cook is planning to 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 March 21 & 22, 2014, in Reno, 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, March 18, 2014. Please note: The March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Douglas County Administration Building, Historic Courthouse, 1616 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Minden, Nevada.**

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Mr. Emery will attend the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and Vice Chairman Burnside will attend the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. This is an opportunity for Board members to request that items be placed on future agendas. There will be no deliberation or action taken other than to request the Chair to place the item on an agenda.**

- Tri County Wildlife Working Group
- Bi-state sage grouse
- Reintroduction of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout
- Election of officers
- Update on the bear season

MOTION by Turnipseed/Emery to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.; carried with Cook absent.

The minutes of the January 27, 2014 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so

approved this 18th day March, 2014.

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Chairman