

**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting
Agenda Amended* Jan. 17, 2018**

Washoe County Commission Chambers
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Reno, Nevada 89512

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Public comment will be taken on every action item and regulation workshop item after discussion but before action on each item, and at the end of each day's meeting. Public comment 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.

***The amended agenda change is rescheduling Agenda Item #14 A, CGR 473 Safe Hunting Distances, to the March meeting.**

Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

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

- 4 **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.
- 5* **Approval of Minutes – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
 Commission minutes may be approved from the Nov. 3 and 4, 2017, meeting.
- 6* **License Appeal – Timothy D. Sutton – For Possible Action**
 Mr. Sutton is appealing his hunting license suspension.
- 7* **Commission Policy 26, Re-establishing, Introducing, Transplanting and Managing Pioneering Rocky Mountain Elk, Second Reading – Commissioner and Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 26 and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy.
- 8* **Commission Policy 3, Appeals, Second Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 3 and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy.
- 9* **Commission Policy 66, Management and Use of Wildlife Management Areas, Second Reading – Commission and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 66 and may take action to officially revise and adopt the policy.
- 10* **Commission Policy 51, Wayne E. Kirch Conservation Award, First Reading – Commissioner and APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy 51 and may take action to revise the policy. The Commission may advance the policy to a second reading for possible adoption at a future meeting.
- 11 **Reports – Informational**
- A* **Wildlife Heritage Account Report – Deputy Director Liz O’Brien**
 A report will be provided on the funds available (interest and principal) for expenditure from the Wildlife Heritage account in the upcoming year.
- B **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Mid-Winter Conference – Secretary Wasley and Commissioner McNinch**
 A report from the conference held in San Diego, California, will be provided by the attendees.
- C **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley**
 A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.

D* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Joshua Woodbury**

12 **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

13 **Commission General Regulations – Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed – Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Speaker’s Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary**

A* **Commission General Regulation 475, Shed Antlers, LCB File No. R134-17 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Adoption/Public Comment Allowed**

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would prohibit a person from collecting shed antlers at any time during a year unless the shed antlers are collected by the person from the field from April 15 to Dec. 31, inclusive, of that year.

A workshop was held in Carson City on Nov. 3, 2017. The Commission directed the Department to amend the antler season closure to run from Jan. 1 through March 31, inclusive. The Commission also directed the Department to include an hours limitation for the months of April and May to be open from 10 a.m. to sunset. All of these restrictions would apply to public lands in Elko, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties.

B* **Commission General Regulation 440, Trail Cameras and Other Devices, LCB File No. R012-16 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – Adoption/Public Comment Allowed**

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation change is intended to restrict the use of motion and heat sensing cameras that are left for a period of time, and not held in the hand. The proposed language would prohibit (with certain exemptions) the use of trail cameras within 200 feet of a spring, water hole, or artificial basin from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year. The proposed language would further prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any location from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31 of each year.

The Commission held a workshop on March 25, 2016, and directed the Department to remove previously drafted language prohibiting the use of trail cameras only for the purposes of scouting or hunting. A second workshop was held in Carson City on Nov. 3, 2017. The Commission directed the Department to prohibit the use of transmitting trail cameras at any time during the year, to prohibit the use of trail cameras within 300 feet of a water source from Jan. 1 through July 31, and to prohibit the use of any trail camera from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31.

14 **Commission General Regulations – Workshop – Public Comment Allowed – Persons Wishing to Provide Comment on Regulations are Requested to Complete a Speaker’s Card and Present it to the Recording Secretary**

A* *Agenda Item #14 A to be rescheduled for workshop at the March Commission meeting.*

B* **Commission General Regulation 476, Processing Fees, LCB File No. R142-17 – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502.118 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation reduces the current convenience fee of \$2.00 for residents and \$3.50 for non-residents per item purchased online to a processing fee of \$1.00 per item purchased regardless of residency and method of purchase. This fee change will reduce fees to individual customers while preserving the necessary means of paying the Department’s credit card processing charges.

15 **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, Jan. 27, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

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

17 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**

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19 **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.

- 20* **Draft Fiscal Year 2019 Predation Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
 The draft Fiscal Year 2019 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 2018 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2018 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.
- 21* **Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action**
 The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission on ideas generated by stakeholders regarding processes by which compensation tags might be equitably distributed should the allocation of tags reach the statutory limit as amended during the 2017 legislative session. The Commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft Commission General Regulation regarding the general concepts presented.
- 22 **Commission Regulations – For Possible Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**
- A* **Commission Regulation 18 - 02, 2018 Black Bear Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will consider adopting 2018 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.
- B* **Commission Regulation 18 - 03, 2018 - 2019 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will consider adopting 2018 - 2019 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.
- C* **Commission Regulation 17 - 05, Amendment 2, 2017 - 2018 and 2018 - 2019 Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Biologist Cody McKee and Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will consider amendments to the 2018 - 2019 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 and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas.
- D* **Commission Regulation 18 - 04, 2019 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2019 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quotas.

- E* **Commission Regulation 18 - 05, 2018 Partnership in Wildlife Tags – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quotas.
- F* **Commission Regulation 18 - 06, 2018 Silver State Tags – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Silver State tag species, seasons and quotas.
- G* **Commission Regulation 18 - 07, 2018 Dream Tag – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2018 Dream Tag species, seasons and quotas.
- H* **Commission Regulation 18 - 08, 2018 Big Game Application Deadlines – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application deadlines and related information.
- I* **Commission Regulation 18 - 09, 2018 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2018 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.
- 23 **Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
The Department has added an additional teleconferenced Commission meeting in Reno and Las Vegas on Feb. 9, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. to consider taking action for adoption of Commission General Regulation 476, Processing Fees. After the Feb. 9 meeting, the next Commission meeting is in Laughlin. Potential agenda items for both meetings may be discussed. The Commission may change meeting dates and locations 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.
- 24 **Public Comment Period**
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