

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the September 20, 2016 Meeting

The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 in the Douglas County Community Center, Carson Valley Medical Center Room, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Burnside, Chairman
Bob Cook, Vice Chairman
Robert Rittenhouse
Chad Foster (present via telephone)

MEMBER ABSENT: Mike Turnipseed

OTHERS PRESENT: Travis Hawks, NDOW, Regional Fisheries Biologist

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm and determined a quorum was present. Noted was the absence of Member Turnipseed.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Burnside recognized the members in attendance and thanked Travis Hawks for attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Burnside requested items 3e, 3f, 3g 3j, 3k, and 3m be heard before item 3a.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Cook to approve the agenda with the stated changes; carried with Turnipseed absent.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **August 9, 2016**

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Rittenhouse to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Turnipseed absent.

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

The group has not met so there was no report.

Chairman Burnside stated a member of the Washoe CAB agrees that there are common themes that could be discussed. An attempt will be made to get the group meeting again.

2. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON A RECOMMENDATION TO THE NEVADA WILDLIFE COMMISSION THAT THE NUMBER OF BEAR TAGS AVAILABLE BE INCREASED TO 51 WITH THE INTENTION THAT A GOVERNOR'S TAG BECOME AVAILABLE AND THAT HUNTING BE ALLOWED IN ALL AREAS OF HUNT UNITS THAT ARE OPEN TO BEAR HUNTING.

Chairman Burnside explained that NDOW has making shotgun a legal weapon for bear on their radar.

Vice Chairman Cook explained he supports increasing the tags to 51 but wants the take to remain the same.

Member Foster expressed agreement.

Chairman Burnside asked which of the Governor's Tags would be the most desirable for this since this should raise quite a bit of revenue.

Member Rittenhouse would like to see a nationally recognized group instead of a local group end up with the tag.

Member Foster said the Heritage Tag would be his first choice.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Cook to recommend the Commission increase the number of bear tags to 51 while the harvest number remain the same with the intention that a Governor's Tag, preferably a Heritage Tag, become available and that hunting be allowed in all areas of hunt units that are open to bear hunting; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3. The following items, 3a through 3q, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, September

23 & 24, 2016, at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 8050 Paradise Road, Classrooms A & D, 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.

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

3e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 31, LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management Guidelines. The committee recommends updating the policy with current requirements and Fisheries Division plans will be considered. The Commission may take action on the committee's recommended changes to Policy 31. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10)*

Travis Hawks, NDOW, Fisheries Biologist, stated the current guidelines are over 20 years old and need updating. The changes will also give the Department some flexibility when managing sport fisheries. He briefly reviewed the suggested changes.

Member Foster cited item 12 in the policy and asked if there are any GMUs in Nevada that are close to having good population of LCTs so they could be delisted. Mr. Hawks responded that the Humboldt GMU is doing well but delisting cannot be done by GMU. The eastern GMU cannot be delisted without the western GMU being recovered. NDOW is actively trying to come to a solution where delisting could be done by GMU.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Foster to recommend the Commission approve Policy 31; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 33, FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. The Commission will conduct a first reading on Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program. The committee recommends updating the policy with current requirements and Fisheries Division plans will be considered. The Commission may take action on the committee's recommended changes to Policy 33. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 11)*

Travis Hawks, NDOW, Fisheries Biologist, explained the purpose of this is to update the language.

Chairman Burnside talked about the decrease in recruitment for both hunting and fishing in Nevada.

Member Foster added those decreases have an economic impact on the amount of monies available to support fisheries projects.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Cook to recommend Commission approval of Policy 33 as written; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 463, DUTIES OF PERSON TRANSPORTING VESSEL OR CONVEYANCE, LCB FILE NO. R093-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to 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 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. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14). This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.)*

Member Foster thinks this makes perfect sense but may be hard to control.

Vice Chairman Cook agreed it will be hard to enforce but it is a good step in the right direction.

Chairman Burnside believes having this rule in place will help avoid the transfer of invasive aquatic species from one body of water to another.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Cook to recommend Commission approval of Commission General Regulation 463 as written; carried with Tunipseed absent.

3j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 471, CLOSURE OF TRUCKEE RIVER TO MOTORIZED VESSELS, LCB FILE NO. R139-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation sets 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 the Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to the list of waters with such a restriction. 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. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 17). This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife*

Commissioners' Agenda.)

Travis Hawks, NDOW, Fisheries Biologist, talked about an incident where fan boats were running on the Truckee River through downtown. There was a question on who had jurisdictional responsibility. The law enforcement division decided to bring forward a regulation to address that type of activity.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Cook to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 471, Closure of the Truckee River to Motorized Vessels to the Commission; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 16-02, AMENDMENT #1, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MARCH 1, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018. The Commission will consider Amendment #1 of the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2016, through February 28, 2018. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Truckee River from 1,000 feet below Derby Dam to the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to be three game fish of which zero (0) may be trout (catch and release only) from February 1 through May 31, in Storey and Washoe Counties, and an amendment to change the harvest limit for trout in Lake Mohave and the Colorado River below Davis Dam to be five trout in Clark County. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*).

Travis Hawks, NDOW, Fisheries Biologist, said the Pilot Peak Cutthroat have shown the ability to move up the Truckee from Pyramid Lake and spawn. Right now the numbers are low so this is experimental at this point. The Fish & Wildlife Service will be passing them over Namano, which is the last barrier before they reach Nevada managed water so potentially there could be adult LCT in the lower river, which is currently fishable and NDOW would like to prevent closure. In order to allow people to fish for them but still protect them, the catch and release, 0 limit, and single barbless hook restrictions are being proposed.

Member Rittenhouse questioned whether the Paiute tribe had any restrictions on fishing the bottom of the river and Mr. Hawks was unsure. Member Rittenhouse asked what the mortality rate was for the fish that hit the dam area and how many fish manage to end up back in Pyramid. Mr. Hawks thought the mortality number was pretty high but he did not have exact numbers.

Chairman Burnside referred to information provided by Kim Tisdale on the rising number of fish that make it to the dam to spawn.

Member Rittenhouse asked if spawning areas on that section of the river are visible and Mr. Hawks stated they are. Anglers can target them but hopefully the regulation will ensure they release them. Member Rittenhouse asked if the reds are wadable and Mr. Hawks said they are in 1-3' of water so they are. Member Rittenhouse asked if the Nature Conservancy work above Derby Dam will improve the water quality. He believes it is an avenue for the fish to breed in that river so it should be a priority to protect the fish coming up and their breeding spots. He wondered if a fish ladder would help get

them to the freshly renovated water. Mr. Hawks said the whole goal is to have the fish reproduce in the river and to have a naturally reproducing population that continues to return every year. This regulation stops at Derby Dam. There is a functioning fish ladder there and if the ladder is turned on and they get above Derby Dam then their next barrier is Glendale in Sparks. Member Rittenhouse asked if there is a way to monitor what comes back into Pyramid and Mr. Hawks explained how they are monitored. Member Rittenhouse questioned what would the main negatives be to closing off that section of the river for the spawning months. Mr. Hawks said they did not want to take opportunity away from the anglers and they did not want to lose public support for cutthroat projects by closing waters to fishing because there are cutthroat in them. Member Rittenhouse feels this is something that is working naturally and he wants to protect it. Mr. Hawks stated this will be the first natural reproduction of LCT in the western GMU.

Member Foster wondered if 90% of the males not making it back down the river was normal. Mr. Hawks said that was a worst case scenario estimate but they are unsure of the exact number. Member Foster asked if research was being done to maintain or increase the number. Mr. Hawks said some limited things could be done but much of it is due to the biology of the fish; they do not have a lot of control over the mortality of a population.

Member Rittenhouse feels it is important to capitalize on this event and we should protect them for the three months of spawning instead of just hoping people will observe the etiquette of fishing in or below those spawning areas. Mr. Hawks added that Fish & Wildlife Service and the Department will have some authority over this threatened species and there will be a public education outreach effort on the part of the wardens. He does not think mortality from catch will be a big issue.

Chairman Burnside pointed out the Derby Dam has a working fish ladder but it will not be place now primarily because the Truckee Canal takes off right above Derby Dam. The fish that got above Derby Dam might go down the Truckee Canal and end up somewhere else. Ms. Tisdale represented that U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Reclamation are working on a screen system on the Truckee Canal and once that was in place, the fish ladder could be activated at Derby Dam. At some point, the regulations being considered today could extend to Glendale.

Mr. Hawks stated this is not a heavily fished area and this gives them the ability to monitor what the fish are going to do in the lower river and readdress it as time goes on.

Vice Chairman Cook is anxious to see what the numbers are going forward.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Cook to recommend approval of the discussion on Commission General Regulation 16-02, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits from March 1, 2016-February 28, 2018;

Member Rittenhouse reiterated his desire to take advantage of the situation of the fish going up there and build into that. He would like to protect it to the nth degree for the fish who get up there, spawn, and come back down

MOTION; carried with Rittenhouse voting Nay and Turnipseed absent.

Member Rittenhouse stated he voted Nay because he feels there is a natural event happening with the fish moving up the Truckee River to spawn and more needs to be done regarding the habitat and spawning areas. The numbers are increasing. There needs to be more protection and we need to maximize the opportunity to get fish spawning naturally. He would prefer the spawning area be closed to take total advantage of what is going on.

Chairman Burnside said closing it sets precedence for once they open up Derby Dam. Once the fish ladder at Derby Dam is activated, the whole Truckee becomes the spawning area and then you will lose everyone. He feels this is a good middle ground.

3m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 469, TRUCKEE RIVER TACKLE RESTRICTION, LCB FILE NO. R094-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The change revises NAC 503.504 to require the use of certain types of fishing tackle in portions of the Truckee River. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the Truckee River from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary from February 1 through May 31 each year, to reduce incidental mortality of spawning adult Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September Commission meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*).

Travis Hawks, NDOW, Fisheries Biologist, said studies have shown that the single barbless hook is the simplest and easiest to remove and shortens the time that the fish is handled so it improves survivability.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Foster to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 469 to the Commission; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REQUEST FOR 20 WILD-TRAPPED FEMALE SAGE GROUSE FOR TRANSLOCATION TO THE YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INCREASE GENETIC DIVERSITY. The Department received a request from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), in cooperation with Joint Base Lewis-McChord Yakima Training Center (JBLM YTC) to capture and translocate 20 female sage-grouse from Nevada to JBLM YTC. This request is in support of a collaborative effort by JBLM YTC, WDFW, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to continue efforts in conducting genetic augmentation of the JBLM YTC sage-grouse population in south-central Washington. The Department is proceeding to fulfill the request and seeks the support of the Commission. The Commission may vote to support the Department's action. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6*)

Vice Chairman Cook knows sage grouse are struggling in every state but he has a hard time giving up 20 females.

Chairman Burnside said this transfer is within the western states so moving 20 from here to there still keeps them in the 11 western states. If the gene pool can be infused with genetic diversity from someplace else, it will help that population become more robust.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of the request from the State of Washington for 20 female sage grouse; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 2, PUBLICATIONS. The Commission will have a first reading and may take action on the committee's recommendation to repeal Commission Policy 2, Sale of Publications. The policy is outdated and redundant with the Public Record fee schedule and requirements applicable to Executive Branch agency's limiting fees. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Foster to recommend Commission repeal of Policy 2; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 10, WILDLIFE HERITAGE TAGS AND VENDORS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy 10, Wildlife Heritage Tags and Vendors, and may take action to approve recommendations from the policy's first reading. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8)*

Chairman Burnside said minor language changes were made during the August Commission meeting.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of this policy; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SECOND READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 11, WILDLIFE HERITAGE GRANTS. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 11, Wildlife Heritage Grants, and may take action to approve the recommendations from the policy's first reading. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9)*

Chairman Burnside said minor language changes were made during the August Commission meeting.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of this policy; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 31, LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management Guidelines. The committee recommends updating the policy with current requirements and Fisheries Division plans will be considered. The Commission may take action on the committee's recommended changes to Policy 31. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

3f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 33, FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. The Commission will conduct a first reading on Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program. The committee recommends updating the policy with current requirements and Fisheries Division plans will be considered. The Commission may take action on the committee's recommended changes to Policy 33. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 11)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

3g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 463, DUTIES OF PERSON TRANSPORTING VESSEL OR CONVEYANCE, LCB FILE NO. R093-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to 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 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. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14). This item is agendaized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.)*

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

3h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 465, ANTELOPE AND ELK WAITING PERIODS, LCB FILE NO. R141-16. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation allows a person to apply in any year for an antelope tag. If they receive an antelope tag for horns longer than ears and harvest an antelope they are in a waiting period of five years before they are eligible to apply again. Existing regulation for antlered elk allows a person to apply in any year if they did not receive a tag in the previous five years

and did not harvest, it also stipulates a person is eligible to apply after 10 years if they harvest an antlered elk. The amendment to the regulation would standardize the waiting period for a person to be eligible to apply for each of the species after receiving a tag. Antelope waiting period after receiving a tag would be three years. Antlered elk waiting period after receiving a tag would be five years. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 15.) This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.)*

Member Foster supports this because it gives more opportunity to hunters that want to hunt antelope and elk.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 465, Antelope and Elk Waiting Periods; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 467, SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PERMIT, LCB FILE NO. R105-16.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Through Assembly Bill 136 of the 2015 Legislative Session, the Nevada State Legislature mandated the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations prescribing the circumstances under which a person may assist a licensed hunter with certain disabilities in the killing and retrieval of a big game mammal. The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016, where several changes were considered. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16). This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.)*

Chairman Burnside reviewed the discussion that took place at the August Commission meeting.

Member Foster asked what happens when the hunter is carrying two weapons during any legal weapon season and the special assistant has to assist. Which weapon do they use?

Chairman Burnside thought the same weapon type would have to be used to dispatch the animal.

Member Foster asked if the special assistant's name is printed on the tag and Chairman Burnside stated yes.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Foster to recommend Commission approval of Commission General Regulation 467; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 471, CLOSURE OF TRUCKEE RIVER TO MOTORIZED VESSELS, LCB FILE NO. R139-16.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 488 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation sets 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 the Truckee River from the California-Nevada state line to the point where the river enters the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to the list of waters with such a restriction. 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. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 17*). *This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda.*)

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

3k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 16-02, AMENDMENT #1, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MARCH 1, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018. The Commission will consider Amendment #1 of the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2016, through February 28, 2018. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Truckee River from 1,000 feet below Derby Dam to the boundary of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation to be three game fish of which zero (0) may be trout (catch and release only) from February 1 through May 31, in Storey and Washoe Counties, and an amendment to change the harvest limit for trout in Lake Mohave and the Colorado River below Davis Dam to be five trout in Clark County. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*).

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

3I. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 468, BONUS POINT TRANSFER, LCB FILE NO. R104-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Existing regulation provides for the accumulation of bonus points by a person who applies for certain drawings for tags required for hunting certain species. Such bonus points accumulate and give the person a mathematical advantage in subsequent drawings for a tag. Under existing regulations, a person who changes his or her state of residence may request a transfer of any accumulated bonus points to himself or herself as a resident or nonresident of this State, as appropriate. This regulation change provides the authority to the Department to make such a transfer automatic upon the person's change of residence.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September Commission meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 24*).

Chairman Burnside reviewed the discussion that took place at the August Commission meeting.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Cook to recommend approval of the discussion on Commission General Regulation 468, Bonus Point Transfer; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 469, TRUCKEE RIVER TACKLE RESTRICTION, LCB FILE NO. R094-16. The Commission will consider amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The change revises NAC 503.504 to require the use of certain types of fishing tackle in portions of the Truckee River. Only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used on the Truckee River from 1,000 feet downstream of Derby Dam to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation boundary from February 1 through May 31 each year, to reduce incidental mortality of spawning adult Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The Commission held a workshop on this regulation change on August 12, 2016. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and requested to consider adoption of this regulation at the September Commission meeting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*).

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

3n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 458, ELECTRONIC RIFLE TRIGGERS, CALIBER AND CARTRIDGE LENGTH, AND SMOKELESS POWDER RESTRICTIONS, LCB FILE NO. R144-15. The Commission will consider adopting an amendment to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The proposed regulation amendment contains several changes. The first change will clarify the use of black powder substitutes that are considered smokeless powder. The second change would make it legal to hunt big game mammals with a handgun if the handgun uses a centerfire cartridge of .22 or larger [and has a barrel length of 4 inches or more]. The third change would make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with a rifle using a centerfire cartridge larger than .50 caliber or with a case length longer than 3 inches. The amendment would also make it unlawful to hunt a big game mammal with any firearm equipped with any sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism.

Two workshops have been held on this regulation change; one on January 29, 2016, and March 25, 2016. The Commission directed the Department to change "3.8 inches overall loaded length" to "3 inches case length," change ".46 caliber or larger" to "larger than .50 caliber," change the minimum legal handgun cartridge to "caliber .22 or larger," and change "electronic or computer controlled trigger" to "sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism." Another hearing was held on June 25, 2016; however, the Commission only allowed public comment, the Commission did not discuss the regulation. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26*).

Chairman Burnside reviewed the language changes made to the caliber, case length, and removal of the overall cartridge length requirement.

Member Foster is concerned about the wording on the case length and Chairman

Burnside explained this now addresses case length and caliber and cartridge length has been taken out of the equation. Member Foster thought it was not possible to have a case length of less than 3" on a .50 caliber bullet but the other members cited examples of when that could be true. Member Foster stated he does not want to limit how someone else hunts.

Vice Chairman Cook likes the simplicity of the smokeless powder regulation.

Member Rittenhouse stated he spoke to others about whether there is a ballistic advantage to using substitute black powder and while there is some, those he talked to support the language in the regulation.

No public comment.

Member Foster expressed concerns about the limit of the type of cartridges just based on the testimony of the gentleman that attended our meeting a year ago. He restated his opinion that he does not want to limit how someone else likes to hunt and what they like to hunt with.

MOTION by Foster/Cook to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 458, Electronic Rifle Triggers and Smokeless Powder Restrictions, excluding Article 5B, the restriction on caliber .50 or a centerfire cartridge with a case length of more than 3";

Chairman Burnside said there is a shrinking group of hunters on one end of the spectrum and the anti-hunters on the other end of it. In the middle are a large group of non-hunters. If hunters want to continue doing what they do, they have to make sure the non-hunter segment of the population does not become anti-hunters. Hunters have to show the non-hunting group that they are responsible individuals so there is a tradeoff to ensure the tradition of hunting continues. The regulation includes a range of weapons and people will find something they can use to hunt that is legal. It is not worth it to have non-hunters become anti-hunters; by doing this, the hunting segment has shown some sense of responsibility.

Member Foster thought that was a good point. We are morally obligated to make sure they do not negatively impose on our rights in ways we do not understand right now.

MOTION; rescinded by the maker and the second.

MOTION by Foster/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of Commission General Regulation 458 as written; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON 2016 FIRE RELATED EMERGENCY ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTS FOR PORTIONS OF UNITS 067 AND 068. The Department will brief the Commission on the effects of the Hot Pot Fire in portions of Units 067 and 068 north of Battle Mountain and provide a description of conditions on critical mule deer winter range in the area. The Department plans to use antlerless deer hunts during fall 2016 to reduce deer abundance and subsequent deer mortality on the winter range and also lessen potential impacts to the remaining habitat. The Commission may vote to support the Department's action. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 27*).

At the August Commission meeting, an update was given and maps depicting areas that had burned previously overlaid with areas that were critical winter range for mule deer were presented. Chairman Burnside summarized the discussion that took place at that meeting.

Member Foster asked if there was discussion on any scientific evidence that shows deer will stay in that unit even though there is no food there. Chairman Burnside reminded him that this addresses the migratory herd and not the resident herd.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Rittenhouse to recommend the Commission approve the 2016 Fire Related Emergency Antlerless Deer Hunts for Portions of Units 067 and 068; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3p. 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 about 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 28*).

Chairman Burnside provided a summary of the proposals.

Member Rittenhouse asked if lifetime licenses were considered and Chairman Burnside stated they did not address that because of the way they receive monies from the federal government. Lifetime licenses would have to be amortized over the years to ensure they get enough federal dollars to do projects and that was deemed too complicated.

Member Foster is glad to hear they thought about it and he feels they did their due diligence.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of the Nevada Department of Wildlife's License Simplification Strategy Update; carried with Turnipseed absent.

3q. 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 feedback received at public meetings held on August 24 - 26 and September 6 - 7, 2016 in Ely, Elko, Winnemucca, Las Vegas, and Reno. The Commission may provide the Department with direction regarding further development. The Department intends to provide the Commission with a final briefing on the Harvest Guidelines at their meeting in November. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 29*).

Chairman Burnside and Member Rittenhouse attended the Town Hall meeting on this. Essentially this puts in printed format what the guidelines are that the Department will use when they come forward with quota recommendations.

Member Foster believes this creates more transparency.

No public comment.

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Cook to recommend approval of the Nevada Department of Wildlife Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management in Nevada. This creates greater transparency; carried with Turnipseed absent.

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Chairman Burnside reported on an email from Jeremy Drew regarding a possible expansion of the Fallon Naval Air Station.

Member Rittenhouse said the BLM announced a plan to reduce the horse population by 45,000.

This was informational only.

5. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 12 & 13, 2016 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.

Beside the updates provided throughout this meeting, Chairman Burnside reported on:

- The tabling of the first reading of the Wildlife Contest.
- An update on Wild Horses.
- The CAB Workshop and the overview of the Department structure.
- Shotgun as a legal weapon for bears.
- Need to have the ability to download the whole packet at once instead of printing one item at a time.

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.

Member Foster will attend the Las Vegas meeting. Chairman Burnside and Member Rittenhouse will attend the Reno meeting.

7. 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, November 14, 2016.**

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Tri County Wildlife Working Group

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

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

There being no further business to come before the DCABMW, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 14th day of November, 2016.

Respectfully submitted:

Craig Burnside, Chairman