



**ELKO COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD  
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA  
Will meet in the Mike Nannini Building, Suite102  
(Hearing Room) of the Elko County Courthouse,  
540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada.**

**Meeting Minutes June 19, 2017**

THE CHAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIRPERSON WHILE THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.

THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS (NBOWC) WILL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ELKO COUNTY COMMISSION.

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Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Forum restrictions and orderly business: The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech.

Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting

**Monday June 19, 2017 6:00 pm**

1. **Call to order, Pledge, Roll Call-Jim Cooney, Furn Winder, Mitch Buzzetti**
2. **Approval of the Agenda** **For Possible Action**  
**Jim moved to approved and seconded by Mitch-Approved**
3. **Board Member Announcements :** **Non-Action Items**  
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.  
**None.**
4. **Approval of the Minutes** **For Possible Action**  
**No Action Taken.**

5. **Presentation on newly adopted hunting regulations for Southfork State Park- Robert Mitesi-Ranger** **Non-Action Item**  
**Robert Mitesi presented on new regulations to take place in the future.**  
**Jim Cooney asked how long before the maps and regulations are available and posted? It will be posted on the Southfork Website with the state and available at visitors center.**
6. **Duck Stamp Request** **For Possible Action**  
The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$87,511 for projects submitted for funding from duck stamp funds.  
State Agenda #5  
**Jim Cooney states we should go on records supporting.**  
**Shannon Scott asked if there is projects for habitat.**  
**Matt Jeffers NDOW explained the request a little bit.**  
**Mitch Buzzetti moves to support. Jim Cooney seconds.**  
**Board supports.**
7. **Upland Game Bird Stamp Request** **For Possible Action**  
The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$335,094 for projects submitted for upland game bird stamp funds.  
State Agenda #6  
**Matt Jeffers NDOW clarified project.**  
**Mitch Buzzetti Moves to support and Jim Cooney Seconds.**  
**Board Supports.**
8. **Commission Regulations – Adoption/Workshop – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed Commission General Regulation 466, Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Drawing, Changes to Nonresident Restricted Deer Tag, and Changes to Big Game Return Card Questionnaire Deadline, LCB File No. R140-16**  
**For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider adopting amendments to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation defines the term “main drawing;” revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW drawing and main drawings for tags are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the Partnership in Wildlife Drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- A workshop was held in Las Vegas on March 25, 2017. The Commission directed the Department to hold a second workshop due to questions the Commission had: 1) What are the effects on the applicant and the party if the applicant is drawn for the PIW tag. 2) Why are the predator and/or other fees not collected when applying for PIW. The nonresident process for applying for PIW was also discussed. A second workshop was held for this regulation on May 13, 2017. The Commission did not have any recommended changes and all questions were adequately answered. The Commission asked to proceed with an adoption hearing.  
State Agenda #7  
**Jim Cooney states this was previously voted on by this CAB. All items were supported except the PIW drawing changes.**  
**Mitch Buzzetti moves to support all except changing the PIW draw time, seconded by Jim Cooney. Furn Winder against.**  
**Board Supports.**
9. **Wildlife Heritage Committee-** **For Possible Action**

A\* Heritage Committee Report – Informational  
The Commission will hear a report on the committee's recent meeting.

A 1\* Heritage Project Extension Requests For Possible Action  
Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the Commission will review committee recommendations and may approve requests for extension of projects approved in previous years.

A 2\* Heritage Funding Reallocation – For Possible Action  
The Commission will review committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of \$175.75 in unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to any other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year. Note: See support material for agenda item #8 A 1.

A 3\* Fiscal Year 2018 Heritage Project Proposals – For Possible Action  
The Commission will hear the recommendations from the Heritage Committee and may take action to approve 2018 project applications for funding up to \$785,913.92.  
State Agenda #8

**No comments from the board.**

**No Public comments.**

**Jim Cooney Moves to support.**

**Mitch Buzzetti seconds.**

**Board supports.**

10. **Commission Regulation 17-06 Amendment #1, 2018 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider selection of the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations.

State Agenda #9

**Jim Cooney asked if the Elko Bighorns receive any of these?**

**Mitch Buzzetti moves to support.**

**Jim Cooney moves to support.**

**Board Supports.**

11. **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 the 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.

State Agenda #10

**No Comments from board or public.**

12. **Draft Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will hear a report on Nevada's Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan (AIS Plan). The AIS Plan is intended to provide guidance to AIS control and prevention programs in the State of Nevada and enhance coordination and effectiveness of AIS control efforts in Nevada and regionally through establishment of an inter-agency Nevada Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group. The Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the draft for the August meeting.

State Agenda #11

**Fred Esparza NDOW-clarified this management plan for our area.**

**No Action taken at this time.**

13. **Reports – Informational Non-Action Item**  
A\* Update on the 79th Legislative Session (2017) – An update will be provided on the 79th Legislative session.

B\* Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee Report – The Commission will hear a report on the committee’s recent meeting.

C Department Activity Report – A report on recent Department activities.

D\* Wildlife Trust Fund Semi-Annual Report- A report will be provided on the investment and expenditure of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2016, pursuant to NRS 501.3585.

E\* Litigation Report

State Agenda #12

**Fred Esparza NDOW-provided clarification on some of the bills that passed.**

**Jim Cooney asked if the trap registration is annual? Fred Esparza states this is something that must be considered and clarified.**

**Jim Cooney states compensation tag bill is important to the department. The department received more applications that 1.5% allowed and an amendment was added to change the allowed tags to 2.5%.**

**No Public Comment.**

**14. Commission Regulation CR 16-13, Amendment #1 – Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations 2017–2018**

**For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider amendments to this regulation for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for upland game birds, rabbits, wild turkey, furbearers, and falconry seasons for 2017–2018.

State Agenda #19

**Jim Cooney provided clarification on this item.**

**Jim Cooney moves to change Bobcat season from 95 days to 120 days.**

**Henry Krenka Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association would like to see the upland game bird seasons set at the same time big game animal seasons are set. They would like to see this so they can book clients at the same time booking clients for big game.**

**Jim Cooney asks if there are any issues that would affect the department with this idea from Henry Krenka?**

**Mitch Buzzetti states if we set the seasons this time of year this might affect the Sage Grouse.**

**Jim Cooney would like more information before taking a stance.**

**Jim Cooney moves to support departments recommendations on upland game and furbearer seasons. Mitch Buzzetti seconds.**

**Board Approves.**

**15. Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019**

**For Possible Action**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department’s proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

State Agenda #21

**Jim Cooney does this one support sending Sage hen to California? Matt Jeffers NDOW. Clarified this item.**

**No public comment.**

**Jim Cooney moves to support this item. Mitch Buzzetti seconds.**

**Board Approves.**

**16. Landowner Deer & Antelope Compensation Tag Program- For Possible Action**

The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission on recent developments regarding the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program. The Commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft

Commission Regulation regarding options pertaining to the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program.

State Agenda #22

**Mitch Buzzetti states that with the 2.5% are we going to start ranching for wildlife? He doesn't think this is good for sportsman. Matt Jeffers NDOW states sportsman are pretty adamant that it should stay at 1.5%.**

**No Public comment.**

**Jim Cooney moves to recommend to commission referring the deer and antelope compensation tag program back to a committee.**

**Mitch Buzzetti seconds Jim Cooney motion.**

**Board approves amendment.**

- 17. Future Commission Meeting: FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**  
The next Commission meetings are scheduled for August 11th and 12th, 2017, in Minden and September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Las Vegas; 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.

- 18. 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.  
**No Public Comment.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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