

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

MEETING AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
(CARSON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ROOM)
1329 WATERLOO LANE
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

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5:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER 14, 2016

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action Can be Taken)

At this time, public comment will be allowed on those items not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction and control of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker. If you are going to comment on a specific agenda item scheduled for discussion and action, please do so when that item is opened for public comment.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Douglas County Wildlife Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner; to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and; to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **September 20, 2016**

The Administrative Agenda will be handled as follows:

- (1) The Chairman will read the agenda title into the public record.
- (2) The Presenter, if any, will provide a report.
- (3) The Board will then discuss the matter.
- (4) The public will then be allowed to comment on the item and comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker.

(5) Once public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any follow-up questions and take action.

1. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.**
2. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON USING TRAINED TRACKING DOGS FOR BIG GAME RECOVERY.**
3. **The following items, 3a through 3p, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, November 18 & 19, 2016, at the Nevada Senate Capitol Building, Capitol Assembly Chambers, Second Floor, 101 North Carson Street, Carson City, 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.**

3a–3p. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

3a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-01, TAKING OF RAPTORS FOR FALCONRY FOR 2017-2018. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2017 - 2018 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7*)

3b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 17-02, NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2017-2018. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve 2017 - 2018 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8*)

3c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 470, MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS, LCB FILE NO. R095-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The regulation was developed by the Wildlife Commission's APRPC after several public meetings incorporating relevant suggestions from the public, legal counsel, the Department and the committee. The amendments will simplify petition form requirements and the petition process overall. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9*) (*This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.*)

3d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE (TAAHC) PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (PIW) DRAWING AND RESTRICTED NONRESIDENT GUIDED DEER DRAW APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY. The Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) conducted public meetings on two related amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The first amendment is to change the PIW drawing

to precede the main drawing. The change would allow all applicants who choose to apply for the PIW program to participate in the PIW drawing. The second amendment is allowing restricted nonresident guided deer hunt applicants to also apply for deer tags in the Silver State tag, PIW drawing and the main drawing if eligible. The Department has prepared a document that explains fees, tag eligibility, and the implementation of proposed changes. The Department is requesting the Commission to provide guidance to the Department for the drafting of possible regulation changes. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10B*)

3e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION STRATEGY UPDATE. The Department has conducted substantial data analysis and public input since the effort to simplify hunting and angling license structures was initiated just over one year ago. The Department will provide an overview of the information obtained to date, along with suggestions for bundled privileges and fees. The Commission may vote to support the Department's license structure proposal. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 11*)

3f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE UPDATE OF GUIDELINES FOR HARVEST MANAGEMENT IN NEVADA. The Department will provide an update on the status and process of refining the draft harvest guidelines for consideration by the Commission. The Department will provide a briefing on revisions since the September 2016 Commission Meeting. The Commission may provide the Department with direction regarding further development. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 12*)

3g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF POLICY 2, PUBLICATIONS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 2, Publications, and may take action to officially repeal the policy as recommended by the APRPC. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 13*)

3h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF POLICY 31, LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy 31 with edits incorporated from the first reading on September 23, 2016. The Commission may take action to approve the policy. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14*)

3i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF POLICY 33, FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy 33 with edits incorporated from the first reading on September 23, 2016. The Commission may take action to approve the policy. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 15*)

3j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FALLON NAVAL AIR STATION AND NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC LANDS WITHDRAWALS. The Commission will have a presentation on proposals being analyzed through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for legislative action to extend the current administrative withdrawals and to consider additional areas for withdrawal at both Fallon Naval Air Station and the Nevada Test and Training Range. The Commission will discuss the land withdrawal proposals and may take action to develop a

letter with the Department's assistance stating the Commission's position. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Items 21A & 21B*)

3k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED WASHOE COUNTY FEDERAL LANDS BILL. The Commission will discuss the proposed Washoe County Federal Lands bill and may take action to develop a letter with the Department's assistance stating the Commission's position. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22B*)

3l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMISSION POLICY REGARDING WILDLIFE CONTESTS. The Commission will discuss a prior draft of a Wildlife Contest Policy forwarded by the Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee, which was discussed by the Commission at their August 12, 2016 meeting. The Commission may choose to discuss the merits of the policy and may amend, forward, discard, or reinstate development of a policy that articulates the Commission's perspective regarding contests of take of wildlife. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*)

3m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 463, DUTIES OF PERSON TRANSPORTING VESSEL OR CONVEYANCE, LCB FILE NO. R093-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The change amends Chapter 488 of NAC by adding a new section that requires the owner, operator or person in control of any vessel or conveyance that is launched on any body of water in this State to drain the water from the vessel or conveyance and any equipment on the vessel or conveyance and also requires the owner, operator or person in control of a vessel or conveyance that is transported on a public road in this State or has been taken out of any body of water in this State ensure that the drain plugs, drain valves and any other devices used to control the draining of water remain open while transporting the vessel or conveyance on public roads in this State. The proposed regulation also amends language in NAC 488.520 to accommodate the changes above and remove repetitive language.

The Commission held a workshop on September 23, 2016, and no changes were recommended by the Commission. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26A*)

3n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 471, TRUCKEE RIVER MOTORIZED VESSEL CLOSURE, LCB FILE NO. R139-16. The Commission will consider adopting an amendment to Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulations set forth certain bodies of water on which only vessels without motors are allowed and certain bodies of water on which only vessels without motors and vessels powered by electric motors are allowed. This regulation adds to the list of waters with such a restriction, the Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. This regulation also extends the exception to the restrictions to all such specified waters and to any vessel that is owned, operated and used for official purposes by a federal, state or local governmental entity, or any vessel operating pursuant to a permit for a marine event that is requested by a federal, state or local governmental entity.

The Commission held a workshop on September 23, 2016, and no changes were recommended by the Commission. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26B*)

3o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 464, APPEALS, LCB FILE NO. R074-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 501 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation revises provisions relating to practice before the Commission. It provides more efficiency in scheduling appeals, will define that "calendar" days are used for calculation of deadlines, and more clearly notify the appellant in advance of a hearing that the Commission has limited jurisdiction. It will also provide for two, separate Attorneys General (one for the Commission and one for the Department) to avoid conflicts with one attorney advising two sides of the appeal. It also requires the appellant to give the agency advance notice of legal representation to improve scheduling for a separate lengthier time needed on agendas.

These changes were approved at the May 12, 2016, meeting of the Wildlife Commission's APRPC which included relevant suggestions from the public and legal counsel. The Commission held a workshop in Reno on August 12, 2016, where the Commission asked to include information regarding the notice to the appellant and also to insert language that if a party fails to file certain information within 14 days they may waive their right to a hearing on the appeal. A revision of the regulation was requested from the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB); which, contained additional edits. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26C*)

3p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 465, ANTELOPE AND ELK WAITING PERIODS, LCB FILE NO. R141-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) recommended the amendment to the regulation to standardize the waiting period for a person to be eligible to apply for each of the species antelope and elk after receiving a tag. Regardless of harvest, the antelope waiting period after receiving a tag would be three years, and the antlered elk waiting period after receiving a tag would be five years.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation on September 23, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26D*)

- 4. 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.
- 5. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2016 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** There will be no action taken.
- 6. 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.

- 7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10 and 11, 2017, 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 and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed. The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, February 6, 2017**.
- 8. 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.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICES: The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any citizen who wishes to attend this meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact Craig Burnside, Chairman, at 775-901-2882, or, in writing, at 1388 Saratoga Street, Minden, Nevada 89423, as soon as possible.

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241, this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting day and has been posted before 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the following locations: Douglas County Community & Senior Center, Douglas County Historic Courthouse, USPS Gardnerville Post Office, and USPS Minden Post Office Main Office.

Copies of supporting material can be found at: www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/. Copies of supporting material can be requested in person from Lorraine Kabat by calling 775-782-0029.

On some occasions, a quorum of this Advisory Board may be attendance at the Nevada Wildlife Commissioners meetings. No action will be taken by the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on those occasions other than to have a spokesperson inform the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners of the recommendations that this Advisory Board has duly acted upon at previous meetings.