

# Minutes

## Pershing County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

### Agenda

Thursday June 18, 2020

5:00 P.M.

City of Lovelock City Hall

400 14th Street

Lovelock, NV 89419

**Members:** [Ryan Collins](#), [Randy Scilacci](#), [Darell Mancebo](#), [Eric Blondheim](#), [Joe Crim](#)

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of Guest. **None**
3. **Public Comment:** Limited to items not appearing elsewhere on this agenda and not to exceed more than five (5) minutes.
4. Approval of Minutes for May (**Approved via Email**).
5. **Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19** – The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow children under 12 to purchase a bonus point if they turn 12 before the first day of the last season for that species. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline.  
**For Possible Action**  
**A motion was made by Eric Blondheim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Collins to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**
6. **Commission General Regulation 491, Notification of Draw Results** – The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation amending Nevada

Administrative Code (NAC) NAC 502.4208 relating to providing notification of draw results to clients who have opted out of having their results made public. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

7. **Commission General Regulation 492, Thermal Imaging Optics** – For Possible Action The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 and NAC 503.1485 relating to wildlife; prohibiting the use of certain night-vision equipment and devices for locating, hunting and taking game mammals and game birds; revising the definition of “trail camera or similar device”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Mancebo to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries. We would like an explanation of how possession is going to be defined.**

8. **Mandatory Indoctrination / Seminar for Bighorn Ram Tag Holders** – The Game Division Administrator will provide a presentation on mandatory indoctrination/ seminar for bighorn ram tag holders. The Commission may take action to require bighorn ram tag holders to complete an indoctrination class/seminar. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Eric Blondheim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Mancebo to not support the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

9. **Commission Regulation 20-04 Amendment #1, Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals** – The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee’s recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for Fiscal Year 2021 and may take action on the proposals. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to make no recommendations. Motion Carries**

10. **Fiscal Year 2021 Heritage Project Proposals** – The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve \$1,268,276.61 in fiscal year 2021 Heritage funding plus additional funds from the Heritage account balance above 5 million for projects submitted for FY 2021 (NRS 501.3575) . The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

- Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 21-01 (\$68,900)
- Rocky Mountain Elk Population Monitoring and Harvest Validation – Project # 21- 02 (\$61,000)
- Marlette Lake Broodstock Facilities/Passage Improvement Project, Phase 2 – Project # 21-03 (\$100,000) • Wildfire Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project #21-04 (\$100,000)
- Desert Creek Conservation Easement – Project # 21-05 (\$100,000)
- Middle Rock Creek Habitat Improvement – Project # 21-06 (\$125,000)
- Continued Monitoring of Moose Expansion in Nevada – Project # 21-07 (\$20,000)
- Snake Range Aspen Habitat Restoration – Project # 21-08 (\$30,000)
- Toano Mountain Restoration – Project #21-09 (\$66,000)
- Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration – Project #21-10 (\$75,000)
- Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-11 (\$50,000) 4
- Toiyabe PMU (Bates, Hickison, and Wolf Ranches) Pinyon Juniper Thinning – Project # 21-12 (\$75,000)
- SE Schell Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-13 (\$75,000)
- Enhancement of Crucial Habitat for Antelope and Mule Deer in Washoe County, Nevada – Project # 21-14 (\$100,000)
  - A New Population Model for Antelope to Improve Accuracy, Identify Limiting Factors, and Improve Management Decisions – Project # 21-15 (\$37,500)
  - Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada – Project # 21-16 (\$65,000)
  - East Walker River Fish Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-17 (\$11,191)
  - The Interaction Between Restoration, Foraging Ecology, and Mating Behavior in Greater Sage-grouse – Project # 21-18 (\$65,855)
  - Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 21-19 (\$36,000) • Diet Quality and Composition of Mule Deer in the Toiyabe Mountains Following Removal of Pinyon-Juniper – Project # 21-20 (\$32,000)
  - Cave Valley Collaboration – Project # 21-21 (\$50,000)
  - \*\*Dissemination of Results from Delineation of Lambing Habitat, Population demographics, Resource Selection, and Movement Patterns of Desert Bighorn Sheep – Project # 21-22 (\$46,000)

\*\*Not discussed by Heritage committee

**11. Duck Stamp Request** – The Commission will review and may take action to prove up to \$50,100 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below: **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Darrel Mancebo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetland Enhancement Support at Mason Valley WMA (\$5,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Habitat Improvements (\$10,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Water Control Structure Replacement (\$12,500)

**12. Commission Regulation 20-12, 2020 - 2021 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits** – The Commission will consider and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2020 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2020 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2021. **For Possible Action**  
**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

**13. Upland Game Bird Stamp Request** – The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$264,840 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below: **For Possible Action**  
**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel Mancebo to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

- Bi-State Sage-grouse Coordinator (\$5,000)
- Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$22,003)
- Eastern Complex WMA Weed Control (\$10,000) • Estimating Greater Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada’s Novel Habitats (\$21,250)
- Estimating the Effects of Large Ungulate Grazing on Greater Sage-grouse in Northwestern Nevada (\$18,397)
- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$47,640)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)
- Monitoring Greater Sage-grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$12,750)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse in the Desatoya Mountains (\$19,500)
- Soil Health Restoration on WMAs (\$10,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$12,400)
- Using Hunter and Population Survey Data to Investigate Drivers of Upland Game Bird Populations and Forecast Harvest in Nevada (\$24,600)
- Genette Creek Conservation Easement (\$30,000)
- Toiyabe PMU (Bakes, Hickison, and Wolf Ranch) pinyon Juniper Thinning (\$25,000)
- A Multi-scale Resilience-based Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$2,400)

**14. Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, Amendment 1** – The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department’s proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. **For Possible Action**  
**A motion was made by Darrel Mancebo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Collins to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

**15. Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19** - The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 404 of the 80th Legislative Session. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Eric Blondheim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Collins to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

**16. Review and Consideration of Possible Changes to Waterfowl Hunt Zones for 2021 - 2025** – The Commission will consider recommendations and may choose to provide direction to the Department on possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by July 1, 2020 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until the 2021 waterfowl seasons and would remain in effect until 2025. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Eric Blondheim and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Collins to accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries**

**17. Wildlife Damage Management Committee Report and Fiscal Year 2021 Draft Predation Management Plan (Final Draft)** – The Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman and the Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Predator Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan. **For Possible Action A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to not accept the Departments recommendations. Motion Carries--We ask to be included into project #46 because Pershing County in in the middle of this project. But we are not on the list. We think it's in our best interest to be included. To leave a hole in the middle of project #46 is not being cognizant of the wildlife affected and gives a false report on the outer edges of the test units.**

**18. Petition – Mr. John V. Zenz - Big Game Tag Drawing Changes** – Mr. Zenz has submitted a petition to change the Big Game Tag Drawing to (1) give twenty-five percent of the overall tags to the max point holders; (2) reduce the number of choices to only three; and (3) allow only up to fifty percent of the tags in any unit to be issued to max point holders. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking. **For Possible Action**

**A motion was made by Ryan Collins and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Blondheim to not support this petition. Motion Carries**

**19.** Additional matters for Board discussion. (This is for informational purposes only, No action shall be taken)

**20. Public Comment:** Limited to items not appearing elsewhere on this agenda and not to exceed more than five (5) minutes.

**21.** Discuss next meeting date. (Next commission is on August 14-15, 2020)

**22.** Adjourn