

Amended* Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's May 21, 2020 Declaration of Emergency Directive 020, the requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended in order to mitigate the possible exposure or transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Accordingly, anyone planning to participate in the meeting must participate via the web link provided below.

***The agenda was amended to reflect a change in speaker and language of #11G**

Friday, November 6, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

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Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. The content of written comments should be consistent with the three (3) minute public comment period allowed during normally conducted meetings. If a comment is excessively lengthy, the Commission reserves the right to review only that portion that is consistent with this policy. Persons are invited to submit written comments to wildlifecommission@ndow.org, so they may be included as exhibits with the minutes. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format. Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Friday, November 6, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairwoman East**
CABMW members who are present and viewing the meeting through the YouTube link should send an email to wildlifecommission@ndow.org indicating their presence.
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Chairwoman East – 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 – Chairwoman East – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes may be approved from the September 25, 2020, meeting. *Once the Commission members have discussed this agenda item, a recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.
- 4. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairwoman East – 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 at wildlifecommission@ndow.org; these comments will be shared with the Commission. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

6. **Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**
 - A.* **Commission Regulation 21 – 01, 2021-2022 Raptor Capture Quotas – Diversity Division Administrator Jen Newmark – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2021-2022 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry. *Once the Commission members have discussed this agenda item, a recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.

 - B.* **Commission Regulation 21 – 02, 2021-2022 Noncommercial Collection Seasons and Bag Limits for Live, Unprotected Reptiles and Amphibians – Diversity Division Administrator Jen Newmark – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve 2021-2022 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians. *Once the Commission members have discussed this agenda item, a recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.

 - C.* **Commission Regulation 20-04 Amendment #2, 2021 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action**
The Commission will reexamine the 2021 Heritage Tag seasons as approved in January of 2020 and may consider adopting a regulation amendment to change one or more season dates. *Once the Commission members have discussed this agenda item, a recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.

7. **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – For Possible Action**
A report will be provided on the recent Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee meeting.

8. **Regulation Simplification Committee Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – Informational**
A report will be provided on the recent Regulation Simplification Committee meeting.

9. **Commission General Regulations - Workshop / Public Comment Allowed**
 - A.* **Commission General Regulation 495, NAC 502 Simplification – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee’s recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502

relating to licensing. *Once the Commission members have discussed this agenda item, a recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.

B.* Commission General Regulation 496, NAC 503 Simplification – Management Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee’s recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 relating to wildlife. *Once the Commission members have discussed this agenda item, a recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.

10. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary 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 additional detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Activity Report and are intended to educate the Commission and public as to the Department’s ongoing duties and responsibilities.

11. Reports – Informational

A. Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley

A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.

B.* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General

A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.

C. Predation Management Fiscal Year 2020 Report – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson

The Game Division will present the 2020 Predation Management Report. Per Commission Policy 23, the Department shall prepare an annual Predation Management Status Report (Status Report) detailing results of the previous fiscal year’s projects. This status report shall be presented at the last Commission meeting of each calendar year.

D. Big Game Season Changes – Game Division Administrator Mike Scott – Informational

The Department will provide an update on the 2021 - 2022 and 2022 - 2023 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. The Department desires to discuss with the Commission and CABMWs prior to January any potential changes to correct errors, address emerging management needs, address substantial changes in wildlife abundance, or address conflicts.

E.* Wildlife Trust Fund Annual Report – Deputy Director Jack Robb

A report will be provided on the investment and expenditure of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 pursuant to NRS 501.3585.

F. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update – Division Administrator Mike Scott - Informational

The Department will provide an update on the current status of the Mule Deer Enhancement Program that was approved by the Commission at the June 26, 2020 meeting.

G. Update on angler access and safety along the Truckee River – Commissioner McNinch - Informational

The Commission will hear an update regarding challenges to river access and potential safety issues for anglers as recommended by the Washoe CABMW and discussed at the September 25, 2020 Commission meeting.

H. Update on the Fallon Naval Range and Training Center and Nevada Test and Training Range – Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action

The Department will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact statements status and timelines for Commission consideration of congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts.

12.* Petition – Cathy Smith – Prohibit the Use of Dogs on Bear Hunts – For Possible Action

Ms. Smith has submitted a petition to change NAC 503.147 to prohibit the use of dogs during a black bear hunt.

13.* Petition – Chris Jasmine - Traditional Archery Mule Deer Hunt – For Possible Action

Mr. Jasmine has submitted a petition from the Traditional Archers of Nevada (TAN) requesting the Commission look at an increased opportunity for archery hunters willing to use more primitive equipment. The Traditional Archers of Nevada would like to establish a quota for traditional archery for mule deer tags with no impact to other hunters, season dates, or quotas. The Commission may take action or deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.

14. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairwoman East – For Possible Action

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 29 and 30, 2021, in Reno and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The location of the meeting is subject to change due to direction of the Governor during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairwoman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

15. Public Comment Period

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. *A recess of a specific duration will be taken in order for the public to provide input at the following email address: wildlifecommission@ndow.org. Upon reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission.

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