

Amended* Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting location:

El Capitan Lodge and Casino
"On Site Trophy Room"
540 F. Street
Hawthorne, NV 89415

*The agenda was amended to correct the title of agenda item #16, to:
CR18-12, Amendment 2, 2019 - 2020.

Public comment will be taken on every action item and regulation workshop item after discussion but before action on each item, and at the end of each day's meeting. Public comment is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman, in his discretion, 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.

Please provide the Board of Wildlife Commissioners ("Commission") with the complete electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations to include as exhibits with the minutes. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

Friday, June 21, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Introduction and Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Johnston**
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.
- 3.* Approval of Minutes – Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes from the April 8, 2019, and May 3 and 4, 2019, meetings.
- 4. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Johnston – Informational**
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their

correspondence for the written record). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Wasley may also be discussed.

5. County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items – Informational

CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

6. Presentation of Nevada Test and Training Range and the Desert National Wildlife Refuge – Deputy Project Leader, Kevin DesRoberts – For Information Only

The Commission will be provided an update on the Nevada Test and Training Range withdrawal renewal pertaining to the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

7.* Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Zahradka and Division Administrator Alan Jenne - For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$117,500 for projects submitted for FY 2020 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Assessing Avian Nest Success at Carson Lake (\$45,000)
- Geo-Tube Dams for Regulating Water at Carson Lake (\$22,500)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000)
- Overton WMA Ponds Fence Project (\$15,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Waterfowl Habitat Enhancement (\$15,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)

8. Wildlife Heritage Committee – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Valentine

A.* Heritage Committee Report – Chairman Valentine – Informational

The Commission will hear a report on the Committee's recent meeting.

B.* Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals – Chairman Valentine – For Possible Action

The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for Fiscal Year 2020 and may take action on the proposals.

C. Heritage Project Extension Requests – Chairman Valentine – For Possible Action

The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years.

*Note: Support material for this agenda item will be provided one to two weeks in advance of the Commission meeting.

D. Heritage Funding Reallocation – Chairman Valentine – For Possible Action

The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.

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E.* Fiscal Year 2020 Heritage Project Proposals – Chairman Valentine – For Possible Action

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$979,702.65 for projects submitted for FY 2020 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. These recommendations may change at the 8:00 a.m., June 21, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting.

- Bighorn Sheep Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 20-01 (\$100,000)
- Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project # 20-02 (\$100,000)
- South Mountains Habitat Restoration – Project # 20-03 (\$75,000)
- Toole Springs Lek Juniper Removal – Project # 20-04 (\$65,000)
- Egan Johnson Basin Restoration – Project # 20-05 (\$70,000)
- North Cave Valley Habitat Restoration – Project # 20-06 (\$60,157.65)
- Prioritizing and Protecting Natural Water Sources – Project # 20-07 (\$50,000)
- Monitoring Moose Expansion in Nevada – Project # 20-08 (\$28,000)
- Big Game Survey Tool – Project # 20-09 (\$70,000)
- Maximizing the Effectiveness of Common Raven Removal– Project # 20-10 (\$70,000)
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 20-11 (\$36,000)
- Staheli Chaining Maintenance Project – Project # 20-12 (\$75,000)
- Blacktop Apron Guzzler Upgrade – Project # 20-13 (\$21,400)
- Mormon #3 Prospect Guzzler Upgrade – Project # 20-14 (\$21,615)
- Douglas Canyon PJ Removal Project – Project # 20-15 (\$50,000)
- Bighorn Disease Susceptibility Analysis – Project # 20-16 (\$62,530)
- Steptoe Valley Shooting Complex – Project # 20-17 (not recommended for funding)
- Lincoln County Mule Deer Collaring Project – Project # 20-18 (\$25,000)

9. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Director Wasley – Informational

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.

10. Public Comment Period

Persons wishing to speak are requested to complete a speaker’s card and present it to the recording secretary. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

Friday, June 21, 2019 – Tour will begin at the Close of Agenda Item #10

Commission Tour – Informational

The Commission will tour Mount Grant to see the sheep habitat as well as tour Sportsman's Beach to see the lake level decline. Informational presentations will be made at several sites, but no action will be taken by the Commission. The public is invited to participate but will be required to provide their transportation. The group will depart from the meeting location.

Saturday, June 22, 2019 – 8:30 a. m.

11. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Johnston**
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14. **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items – Informational**
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Commission Regulations – Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed

- 15.* **Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa and Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$295,100 for projects submitted for FY 2020 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:
 - Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$48,710)
 - Upland Game Bird Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,640)
 - Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$20,000)
 - Monitoring the Effects of Landscape-Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse within the Desatoya Mountains (\$18,000)
 - Measuring Corticosterone Metabolites in Greater Sage-grouse (\$25,000)
 - Estimating Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada's Most Novel Habitats (\$22,500)

- Effects of Conventional Raven Control and Wildfire on Greater Sage-grouse within the Virginia Mountains (\$22,500)
- Monitoring Greater Sage-grouse and Habitat Post-Martin Fire (\$25,000)
- Bi-State Sage Grouse Coordinator (\$5,000)
- Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Restoration Project – Population Modeling and Publications (\$22,250)
- Response of Greater Sage-grouse to Vegetation Treatments in South Cave, Hamlin and Steptoe Valleys (\$7,500)
- Wildfire and Geomorphology Effects on Riparian Habitats and Related Restoration Implications (\$10,000)
- A Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$10,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)
- Post-Fire Upland Habitat Restoration - Tule Springs (\$12,500)
- Post-Fire Upland Habitat Restoration - Kane Springs (\$12,500)
- Quinn River Valley Habitat Enhancement - Vanderhoek Property (\$10,000)

16.* Commission Regulation 18-12, Amendment 2, 2019 - 2020 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2019 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2020.

17.* Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 and 21 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – 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 2020 and 21.

18. Reports – Informational

A. Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley

Secretary Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

B.* Litigation Report – Senior Deputy Attorney General Bryan Stockton

C.* Legislative Report - Update on the 80th Legislative Session (2019) – Commissioner East and Director Wasley

An update will be provided on the 80th Legislative session.

D. Conservation Partner Spotlight – Secretary Wasley – Informational

An overview of a key conservation partner program will be shared with the Commission.

E.* Presentation of Fallon Naval Air Station Community Plans - Liaison Officer Robert Rule – For Information Only

The Commission will be provided an update on the current status of the FRTC Modernization and conservation efforts with our partners in Northern Nevada.

19. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – Informational

The Commission will hear a report on the committee's recent meeting.

B.* Fiscal Year 2020 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – For Possible Action

The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife budgets for fiscal year 2020. Each County Estimate: Carson City \$4,250; Clark \$1,776; Douglas \$4,382; Humboldt \$2,290; Lander \$1,124; Lincoln \$4,589; Lyon \$1,457; Mineral \$4,946; Nye \$2,000; Pershing \$3,013; Washoe \$2,049; White Pine \$4,650.

*The Finance Committee would like to recommend that a workshop be held during the lunch recess at the August 2019 meeting in Ely, Nevada to review the preparation of the County Advisory Board Budget.

20. License Appeal – Kyle Thissell – For Possible Action

Mr. Thissell is appealing the denial of his 2019 subguide license renewal.

21. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Tony Wasley and Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 9 and 10, 2019, in Ely. 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.

22. Public Comment Period

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*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website, and updates to support material will be posted at ndow.org. Support material for this meeting may be requested from Recording Secretary Brandy Arroyo at (775) 688-1599; supporting material for this meeting is available for the public at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Ste 120, Reno, NV, 89511. In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting date and has been posted on the NDOW website at NDOW.org and at the following Department of Wildlife offices: 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV, 89512; 380 W. "B" Street, Fallon, NV, 89406; 815 E. Fourth Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445; 60 Youth Center, Elko, NV, 89801; 1218 N. Alpha Street, Ely, NV 89301; 744 S. Racetrack Road, Henderson, NV 89015; and 4747 W. Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV, 89108.

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