

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location:

Washoe County Commission Chambers
1001 E 9th Street, Building A
Reno, Nevada 89512

Video Streaming and Teleconferencing available at:

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Southern Region Office
3373 Pepper Lane
Las Vegas, Nevada 89120

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, November 1, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members 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 may be approved from the September 20 and 21, 2019, meeting.
- 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. **Operation Game Thief Warden of the Year Award – Operation Game Thief Citizens Board (OGTCB) President Rob Boehmer**
This award is designed to recognize one Game Warden for his or her performance of duties as they relate to the mission of the OGT Citizens Board and the OGT Program in general.
7. **Shikar-Safari Club International Officer of the Year Award – Game Warden Captain Mike Maynard**
This award is to recognize one wildlife officer from Nevada that has shown exemplary conduct and initiative in the performance of his or her duties.
- 8.* **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Workshop – Gil Yanuck – Informational**
A workshop will be held to discuss the roles and responsibilities of CABMW members. The two (2) hour workshop will be held during the lunch break of the NBWC meeting.
9. **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 third 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 80th Legislative Session. At the first workshop, the Commission directed the Department to narrow the options for the transfer or deference of a tag. At the second workshop, the Commission directed the Department to draft changes to the regulation encompassing the description of “extenuating circumstances” and a timeline to return the tag to the Department.
 - B.* **Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling and Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action**
The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Federal statute was adopted in 2019 which, should a state desire, would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the maximum allowable days of the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would provide authority to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a season at some future point if they choose. The Commission held a workshop on September 20, 2019 and has requested that the Department bring the regulation back for a second workshop and provide an example of how waterfowl seasons could be structured if this NAC were adopted and if the Commission chose to implement the veteran and military waterfowl season.

C.* Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions, LCB File No. R060-19 - Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider and recommend amendments to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation is intended to update and simplify the use of live bait fish and other bait and fishing tackle in NDOW's Western Region and Southern Region.

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. Update on the Fallon Naval Range and Training Center and Nevada Test and Training Range – Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – Informational

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. 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.

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

13. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Johnston

14. 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.

15. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Johnston – Informational

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16. 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.

17. Landowner Compensation Tag Committee Report – Committee Chair Brad Johnston – Informational

A report will be provided on the Committee's recent meeting held on November 1, 2019.

18. Commission General Regulations – For Possible Adoption / Public Comment Allowed

A.* Commission General Regulation 487, Use of Live Bait Fish and Tackle Restrictions, LCB File No. R060-19 - Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would update and simplify the use of live bait fish and other bait and fishing tackle in NDOW's Western and Southern regions. The Commission held a workshop on the proposed regulation on September 20, 2019 and the Commission directed the Department to revise language for proposed changes in NAC 503.504 regarding areas of use for live bait fish in the Western Region and other minor cleanup changes. A second workshop on the proposed regulation was held on November 1, 2019.

B.* Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19 – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – 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 allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if owner applicants cumulatively qualify for compensation tags in excess of the statutory limit.

C.* Commission General Regulation 489, Shed Antler Regulation, LCB File No. R082-19 – Game Warden Captain Mike Maynard – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would amend the current shed antler regulation to increase penalties, change season dates, and provide for an educational program for shed antler hunters.

19. Reports – Informational

A. Wildlife Overpass Educational Informational Video – Secretary Wasley and Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne

The “(Re)connecting Wild – Restoring Safe Passage” video will be presented to the Commission.

B. Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley

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

C.* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General

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

D. Conservation Partner Spotlight – Secretary Wasley – Informational

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

E.* Predation Management Fiscal Year 2019 Report – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – Informational

The Game Division will present the 2019 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.

F. Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference Report – Secretary Wasley and Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett

A report on the 2019 conference will be provided.

G.* Wildlife Trust Fund Annual Report – Deputy Director Liz O’Brien

A report will be provided on the investment and expenditure of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, pursuant to NRS 501.3585.

20. License Appeal – Todd Bradley - For Possible Action

Mr. Bradley is appealing the suspension of his fishing license in twenty (20) states.

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

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 24 and 25, 2020, in Las Vegas and 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 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.

22. Public Comment Period

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