

## **Amended\* Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda**

**Meeting location:**  
Bristlecone Convention Center  
150 W 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Ely, NV 89301

\*The agenda was amended for the following: to add agenda item #18F, which is in italics; to correct a typographical error that the tour will begin after agenda item #13; and to amend the departure location for the tour which is also in italics.

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, 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.**

Note: County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Members and public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting.

### **Friday, August 9, 2019 – 8:30 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. Election of Officers – For Possible Action**  
In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman.
- 3. Approval of Agenda – Chairman – 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.
- 4. Approval of Minutes – Chairman – For Possible Action**  
Commission minutes from the June 21 and 22, 2019 meeting.
- 5. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman – 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.

6. **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.
- 7\*. **Landowner Compensation Tag Committee Report – Committee Chair Brad Johnston – Informational**  
A report will be provided on the Committee’s recent meeting held on August 8, 2019.
8. **Possible Alternatives Regarding Shed Antler Collection – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed - Informational**  
The Department will present information regarding the seasonal closure on shed antler collection, including possible alternatives for future consideration.
- 9.\* **Petition – Amendment to Shed Antler Regulation – Jim Cooney, Elko CABMW – For Possible Action**  
Mr. Cooney, on behalf of the Elko CABMW, has submitted a petition to change regulation to Amend N.A.C. 503.172, “season closure amended read: *February 1 thru March 31, with the ability of NDOW to extend season closure based on weather or herd condition for the shed antler collection*, to replace January 1 thru April 30.” The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.
10. **Information regarding “Smart Scopes” – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed - Informational**  
As requested by the Commission, the Department will present information regarding the current legal status of archery and rifle “smart scopes” which have an internal range finding function and compensate for target range and/or angles.
11. **Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**
  - A.\* **Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19 – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will hold a workshop to consider 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 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
12. **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.
13. **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, August 9, 2019 – Tour will begin at the Close of Agenda Item #13**

**Commission Tour – Tour will begin at the end of the Agenda – Informational**

The Commission will tour Cave Valley Ranch in Cave Valley, Nevada with wildlife significance. Informational presentations may 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 Ridley's Family Market in Ely, NV.*

**Saturday, August 10, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.**

- 14. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman**
- 15. Approval of Agenda – Chairman – 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.
- 16. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman – Informational**

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- 17. 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.
- 18. Reports – Informational**
  - A. Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2019 Annual Conference – Secretary Wasley and Commissioner McNinch**

Reports from the 2019 conference will be provided.
  - B. Application Hunts 2019 Report – Scott Bonner, Kalkomey**
  - C. Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley**

Secretary Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.
  - D.\* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett**
  - E.\* Public Works Contracts – Deputy Director O'Brien**

A report will be provided on public work contracts awarded by the Department in the previous year.
  - F. Update on Commission Regulation 482, Public and Sellable Lists – Secretary Tony Wasley**

*A report will be given on the status of CGR 482 after the hearing at Legislative Commission.*
  - G. Conservation Partner Spotlight – Secretary Wasley – Informational**

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

**19. County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife Workshop Session – Informational**

**A. Welcome and Opening Comments – Chairman and Secretary Wasley – Informational**

The Department will provide an overview of the quota and tag setting process, beginning with the collection of field data and concluding with the draw process, using mule deer as the primary example.

**B. Mule Deer Survey and Inventory – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – Informational**

The Department will provide an overview of methods and strategies used to inventory mule deer abundance, distribution, and herd composition.

**C. Models and Population Estimates – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – Informational**

The Department will provide an overview of how survey and inventory data, along with other statistical parameters like age-specific survival estimates and information on migration, are used to estimate population size and trend.

**D. Development of Quotas from Survey and Population Data – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – Informational**

The Department will provide an overview of how quota recommendations are developed based on a targeted management objective, like a post-season mule deer buck to doe ratio, using data on harvest success and hunter demand (often referred to as the demand-success formula).

**E. The Draw Process – Mitch Strobl, Kalkomey – Informational**

The Department's vendor that accepts hunt applications and conducts the random draw for hunting tags will provide an overview of the process involved in accepting applications, managing bonus point accrual, assigning random numbers, and conducting the random draw.

**20. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairman – For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 20 and 21, 2019, in Las Vegas. 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.

**21. Public Comment Period**

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

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