

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## Draft of Minutes

**Thursday ~ November 6, 2014 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

### MEMBERS

Sean Shea, Chair  
Miles Humphreys, Jr., Vice-chair  
Michelle Spencer, Secretary  
Cathy Smith  
William Tamblyn

#### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Miles Humphreys, Jr., Sean Shea, Michelle Spencer and William Tamblyn.

**ABSENT:** Cathy Smith.

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea commented that he was pleased to have public present at tonight's (November 6, 2014) meeting as no one had attended the September 4, 2014, meeting.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, MINUTES** (For possible action)

Hearing no public comment Chair Shea asked for board discussion or a motion.

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Spencer, to approve the September 4, 2014, minutes, as submitted. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

#### **5. BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** (Non-action item) – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) November 14 and 15, 2014, meetings in Reno, Nevada; and 2). February 6 and 7, 2015, meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada.*

Member Tamblyn will attend the November 14 and 15, 2014, meetings.

Member Spencer will attend the November 15, 2014, meeting.

Chair Shea will attend the February 6 and 7, 2014, meetings.

#### **6. COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** (Non-action items)

**6-1). Correspondence (including sportsmen's concerns) and Announcements** – Chair Shea commented that he had not received any correspondence.

Member Tamblyn explained that he had not received Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting materials until Monday, November 3, 2014, making it difficult to share with members of the

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public for comments. Member Tamblyn will contact Suzanne Scourby to see if the information can be distributed earlier.

**6-2). Overview of the September 12 and 13, 2014, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners** – Member Humphreys, Jr., provided an overview of the tours provided on September 12, 2014. Member Humphreys, Jr., noted that the tours included Hemingway Park, Lake Mead and information on the sheep that use the park. Other education included an overview of the invasive Quagga Mussels and the damage caused. Member Humphreys, Jr., explained that it is crucial that while there is no quick fix for the invasive species, it is crucial that everyone be vigilant in keeping them out of the waterways. Member Humphreys, Jr., noted that Commissioner Jeremy Drew had been elected as Chair of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners., Grant Wallace as Vice-chair and Brad Johnston the newest member. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approved all agenda items at the Saturday, September 13, 2014, meeting.

**7. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 453, First Come First Serve Bonus Point Program Amendment, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R113-14** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to wildlife; regarding making an exception in the bonus point program and not have the loss of bonus points occur in the bonus point categories if the applicant is successful in the “first come, first serve” draw for a tag; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda and asked for public comment.

Rex Flowers noted that he did not support the idea of a Junior Tag and recalled that a Junior Hunt was not included during that process. Mr. Flowers does not see how the addition of a Junior Hunt to this proposal would be advantageous as some parents might not want to hunt in those specific areas.

Chair Shea closed public comment and asked for board discussion or a motion.

Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer and Tamblyn Butch expressed their support for the proposal as written.

Chair Shea explained that he could not support the addition of a Junior Hunt.

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, Jr., seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 453, First Come First Serve Bonus Point Program Amendment, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R113-14, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer and Tamblyn assenting; Chair Shea dissenting; and Member Smith absent.***

**8. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 416, Shed Antlers, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R155-12** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to shed antlers; allowing a person to take shed antlers from the field during an open season and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

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Chair Shea opened the agenda item and asked for public comment.

Joel Blakeslee - Coalition of Nevada Wildlife, explained that he was not in favor of this proposal as a shed antler is the same as a rock or soil. Mr. Blakeslee noted that there are regulations already in place that deal with harassment of wildlife and use of ATV's (All-Terrain Vehicle). Typically, shed are found during Chukar season and trappers. Therefore, Mr. Blakeslee believes this is ill-conceived.

Rex Flowers expressed his opposition to the proposal noting that the rewrite includes exceptions for relatives and employees of land owners and appears to be discriminatory in nature.

Chair Shea closed public comments.

Chair Shea recalled that the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife had previously opposed the regulation and that he believes only one (1) County Game Board had voted in favor.

Member Spencer concurred with Chair Shea on the board's previous action.

Member Tamblyn noted that most sheds were picked up during the Chukar season and that he did not understand how the gathering of shed antlers harassed wildlife.

Chair Shea noted that Lincoln County was seeking to limit non-resident access thus negating any competition with residents.

Member Humphreys, Jr., stated he was opposed to the regulation and suggested that perhaps it should be modified to be County specific and all other language be discarded.

***It was moved by Member Spencer, seconded by Member Tamblyn, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny Commission General Regulation 416, Shed Antlers, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R155-12. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting and Member Smith absent.***

**9. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 454 (Temporary LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) file) [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to the carry of a firearm in the field while hunting under archery regulations.***

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or a motion.

Chair Shea noted that he did not believe it would be a good idea to allow any firearm during the archery season and that it perhaps had been brought forward as other states may have similar regulations.

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Member Spencer commented that she believes this would provide an ability to defend one's self in case of an animal attack or personal assault thus allowing an individual to defend one's self when there is no time to draw the bow.

Paul Dankowski – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), explained that he believes this is designed so that an archer may carry a handgun for personal protection only. Additionally, existing regulations do not permit concealed carry during the archery season. Mr. Dankowski explained that Assemblyman Ellison had recommended that this be brought forward as a Commission regulation rather than by legislative action.

Member Tamblyn noted the potential for using the handgun to harvest an animal and then place an arrow in the wound.

Chair Shea concurred with Member Tamblyn.

Member Spencer commented that there is always the possibility for such actions by unscrupulous persons.

Member Humphreys, Jr., commented that he supported the individual's right to defend themselves and explained that he believes cheaters always get caught.

Member Spencer noted that most will never see a Mountain Lion as they are nocturnal in nature.

Member Tamblyn noted that personal protection is always a good idea but he has concerns about abuse.

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners deny Commission General Regulation 454 (Temporary LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) file), as written. The motion carried: Members Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; Member Humphreys, Jr., dissenting and Member Smith absent.***

- 10. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 435 - Archery Disability Permit and Cleanup, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R107-14** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to hunting; authorizing the Department to issue an archery disability permit to a person with a permanent disability; revising the definition of "longbow" for certain purposes; revising the circumstances under which a person may use a crossbow to hunt a big game mammal or a bow to hunt a game mammal or game bird; authorizing a person to use a scope permit during a type of hunt that is restricted to bows; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or a motion.

Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer and Tamblyn expressed support.

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Chair Shea outlined his concern about a physician being coerced into certification of a “fake” permanent disability and suggested perhaps there should be requirement for a collaborating second opinion.

Member Spencer explained that she understood the concern.

Member Tamblyn pointed out that if an individual can buy one fake certification they could most likely get a second fake certification of permanent disability.

Member Spencer suggested that law enforcement verify medical certifications.

***It was moved by Member Spencer, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 435 - Archery Disability Permit and Cleanup, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R107-14, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

11. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 439, Water Ski Towable Device, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R108-14** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to watercraft; to clarify what is considered a towed device behind a vessel or restricted areas closed to water skiing for public safety in high use areas, narrow channels or certain bodies are not large enough to accommodate the activity.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or motion.

***It was moved by Member Humphreys, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 439, Water Ski Towable Device, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R108-14, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

12. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 444, Laughlin Fishermen’s Access, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R086-14** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to watercraft; that will prohibit swimming or bathing around a dock or boat ramp or using a dock or boat ramp to swim or bathe; and docking a vessel or otherwise trespassing in a prohibited area at Laughlin Fishermen's Access.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or a motion.

Member Humphreys, Jr., noted that part the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners informational updates included this facility, which is characterized as a highly congested coupled with a swift flowing body of water. Member Humphreys, Jr., stated he could support the regulation.

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***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 444, Laughlin Fishermen's Access, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R086-14, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

**13. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 449, Tannery/Taxidermist, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R111-14 [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tag, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.***

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or a motion.

Chair Shea noted that this had been reviewed previously and that the modifications make it easier to conduct business between California and Nevada.

***It was moved by Chair Shea, seconded by Member Spencer, to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission General Regulation 449, Tannery/Taxidermist, LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R111-14, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

**14. COMMISSION REGULATION 15-02 Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2015-2016 [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2015-2016 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take for raptors for falconry.***

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or a motion.

David Catalano – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), explained that this regulation mirrors that of other states and pointed out that there are so few taken that setting a quota is moot.

***It was moved by Member Spencer, seconded by Member Humphreys, Jr., to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation 15-02 Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2015-2016, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

**15. COMMISSION REGULATION CR 15-03 Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2015-2016 [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to***

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*recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify the 2015 - 2016 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.*

Chair Shea opened the agenda item and hearing no public comment asked for board discussion or a motion.

***It was moved by Member Tamblyn, seconded by Chair Shea, to recommend that Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve Commission Regulation CR 15-03 Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2015-2016, as written. The motion carried: Members Humphreys, Jr., Spencer, Tamblyn and Chair Shea assenting; and Member Smith absent.***

**16. ELK TAG AND PIW (Partners in Wildlife) DRAW ELIGIBILITY MODIFICATIONS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to initiate a Petition to seek certain modifications to existing Elk and PIW (Partners in Wildlife) Draw restrictions: 1) Reduction in wait time for Elk Tag eligibility; 2) Develop a provision that gives preference to hunters having the maximum number of Bonus Points in the draw; and 3) Draw for PIW (Partners in Wildlife) before the regular draw. [Continued from September 4, 2014]*

**16-1) Reduction in wait time for Elk Tag eligibility** – Chair Shea outlined the suggested modification and his desire to seek public input before moving forward. Chair Shea suggested that perhaps the waiting period could be reduced from 10-years to 5-years due the herd populations.

Rex Flowers recommended that past meeting minutes from the TAAHC (Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee) be reviewed as this had been discussed without much support. Mr. Flowers noted that he tends to agree that a reduction in the waiting period and would reduce the pressure.

Member Spencer commented that she recalled some discussion about the number of bonus points and the desire not to circumvent that process.

No specific action was taken.

**16-2) Develop a provision that gives preference to hunters having the maximum number of Bonus Points in the draw** – Chair Shea explained this this recommendation would give preference to hunters holding the maximum number of bonus points, which he believes was discussed at the TAAHC (Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee).

Rex Flowers recalled that the suggestion had been discussed for deer hunting where it was suggested a percentage of tags be allocated to those having the greatest number of bonus points. However, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners in place at the time rejected the suggestion. Mr. Flowers suggested that additional research be conducted on what percentage of tags could be allocated.

Chair Shea clarified that there is no maximum the number of bonus points set forth in regulations.

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No specific action was taken.

**16-3) Draw for PIW (Partners in Wildlife) before the regular draw** – Chair Shea drew attention to his research on PIW (Partners in Wildlife) revenues, which he believes would be much higher if the PIW draw was held before the regular draw. Chair Shea explained that his analysis indicates that another \$180,000.00 would have been deposited in the Heritage Fund had draw for the PIW occurred before the regular draw.

Joel Blakeslee stated that it sounded like a good idea to him.

During the discussion it was suggested that there be more research to determine if this should be done in the form of a petition or a recommendation to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners coupled with supporting data.

Chair Shea will continue to research the matter and bring it back at the January 23, 2015, meeting for additional public comment.

- 17. WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the January 23, 2015, meeting.*

No new agenda items were identified.

- 18. PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item]

Paul Dankowski – NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife), introduced Bailey Honea, a UNR (University of Nevada, Reno) law enforcement intern.

- 19. ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

Chair Shea adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.