

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of January 22, 2019 Meeting

The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting was scheduled for 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 in the Douglas County Community Center, Carson Valley Medical Center Room, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Cook, Vice Chairman
 Mike Turnipseed
 Robert Rittenhouse
 Chad Foster

MEMBER ABSENT: Craig Burnside, Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Recording Secretary led the Pledge.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and determined a quorum was present. Noted was the absence of Chairman Craig Burnside.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions to be made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Foster explained he had received comments from some hunters praising the new tag license simplification program. Member Foster added that he would like to see it made easier to affix the tag to the animal.

Vice Chairman Cook expressed an interest in holding Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meetings at varying locations throughout the county much the same as the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners does throughout the state. He requested a future agenda item to consider it.

Member Rittenhouse stated support for the idea since it would give this board more exposure and would give people more opportunity to bring their concerns forward to this board.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No public comment.

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

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **October 30, 2018**

No public comment.

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

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE FOR THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR.

No public comment.

Due to the absence of the Chairman, the consensus of the board was to continue this item to the next meeting.

2. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.

Once again Member Rittenhouse had difficulty getting all the members together, even with repeated reminders. He thought it might be easier to allow any member of a board to sit in for the designated member(s) if the designated member(s) was unable to attend.

Member Foster suggested rotating the location of the meeting might make it easier for the other county board members to attend. He agreed that allowing members to substitute for the designee(s) would provide more flexibility.

Vice Chairman Cook suggested holding the next meeting in Washoe County to make it easier for them to attend.

Member Rittenhouse suggested having the Record Courier and/or the Nevada Appeal write an article about the role of an advisory board as a conduit to address issues.

No public comment.

This was a discussion only.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take action to support or recommend support, not support, or take no position on the program.

Member Rittenhouse explained that Trish Dutcher, Wildlife Education for Nevada Department of Wildlife, has left her position and she was his main point of contact for this program.

No public comment.

No action was taken.

4. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2018 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.

Chairman Burnside attended and was not present tonight to provide the report.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

5. **The following items, 5a through 5m, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, January 25 & 26, 2019, at the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 E. 9th Street, Building A, 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.**

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

5a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 482, PUBLIC AND SELLABLE LISTS, LCB FILE NO. R192-18. The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Chapters 488 and 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation clarifies the authority of the Department to remove specific personal information from any list sold or distributed by the Department or the Department's licensing vendor and makes it confidential. The regulation also simplifies how a person can request that their personal information remain confidential by removing the requirement that the request be in writing. The Commission held a workshop on November 2, 2018 and directed the Department to bring the regulation back for a second workshop for further discussion. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8A)*

Vice Chairman Cook supports this effort because it makes personal information confidential and will reduce spam email.

While he supports this, Member Foster wondered how the outfitters and guides feel about this proposal because they use the solicitation process to attract clientele.

Vice Chairman Cook thought outfitters could advertise in wildlife publications as an alternative.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Turnipseed to recommend approval as written; carried with Burnside absent.

5b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2020 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft Fiscal Year 2020 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2019 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2019 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 18)*

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the FY 2020 budget and projects of the first draft of this plan.

Member Rittenhouse talked about the lethal removal of certain animals and birds and feels that should be a biological or habitat issue.

Member Turnipseed noted that a predator fee is not always being charged.

Member Foster asked about the source of the Pittman-Robertson revenue and whether its use is restricted.

Vice Chairman Cook explained it is generated by the sale of guns and he briefly read an overview of the Act.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Rittenhouse to recommend approval of the draft fiscal year 2020 Predation Management Plan as written; carried with Burnside absent.

5c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-05, 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021 BIG GAME SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19A*)

Vice Chairman Cook stated he scrutinized the Unit 192 recommendations and is in support. He reviewed the recommended adjustments.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Foster to recommend adoption of the Commission Regulation 19-05, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Big Game Seasons as written; carried with Burnside absent.

5d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-06, 2020 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19B*)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the white paper summary of the regulation.

Member Foster finds the management language of the Nelson (Desert) Bighorn Sheep a bit confusing.

Member Turnipseed explained the situation that occurred that made that unit closure language necessary.

Vice Chairman Cook talked briefly about the amount of money raised by these tags.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Foster to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-06, 2020 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas; carried with Burnside absent.

5e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-07, 2019 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19C*)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the white paper summary of the regulation. He feels these tags raise a lot of money because they are easy to apply for.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-07, 2019 Partnership in Wildlife Tags.; carried with Burnside absent.

5f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-08, 2019 SILVER STATE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Silver State tag species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19D*)

Vice Chairman Cook summarized the Department's recommendations.

No public comment.

Member Foster called attention to the combined Heritage and Silver State Tag quota numbers and he pointed out two more tags could be given out than is currently planned and he wondered why they are not maximizing that quota. He stated he will try to get an answer to that at the Commission meeting.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-08, 2019 Silver State Tags; carried with Burnside absent.

5g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-09, 2019 DREAM TAG. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Dream Tag species, seasons and quotas. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19E*)

Vice Chairman Cook was happy to see a Dream Tag for black bear and he congratulated the members for their perseverance in trying to get this accomplished. He reviewed the explanation of the proposed regulation.

Member Turnipseed asked why a Heritage Tag was not created for the black bear instead of a Dream Tag. Member Turnipseed pointed out the Department does not see any of the Dream Tag money because it is handled by a separate contractor.

Member Foster agreed with having a Heritage Tag because that money goes back to the Department.

Vice Chairman Cook stated it was because the limit was raised to 51. The Dream Tag raises money for habitat and that is the ultimate goal.

Member Foster pointed out that the bear hunt has never reached its quota.

Vice Chairman Cook thought 14 was the most ever taken.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-09, 2019 Dream Tag as presented; carried with Burnside absent.

5h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-10, 2019 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINES. The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2019 big game tag application deadlines and related information. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19F)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the proposed regulation.

Member Foster thinks Kalkomey does a good job of reminding people to submit their harvest questionnaire. He added people who did not submit the questionnaire could pay \$50 instead to allow them to draw the next year.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Foster to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-10, 2019 Big Game Application Deadlines; carried with Burnside absent.

5i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-11, 2019 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND TAG LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2019 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19G)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the proposed regulation.

Member Foster noticed the three and five year waiting periods for successful draw for antelope and elk were not included in this regulation and he expected to find it in there.

Vice Chairman Cook thought that this assumes a person is eligible.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-11, 2019 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits; carried with Burnside absent.

5j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-12, 2019-2020 AND 2020-2021 RESTRICTED NONRESIDENT GUIDED MULE DEER SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider adopting 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19H)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the regulation summary and the proposed numbers in the Unit groups.

Member Foster clarified further that the proposed percentage is based on the number of tags issued to nonresidents; this does not increase the number of nonresident tags.

No public comment.

MOTION by Foster/Rittenhouse to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-12, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas as written; carried with Burnside absent.

5k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-03, 2019 BLACK BEAR SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting 2019 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19I)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the white paper summary of the regulation. He thinks the special regulation language for the boundaries for Units 192/194/196 could be simplified by using Highway 50 as the guideline; the current language for those Units makes policing very difficult.

Member Foster pointed out that it does follow Highway 50 and the current language is addressing the ridgeline area. He added that he would like to take a percentage of the tags and see a spring hunt for people that like to hunt bear for the meat and limit the hunt to male bears.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Foster to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-03, 2019 Black Bear Seasons; carried with Burnside absent.

5I. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 19-04, 2019-2020 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AND HARVEST LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting 2019–2020 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19J)

Vice Chairman Cook reviewed the white paper summary of the regulation. He discussed the feral cat population issue within Douglas County.

Member Foster added that the reptile population in Clark County is more affected by feral cats than by the commercial collectors. To the Mountain Lion harvest, he asked why younger cats are being harvested more readily than the older cats.

Vice Chairman Cook answered it is because the younger ones reproduce faster and more often.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Foster to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 19-04, 2019-2020 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits; carried unanimously.

5m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL UPDATE. An update will be provided regarding the Commission's appointed designee for the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 232.162. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20)

No public comment.

Since there was no supporting material provided on this item, the consensus of the Board was to take no action.

6. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Vice Chairman Cook received correspondence from Maggie Orr, Nevada Conservation District, about wild horse management. He received an email from Member Rittenhouse regarding the South Dakota permit less carry bill.

Member Foster also received an email from Member Rittenhouse regarding the South Dakota permit less carry bill.

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.

No public comment.

Member Foster will attend the Friday portion of the meeting and Member Rittenhouse will attend the Saturday portion of the meeting.

8. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 15 and 16, 2019, in Clark County 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 meeting 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 Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Tri-County Wildlife Working Group
- Outdoor Adventures Education Program
- Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
- Results of the November Commission meeting
- Alternating DCABMW meetings between various locations throughout the county, including the north county, Lake Tahoe, and Topaz Lake
- Consider year round fishing at Topaz Lake
- Simplify the under 18 fishing license process

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

Member Rittenhouse talked about the proposed Topaz Lake concert and the possible damage that could occur. He suggested the promoter be required to put up a clean-up bond, especially since this is public property.

Vice Chairman Cook urged the members to look at AB 84, which will be re-introduced this session.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to adjourn the meeting; carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the DCABMW, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 12th day of March 2019.

Respectfully submitted:

Bob Cook, Vice Chairman