

# Pershing County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Agenda

Thursday September 10, 2015

5:00 P.M.

Pershing County Community Center

820 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Lovelock, NV 89419

**Members:** Ryan Collins, Randy Scilacci, Gary Coleman, Eric Blondheim,  
Joe Crim-----Blue indicates absent

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 June (Approved via Email).
5. **Commission General Regulation 454, Firearm Carry During Muzzleloader and Archery Hunts, LCB File No. R007-15** – The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery and muzzleloader regulations, including language changes from Assembly Bill 136 of the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. The regulation will change NAC 503.142 and 503.144 to allow the carry of personal protection handguns while archery and muzzleloader hunting. The regulation was in response to input from sportsmen and Assembly Bill 136 sponsor Nevada Assemblyman John Ellison to allow the carry of firearms while archery and muzzleloader hunting, for protection from criminal activity and wildlife attacks. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on November 14, 2014, and adopted on February 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. At the workshop the Commission discussed different alternatives to handgun carry restrictions and the needs for archers to carry a handgun during archery only season. The language was updated to reflect the changes requested by the Commission by allowing a person to carry any handgun that is not scoped

and has a barrel length less than 8 inches. The language change clarified the type of handgun to be carried in the field during archery only season. Further language changes were added as a result of Assembly Bill 136 to also allow handgun carry during muzzleloader season. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and no further changes were made. **For Possible Action**----**Randy Scilacci motioned and Ryan Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> to go with the Departments recommendations**-----**Motion Carries**

**6. Commission General Regulation 455, Trapping Questionnaire Deadline and Trapping License Valid Dates, LCB File No. R008-15 –**

The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to trapping questionnaires and trapping license valid periods. The regulation will add language to specify the valid period of a trapping license as July 1 through June 30. The regulation amendment will also update the trapping questionnaire deadline language, changing the deadline from April 30 to May 31, making it consistent with other Department questionnaire language. The amendment includes adding authority for the Department to prohibit the purchase of a subsequent trapping license when a trapper fails to return a questionnaire. This amendment will allow the Department to administer the trapping questionnaire processes effectively in regard to the trapping seasons as established by the Commission, prohibiting sale of a trapping license until the previous years' questionnaire is provided. The regulation is intended to give trappers ample time to return their questionnaires but also provide an efficient license denial procedure if they fail to return their questionnaire. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on November 14, 2014, and the temporary regulation was adopted on February 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting where the word "may" on the last line of subsection 2, was changed to "shall" to eliminate ambiguity. **For Possible Action**----**Randy Scilacci motioned and Ryan Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> to go with the Departments recommendations**-----**Motion Carries**

**7. Commission General Regulation 456, Special Incentive Elk Arbitration Panel, LCB File No. R031-15 –**

The Commission will consider permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, relating to amending NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions by appointing or serving as the arbitration panel should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary; and other matters relating thereto. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on March 20, 2015, and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife

Commission meetings. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and no further changes were made. **For Possible Action**----**Randy Scilacci motioned and Ryan Collins 2<sup>nd</sup> to go with the Departments recommendations**-----**Motion Carries**

**8. Commission General Regulation 457, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags, LCB File No. R030-15**

–The Commission will consider a permanent adoption of the temporary regulation which expires November 1, 2015, amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags. Elk incentive tags were designed to be issued in association with "bull" hunts and seasons. Subsequent to initial NRS and NAC adoption, "spike" hunts have been developed, and "antlered" tags do not clearly denote the appropriate quota or season for which the incentive tags are intended. The amended formula will account for the harvest of "spike" elk, but identify seasons for incentive tag use; and other matters relating thereto. A workshop on the temporary regulation was held on March 20, 2015, and the temporary regulation was adopted on May 15, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meetings. An additional workshop was held on August 7, 2015, at the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission meeting and the definition of TSH was changed to read “The total number of spike elk harvested in spike-only hunts in the previous year in the unit of units within the management area or areas in which the private land is located.” The new language inserted was “in spike-only hunts.” This is to make clear that the TSH would be limited to the total number of spike elk harvested in a spike-only hunt. **For Possible Action**----**Ryan Collins motioned and Randy Scilacci 2<sup>nd</sup> to go with the Departments recommendations**-----**Motion Carries**

**9. Commission Regulation 16 - 02 Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for 2016 - 2018**

–The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018. **For Possible Action**----**Ryan Collins motioned and Randy Scilacci 2<sup>nd</sup> to go with the Departments recommendations for Pershing County only**-----**Motion Carries**

**10. Possible suggestions for the TAAHC. For Possible Action**----**Ryan Collins motioned and Randy Scilacci 2<sup>nd</sup> to change the spike definition to include an elk with a forked antler or only spike on one side** -----**Motion Carries**

