

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the November 13, 2014 Meeting

The DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014 in the CVIC HALL 1602 ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN, NEVADA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Burnside, Chairman
Bob Cook, Vice Chairman (arrived at 5:52 pm)
Bob Pohlman
Michael Turnipseed

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Wes Emery

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission Chairman
Jeremy Drew

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and determined a quorum was present. Vice Chairman Cook is expected to arrive shortly.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Burnside introduced those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees expressed support for the ability to carry a firearm during archery hunts and he would like it to include muzzleloaders too. He would like to see Commission workshops agendized on the DCABMW agendas to allow for public input on those items.

Chairman Jeremy Drew thanked the CAB for their involvement with the Commission. He stated he takes his role on the Commission seriously and he values the input he receives from the CABs and the public. He reminded everyone that he is available should they have any questions that he may be able to answer.

Chairman Drew stated regulations will now have 1st and 2nd readings with a workshop held prior to the 1st reading. These items will have supporting material associated with them so he is requesting they be included on the DCABMW agenda in order to gain as much public input as possible.

Member Pohlman referenced the possible sale of some Bently Pine Nut property and he requested a future agenda item on this subject.

Public comment closed.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No public comment.

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

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **June 17, 2014**

This item was heard later in the meeting.

- **August 12, 2014**

This item was heard later in the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

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

The group has not met so no report was provided.

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

Member Pohlman said the February 25th & 26th meetings will be held at the new Community Center. A subgroup meeting will be held to look at the final plan.

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

This item was heard later in the meeting.

4. **The following items, 4a through 4h, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, November 14 & 15, 2014 at the Truckee Meadows Community College, 7000 Dandini Boulevard, Sierra Building-Room 108, Reno, 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 SPECIAL INCENTIVE ELK TAG ARBITRATION NAC ISSUES. At the recent September Commission meeting the Commission passed a motion to ask the Department to draft a new version of NAC 502.42283 that provides pursuant authority set forth in NRS 502.142 that the Commission shall appoint or serve as the arbitration panel and have the discretion to set the procedure in which the arbitration proceeds under Commissions' authority. The draft NAC will be presented with possible approval by the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Drew provided the background on the current way of setting arbitration panels and the issues associated with that process. A request has been made to revise the arbitration process. The draft language allows either the Commission to assume the authority or they can appoint a panel.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to support; carried with Cook and Emery absent.

4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 435 - ARCHERY DISABILITY PERMIT AND CLEANUP, LCB FILE NO. R107-14. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to hunting; authorizing the Department to issue an archery disability permit to a person with a permanent disability; revising the definition of "longbow" for certain purposes; revising the circumstances under which a person may use a crossbow to hunt a big game mammal or a bow to hunt a game mammal or game bird; authorizing a person to use a scope permit during a type of hunt that is restricted to bows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

This regulation was previously heard by the Commission during the workshop at the September 2014 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting. The Commission discussed how the regulation will allow for the use of crossbows in archery seasons for hunters with specific disabilities and clarifies archery equipment legal for any bow hunter in an archery season. The language has been updated to reflect changes requested by the Commission allowing a person with certain permanent disabilities preventing them from using traditional archery equipment, use of a crossbow. The language change clarified the definition of disabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees supports the longbow definition.

Public comment closed.

Member Turnipseed recalls this issue arising in the past and he thought a crossbow could be used during the archery season but it had to be during any legal weapon.

Chairman Burnside said this specifically allows a disabled person that cannot bring a traditional bow to full draw to use it during the archery season. He questioned how a one power scope would help. Commissioner Drew responded it does help and is cleaner. Only people with a visual disability can use the scope; this does not open the door to everyone using it.

Member Turnipseed understands that but he thinks this is a primitive weapon. He cannot support scopes on primitive weapons.

Vice Chairman Cook talked about the discussion that took place in Las Vegas relating to disabled hunter regulations and the fact that Nevada, Montana, and Oregon do not have these regulations. He feels the scope gives someone an advantage since it lightens up the landscape but he can support the regulation as a place to begin.

MOTION by Cook/Pohlman to approve; carried with Turnipseed voting Nay and Emery absent.

4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 439, WATER SKI TOWABLE DEVICE, LCB FILE NO. R108-14. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to watercraft; to clarify what is considered a towed device behind a vessel or restricted areas closed to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels or certain bodies are not large enough to accommodate the activity.

The regulation will clarify what types of devices towed behind a vessel are prohibited in water skiing restricted areas, such as high use areas, narrow channels, and in certain water bodies too small to accommodate the activity. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept. 13, 2014. The Commission recommended as presented with no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Drew stated having the regulations heard at two separate meetings may seem redundant to some and this item could be an example of that for those folks.

Public comment closed.

Chairman Burnside thought Crittenden Reservoir is now private and he wondered if it should be included in this regulation. Chairman Drew stated it is private but they give permission to fish there for a fee. It is appropriate to have this regulation for that reservoir.

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

4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 444, LAUGHLIN FISHERMEN'S ACCESS, LCB FILE NO. R086-14. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to watercraft; that will prohibit swimming or bathing around a dock or boat ramp or using a dock or boat ramp to swim or bathe; and docking a vessel or otherwise trespassing in a prohibited area at Laughlin Fishermen's Access.

The regulation addresses safety concerns of people swimming and/or bathing in a heavily congested boating area. The regulation will reduce potential injuries which may include prop injuries, vessel collisions and trauma injuries incurred by vessels striking swimmers and bathers in the launch area. The regulation will also prohibit trespassing or docking in prohibited areas, allowing the area available for emergency vessel use at Laughlin Fishermen's Access. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept. 13, 2014. The Commission recommended as presented with no changes.

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the comments made at the Las Vegas meeting. This is intended to address safety concerns.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to support; carried with Emery absent.

4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 449, TANNERY/TAXIDERMIST, LCB FILE NO. R111-14. The Commission will consider a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The regulation clarifies the licensing requirements for tanneries by including the activities licensed as a taxidermist and will reduce the amount of record keeping a taxidermist must complete when receiving hides, pelts or other wildlife parts from another taxidermist. The regulation was requested through a petition to the Commission. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept. 13, 2014. The Commission recommended as presented with no changes.

Member Turnipseed did not know this was a problem.

Member Pohlman feels this will result in a paper trail.

Vice Chairman Cook said the discussion on this item at the meeting was that this will simplify the process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Drew said a tannery submitted the petition. There was an issue when going from the taxidermist to the tannery and then back to the taxidermist. This will streamline that process so all the paperwork does not have to change hands.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Pohlman/Turnipseed to approve as written; carried with Emery absent.

4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 15-02 TAKING OF RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY FOR 2015-2016. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2015 - 2016 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry.

Chairman Burnside referred to the regulations relating to goshawks and eyas.

No public comment.

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

4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION CR 15-03 NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2015-2016. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2015 - 2016 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

Member Turnipseed asked why there is a need for limits and a season since they are unprotected.

No public comment.

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

4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN AMENDMENT. Department staff are requesting to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release Plan to add a California bighorn augmentation for the Massacre Rim in Washoe County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerad Lees asked for more information on this. He wondered if there are any sheep operators in there that this could cause a problem for. He asked who is paying for this.

Chairman Drew said this area had a good California population in it about 12 years ago but has since experienced a wipe out. The biggest issue is farm flocks on the Surprise Valley side. There are operators in the vicinity but none on the rim. This was identified for augmentation in the future and is taking the place of the Coleman Rim augmentation. There are sheep in Area 6 that they would like to remove from that area. This is being paid for in part by NBU and in part by a heritage project.

Public comment closed.

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Member Turnipseed disclosed a phone call from Jack Robb. He said he watched the Legislative Commission and he updated the Board on the status of the trapping issue and the demerit issue.

Vice Chairman Cook received an educational CD from Doug Martin about the state's hunting and fishing heritage.

This was a discussion only.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **June 17, 2014**

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Pohlman to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Turnipseed abstaining and Emery absent.

- **August 12, 2014**

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Pohlman to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Emery absent.

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

Vice Chairman Cook stated he emailed Stephanie Byers and told her that he thought they were not communicating with county advisory boards or anyone else about the results of their studies and findings. They keep saying they will publish a report but they still have not done so. The email string was provided by Vice Chairman Cook to all the members of the DCABMW.

This was an update only.

6. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2014 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

Vice Chairman Cook stated he spoke with Tony Wasley about the Tri County Mule Deer group. They tried to identify some issues that the three counties might have in common. Mr. Wasley supports continuing with group and both Vice Chairman Cook and Mr. Wasley felt the group has value.

This was informational 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 Pohlman will attend the Saturday meeting.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2015.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Pohlman to schedule the next DCABMW meeting for February 2, 2015; carried with Emery absent.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

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

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Cook to adjourn the meeting; carried with Emery absent.

There being no further business to come before the DCABMW, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The minutes of the November 13, 2014 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 2nd day of February 2015.

Craig Burnside, Chairman