

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location:

Clark County Government Center
Commission Chambers
500 S. Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89155

Video Streaming and Teleconferencing available at:

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Western Region Office
1100 Valley Road
Reno, NV 89512

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, September 20, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and 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 from the August 9 and 10, 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. **Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**
 - A.* **Commission Regulation 18 – 01, Amendment #3, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two-Year Period March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020 – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider amending CR 18-01 to change the ending date of this regulation from February 29, 2020 to December 31, 2019.

 - B.* **Commission Regulation 20-01, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two-Year Period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action**
The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

7. **Commission General Regulation 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 second 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 return with guidelines on extenuating circumstances.

 - B.* **Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19 – 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). Federal statute was adopted in 2019 enabling a veterans and active military waterfowl hunting season. Federal frameworks would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would allow the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a 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 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 bait and other fishing tackle in NDOW's Western Region and Southern Region.
*Note: Support material for this agenda item will be provided **one to two weeks** in advance of the Commission meeting.

D.* Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. XXX – 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.

E.* Commission General Regulation 489, Shed Antler Regulation, LCB File No. XXX – 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.

8. 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.

9. North American Non-lead Partnership – Leland Brown and Chris Parish – Informational

Leland Brown and Chris Parish will provide information to the Commission regarding the creation of the North American Non-lead Partnership and innovative ways to protect our hunting and wildlife conservation heritage by addressing unintended impacts on wildlife lead exposure through hunting ammunition.

10. Management Objectives used by the Department for Developing Hunt Quotas – Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – Informational

The Department will provide the Commission with a briefing on the specific management objectives employed to develop annual hunt quotas.

11. Bighorn Sheep Ewe Hunting in Nevada – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox – Informational

The Department will provide a briefing on the background, development, need, and management objectives of bighorn sheep ewe hunts; current application and hunt metrics; and opportunities, constraints, and landscape risks to conducting translocations as an alternative to ewe hunts in meeting management objectives.

12. Wayne E. Kirch 2018 Award Presentation – Chairman Johnston

Chairman Johnston will present the 2018 Wayne E. Kirch Award that acknowledges a deserving individual, nonprofit organization, outdoor sports club or business who have achieved significant results toward the conservation, management or enhancement of wildlife in the State of Nevada during the last calendar year.

13. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Tony Wasley

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 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.

14.* Petition – Mr. Lance J. Ledet, Sr., Disabled Hunts – For Possible Action

Mr. Ledet has submitted two petitions to change regulation (1) to allow a disabled hunt similar to a youth hunt at the beginning of each season, and (2) to allow a special tag for disabled individuals in wheelchairs who might draw an archery or muzzle loader tag. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petitions and initiate rulemaking.

15. 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.

Saturday, September 21, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

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

17. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action

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

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20. Reports – Informational

A. Conservation Partner Profile – Secretary Tony Wasley – Informational

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

B. Department Activity Report – Secretary Tony Wasley

Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

C.* Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett

A status report on litigation will be provided.

D. Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration (WSFR) Program Report – Secretary Tony Wasley – Informational

The Commission will hear a presentation on the Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Program.

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

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2, 2019, in Reno. 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 the 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, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada, 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; 3373 Pepper Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89120.

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