7:30 P.M. -- CALL TO ORDER

-- PLEDGE

-- ROLL CALL-Jim Cooney, Mitch Buzzetti, Bert Gurr, Wyatt Mesna, Furn Winder

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
   Approved.

3. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS: NON-ACTION ITEM
   Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General’s Office, this time is devoted to comments by Board Members for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item. Any correspondence received by a Board member may be read and attached for the record.
   Bert- New Wildlife Commissioner is Tom Barnes.

4. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: NON-ACTION ITEM
   Pursuant to N.R.S. 241.020, 2(c) (3), this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.
   None.

5. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST: NON-ACTION ITEM
   Informational update and all other matters related, thereto. Update from Department staff.
   None.
6. Report and Update on the Gold Rock Mine Project—Rebecka Snell, the Associate Director of Environmental Affairs for GRP. NON-ACTION ITEM
Rebecka Snell presented presentation for GRP.
Steve Foree with NDOW commented about process with GRP.

7. 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 – For Possible Action
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. 
No comments

8. First Reading, Commission Policy 2, Publications – For Possible Action
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.
No comments no action taken.

9. Second Reading, Commission Policy 10, Wildlife Heritage Tags and Vendors – For Possible Action
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.
No comments no action taken.

10. Second Reading, Commission Policy 11, Wildlife Heritage Grants – For Possible Action
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.
No comments no action taken.

11. First Reading, Commission Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management Guidelines – For Possible Action
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.
No comments no action taken.

12. First Reading, Commission Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program –
For Possible Action

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.

No comments no action taken.

13. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – NON-ACTION ITEM

The Commission has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide detail in addition to summaries provided as part of the regular Department report and are intended to inform the Commission and public as to the Department’s ongoing duties and responsibilities.

Commission Regulations - Workshop – Public Comment Allowed

No comments.


Workshop/Public Comment Allowed 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.

No comments


Workshop/Public Comment Allowed 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.

Jim Cooney-Agrees with this amendment.
Mitch Buzzetti-Agrees with this amendment.
Wyatt Mesna-Agrees with this amendment.
Furn Winder-Agrees with this amendment.

No comments from the public.
16. **Commission General Regulation 467, Special Assistance Permit, LCB File No. R105-16 –** NON-ACTION ITEM Workshop/Public Comment Allowed The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 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.

No comments.

17. **Commission General Regulation 471, Closure of Truckee River to Motorized Vessels, LCB File No. R139-16 –** NON-ACTION ITEM Workshop/Public Comment Allowed 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.

Shannon Scott Back Country Hunters and Anglers- questions and concerns in regards to the use of hovercrafts and the detriments this may cause.

18. **Commission Regulation 16 - 02, Amendment #1, Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018 –** For Possible Action 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.

Jim Cooney-move to support.
Furn Winder-second to support.
Board supports amendment.

19. **Commission General Regulation 468, Bonus Point Transfer, LCB File R104-16 –** For Possible Action 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.

**Jim Cooney-supports this regulation.**

**Jim Cooney-Moves to support.**

**Mitch Buzzetti-Seconds to support.**

Board supports regulation.

20. **Commission General Regulation 469, Truckee River Tackle Restriction, LCB File No. R094-16 – For Possible Action**

   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.

   **Wyatt Mesna-moves to support.**

   **Furn Winder-seconds in support.**

   Board supports regulation.


   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.

   **Jim Cooney-opposes this regulation.**

   **Furn Winder-supports regulation.**

   **Wyatt Mesna-opposes this regulation.**

   **Bert Gurr-opposes this regulation.**
Shannon Scott Back Country Hunters and Anglers-Supports state language to sighting system using a computer or electronically controlled firing mechanism and oppose the rest of the regulation as presented.
Jim Cooney-moves to oppose regulation.
Mitch Buzzetti-seconds motion to oppose this regulation.
Board voted to oppose this regulation.

22. 2016 Fire Related Emergency Antlerless Deer Hunts for Portions of Units 067 and 068 — For Possible Action
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.
Matt Jeffers with NDOW presented presentation on Antlerless Deer emergency hunt.
Jim Cooney-What are the restrictions on who can apply for these tags?
Wyatt Mesna-Any negative effects from the forage Kochia and domestic cattle?
Jim Cooney-Moves to support.
Wyatt Mesna-seconds motion.
Board in favor of emergency hunt.

23. Nevada Department of Wildlife License Simplification Strategy Update – For Possible Action
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.
Jim Cooney provided a little bit of clarification.
No comments or recommendations.

24. Nevada Department of Wildlife Update of Guidelines for Harvest Management in Nevada – For Possible Action
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.
Mitch Buzzetti-moves to make the guideline be in correspondence with county advisory board to the area affected by the guideline.
Furn Winder-seconds amended version.
Board supports amended version of guideline.

25. Discuss any other State agenda items – None
26. **Future Commission Meeting: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The next Commission meetings are scheduled for September 23rd and 24th in Las Vegas and November 18th and 19th, 2016, 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.
Elko County Wildlife Board’s future meeting date will be Monday prior to the next state meeting.

27. **COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC: NON-ACTION ITEM**
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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