



**ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE  
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA MEETING  
540 COURT STREET, SUITE 101, ELKO, NEVADA 89801.**

**6:00 PM Pacific Time Zone**  
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**Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 01, 2017**

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**1. POSTING**

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**2. PROCEDURE**

Please sign in at the back of the hearing room if you plan on speaking during the meeting and remember to state your name for the record at the podium before making your statement.

**3. REQUEST FOR AGENDA INFORMATION**

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**4. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

Pursuant to NRS 241 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.

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**5. ATTENTION**

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

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

## 7. CALL TO ORDER

## 8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 9. ROLL CALL -Bert Gurr, Mitch Buzzetti, Wyatt Mesna, Jim Cooney

## 10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA -Approved

## 11. BOARD MEMEBER ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

**Jim Cooney-States there have been some cow elk dying in area 6 in June of last year would like to have any additional Elk that die tested for what is killing them. The lab at the Department of Ag is up and running (Add to next agenda).**

**Says he has been approached by numerous individuals stating there has been a large increase in the amount of people out in field (area 6 and area 072) (Add to next agenda).**

## 12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-Approved

**13. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 475, SHED ANTLERS-WORKSHOP/ PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED-NON-ACTION ITEM**

13.a. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation prohibits a person from collecting shed antlers at any time during a year unless the shed antlers are collected by the person from the field from April 15 to December 31, inclusive, of that year.

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**Bert Gurr brought up points from a letter by Karen Voger.**

**Jim Cooney states there is so issues with people going onto private property without permission and flying and marking where the horns are and people on the ground picking them up. Also, would like clarification on the season date reasoning. Thinks maybe date should be May 1<sup>st</sup> instead of April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wyatt Mesna asked if people from out of the state do they have to have a Nevada hunting license to pick up sheds? He is hearing concerns about Utah residents coming into Nevada and picking up sheds. Wyatt is in favor of having a shed hunting season.**

**Mitch Buzzetti states that as it pertains to private property do you have to wait until season opens to pick up shed? Also states there should not be a license to pick up a shed.**

**Bert Gurr asked how would you enforce a regulation like this?**

**Shannon Scott states there should be a fee for commercial shed collectors.**

**Henry Krenka that the last time this came up the LCB kicked it out due to the issue of picking up sheds on private property.**

**Mitch Buzzetti states we should recommend a season of May 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the last open hunting season.**

**Bert Gur recommends season should be May 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> the following year on public ground.**

**Jim moves to recommend that the season should be May 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year on public grounds.**

**Wyatt Mesna seconds motion.**

**All in favor of motion as stated above.**

**14. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 440, TRAIL CAMERAS AND OTHER DEVICES, LCB FILE NO. R012-16-WORKSHOP/PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED-NON-ACTION ITEM**

14.a. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and not held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit (with certain exemptions) the use of trail cameras within 200 feet of a spring, water hole, or artificial basin from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. The proposed language would further prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any location from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. The Commission held a workshop on March 25, 2016 and directed the Department to revise previously drafted language prohibiting the use of trail cameras only for the purposes of scouting or hunting.

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**Henry Krenka in favor of having a season for trail cameras. States it takes the sportsmanship out of hunting.**

**Shannon Scott NV Back County Hunting and Anglers states this should be restricted or banned in some way and the word “camera” should be changed to “device.” Also thinks that there should not be any devices that transmits an alert or animal data that an animal is present. States wording needs to be ahead of the game on this legislation.**

**Wyatt Mesna is in favor of having restrictions on trail cameras and wording to try and prevent items in the future.**

**Jim Cooney states he likes the season dates for not being allowed to use trail cameras. In favor of the language that is presented.**

**Mitch Buzzetti states he is in favor of this regulation.**

**Bert Gurr states the language is ok beside the word camera should be changed to camera or transmitting device. Also states season should be changed to July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Board supports motion as presented above.**

**15. COMMISSION POLICY 65, DESIGNATION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS – SECOND READING -FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

15.a. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 65 and may take action to officially revise the policy.

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**Jim Cooney provided clarification on what was changed.**

**Jim Cooney moves to support Wyatt Mesna seconds.**

**Board approves.**

**16. COMMISSION POLICY 27, PROTECTION OF NEVADA WILDLIFE RESOURCES – FIRST READING-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

16.a. The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 27 and may take action to officially revise the policy.

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**Wyatt Mesna moves to support policy 27.**

**Mitch Buzzetti seconds.**

**Board Supports.**

**17. COMMISSION POLICY 26, RE-ESTABLISHING, INTRODUCING, TRANSPLANTING AND MANAGING PIONEERING ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK – FIRST READING-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

17.a. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 26 and may take action to revise the policy. The Commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

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**Jim Cooney moves to support.**

**Mitch Buzzetti seconds.**

**Board supports.**

**18. REVIEW OF COMMISSION POLICY 3, APPEALS – FIRST READING - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

18.a. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 3 and may take action to revise the policy. The Commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.

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**Jim moves to support.**

**Wyatt seconds.**

**Board supports.**

## **19. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROJECT UPDATES-NON-ACTION ITEM**

19.a. 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 additional detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Activity Report and are intended to educate the Commission and public as to the Department's ongoing duties and responsibilities.

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**None.**

## **20. REPORTS – INFORMATIONAL - NON-ACTION ITEM**

20.a. A Application Hunt 2017 Draw Report – Informational

The Department will present an interim annual report of the 2017 big game draw.

Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license and tag fees and counts as well as bonus point and client statistics for the draws already completed this year.

B License Simplification and New Licensing Vendor Update – Informational

An update will be provided to the Commission on the status of the new licensing vendor system and the implementation of the license simplification process.

C Department Activity Report –

A report will be provided on the Department's recent activities.

D Litigation Report –

A status report will be provided on litigation.

E Water Delivery Systems –

A report will be provided on the status of water delivery to Wildlife Management Areas in NDOW's Western Region.

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**None.**

## **21. COMMISSION REGULATION 17-02 NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION OF REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS FOR 2017-2018, AMENDMENT #1 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

21.a. The Commission will consider and may take action to change Commission Regulation 17-02, Amendment #1, for the 2017-2018 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

State Agenda #22

**None.**

**22. LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION AND NEW LICENSING VENDOR UPDATE-NON-ACTION ITEM**

22.a. An update will be provided to the Commission on the status of the new licensing vendor system and the implementation of the license simplification process.

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**None.**

**23. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

23.a. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27, 2018, in Reno/Carson and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Elko County Advisory Board will meet the Monday prior to the Commission meeting.

Elko meeting Monday January 22, 2018.

**24. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

24.a. 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 this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

**25. ADJOURNMENT**