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 meeting will be broadcast live at the NDOW Commission YouTube page:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrFHgHLM0MZa2Hx7og8pFcQ

Meeting materials are available at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/

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, January 29, 2021 – 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 November 6, 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 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 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) 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.

C.* Commission General Regulation 497, NAC 504 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) 504 relating to wildlife management areas and other wildlife related topics. *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. 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. Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Mid-Winter Conference – Secretary Wasley and Commissioner McNinch

A report from the conference will be provided by the attendees.

D.* Wildlife Heritage Account Report – Division Administrator Alan Jenne

A report will be provided on the funds available (interest and principal) for expenditure from the Wildlife Heritage account in the upcoming year and an update on available principal balance.

E. Mule Deer Enhancement Oversight Committee and Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update – Committee Chairman Casey Kiel and Division Administrator Mike Scott - Informational

A report will be provided on the recent Mule Deer Enhancement Oversight Committee and 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.

F. Legislative Committee Report – Committee Chairwoman Tiffany East – Informational

A report will be provided on the recent Legislative Committee Meeting.

G. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – Informational

A report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting.

H. Regulation Simplification Committee Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – Informational

A report will be provided on the recent Regulation Simplification Committee meeting.

8. Use of Hounds on Bear Hunts – Game Division Administrator Mike Scott - For Possible Action

The Commission will hear data compiled by the Department relating to the use of hounds on bear hunts, as directed by the Commission in November 2020's meeting as a follow-up to a petition. The Commission will direct the Department as to how to proceed with the petition process. *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.

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Saturday, **January 30**, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

10. 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.

11. Approval of Agenda – Chairwoman East – For Possible Action

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- 13. 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.

14. Commission General Regulations - Adoption / Public Comment Allowed

A.* Commission General Regulation 493, NAC 488 Simplification – Management Analyst Kailey Taylor – For Possible Action

The Commission will review the Legislative Council Bureau's drafted language of the updates and simplifications to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 488 relating to watercrafts, as proposed by the Commission and Regulation Simplification Committee. *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.

15. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Deputy Director Jack Robb – 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.

- 16. Commission Regulations For Possible Action/Adoption Public Comment Allowed
 - A.* Commission Regulation 21-03, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Big Game Seasons Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Cody Schroeder, and Cody McKee For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting 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 sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota. *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 21-04, 2021 Black Bear Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon

requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. *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 21-05 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits

– Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. *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.

D.* Commission Regulation 21-06, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas - Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions. *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.

- E.* Commission Regulation 21-07, 2022 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz For Possible Action The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2022 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota. *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.
- F.* Commission Regulation 21-08, 2021 Silver State Tags Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz For Possible Action

 The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quota. *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.
- G.* Commission Regulation 21-09, 2021 Partnership in Wildlife Tags Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz For Possible Action The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons, and quota. *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.

H.* Commission Regulation 21-10, 2021 Dream Tag – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quota. *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.

- I.* Commission Regulation 21-11, 2021 Big Game Application Deadlines Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz For Possible Action The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application deadlines and related information. *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.
- J.* Commission Regulation 21-12, 2021 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Kimberly Munoz For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information. *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.

17.* Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action

The draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2021 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2021 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

- 18. Wildlife Heritage Auction Tags Deputy Director Jack Robb for Possible Action
 Some of the Commission approved vendors for the 2021 Heritage Auction Tags canceled or may cancel their scheduled fundraising events due to COVID-19. The Commission may select an alternate method by which to auction these tags. Options may include, receiving sealed bids or working with the current vendor or other vendors that possess the ability to administer a live internet auction *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. Before reconvening the meeting, public comments will be shared with the Commission prior to taking any action.
- 19. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments Secretary Wasley and Chairwoman East For Possible Action

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2021, 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.

20. Public Comment Period

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