

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location:

Boys & Girls Club of Winnemucca
1973 Whitworth Way
Winnemucca, NV 89445

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Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. The Chair 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 prior to the meeting at wildlifecommission@ndow.org or make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. 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. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

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 which antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

Please provide the Board of Wildlife Commissioner ("Commission") with the complete electronic of written copies of testimony and visual presentations to include as exhibits with the minutes. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

Friday, June 25, 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**
- 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 April 16, 2021 and May 7 and 8, 2021 meetings.
- 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. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

6. **Humboldt County Elk Sub-plan COT Member Approval – Game Division Elk Staff Biologist Cody McKee – For Possible Action**
 The Commission will review and may take action to approve replacement members to fill vacancies on the Humboldt County Elk Sub-Plan Coordination and Oversight Team. Replacement members have been recommended by the appropriate organizations represented by the vacant positions to be approved by the Nevada Wildlife Commission as per language in the Humboldt County Elk Plan.

7. **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.

8. **Reports – Informational**
 - A. **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley and Division Administrators**
 A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.

 - B.* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett**
 A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.

 - C.* **Legislative Update Report – Committee Chairwoman Tiffany East**
 A report will be provided on the final Legislative Committee Meeting and Legislative session update.

 - D. **Recovering America’s Wildlife Act – Sectary Wasley and Wildlife Diversity Division Administrator Jen Newmark – Informational**
 An update will be provided and Recovering America’s Wildlife Act, H.R. 2773, a bipartisan act that, if passed, would provide up to \$1.3 Billion in funding to fully conserve Species of Greatest Conservation need and fully implement state Wildlife Action Plans.

 - E. **Effects of Wild Horse and Livestock Use on Greater Sage-Grouse in Northwestern Great Basin - Doctoral Candidate Phillip Street, University of Nevada, Reno – Informational**
 Phillip Street with the University of Nevada, Reno will provide a presentation on the results of research work conducted in northwestern Nevada and south-central Oregon on the effects of wild horse use, as well as cattle grazing, on Greater Sage-Grouse demography.

9. **Wildlife Heritage Committee – Vice Chair and Committee Chairman Tom Barnes - Informational**
 - A. **Wildlife Heritage Committee Report – Vice Chair and Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – Informational**
 The Commission will hear a report on the Committee’s recent meeting.

B. Heritage Project Extension Requests – Vice Chair and Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve extension request from projects approved in previous fiscal years.

C. Heritage Funding Reallocation – Vice Chair and Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.

D. Fiscal Year 2022 Heritage Project Proposals – Vice Chair and Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- 2021-2022 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant, Test, Remove, Monitoring, and Research Programs (\$161,950)
- Wildlife Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
- Wildlife Water Development – Emergency Water Haul (\$50,000)
- Izzenhood WMA Mule Deer Winter Habitat Restoration Project (\$71,850)
- Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement (\$75,000)
- Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$200,000)
- Nelson Creek Mule Deer Improvement (\$57,750)
- Smith Valley Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)
- Whistler Mountain Pinyon/Juniper Hand Thinning (\$40,000)
- Argenta Rim Mule Deer Enhancement Project (\$75,000)
- Optimizing management towards maximizing brood habitat for Greater Sage-Grouse (\$50,000)
- Mule Deer radio-collaring study in Northwest Nevada (\$324,099.24)
- Area 6 Elk Mortality Investigation (\$85,000)
- Moose Monitoring (\$20,000)
- Common Raven Monitoring (\$30,000)
- Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada (\$30,000)

Proposals Submitted by Others

- Milk Ranch Spring and Habitat Enhancement (\$90,000)
- Cave Valley Ranch Pinyon Juniper Removal (\$50,000)
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Guzzlers (\$41,000)
- Restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (phase 2) (\$69,521)
- Quantifying the influence of feral horses on Greater Sage-Grouse populations in Nevada (\$5,900)

10. Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – For Possible Action

A. Finance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck

The Commission will hear a report on the Committee's recent meeting.

B.* Fiscal Year 2022 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck

The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards, as requested, to Manage Wildlife budgets for Fiscal Year 2022

11. Wildlife Contests – Commissioner McNinch – For Possible Action

The Commission may discuss Wildlife Contests. The Commission may provide direction to the Department regarding Wildlife Contests for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting.

12. 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 futured commission agenda.

Friday, June 25, 2021 – Tour will begin at the close of Agenda Item #12

Commission Tour – Informational

The Commission will tour the urban fishing pond in Winnemucca. An informational presentation will be made, but no action will be taken by the Commission. The public is invited to participate but will be required to provide their own transportation. The group will depart from the meeting location.

Saturday, June 26, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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15. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairwoman East – Informational

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

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17. Status Update for Greater Sage-Grouse and their Habitat – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – Informational

The Game Division will provide an update on sage-grouse populations throughout their range in Nevada as well as provide information on habitat conditions, availability, and threats.

18.* Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Zahradka and Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$118,600 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Duck Stamp Account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvement (\$40,000)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support FY22 (\$10,000)
- Eastern Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)
- Mason Walley WMA Prescribed Burn (\$20,000)
- Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge Water Conveyance Improvement Projects (\$20,000)
- Washoe Dam Repairs (\$16,000)

19.* Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa and Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$341,081 for projects submitted for FY 2022 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Bi-State Sage-Grouse Coordinator (\$5,000)
- Bi-State Sage-Grouse Monitoring within the Mount Grant and Desert Creek Population Management Unit (\$22,500)
- Desert Creek Weed Treatment (\$2,500)
- Estimating Greater Sage-Grouse Vital Rates (\$22,500)
- Greater Sage-Grouse monitoring (\$44,440)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)
- Monitoring Greater Sage-Grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$22,500)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-Grouse in the Desatoya Mountains of Central Nevada (\$22,500)
- Montana-Humboldt SGI Spring Protection (\$15,000)
- Native Seed Acquisition for Private Landowner Transition to Native Seed Production (\$14,000)
- Nine-Mile Unit Riparian Monitoring (\$19,400)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$19,400)
- Virginia Mountains Greenstrip 2021 (\$22,500)
- Mormon Mountains Post-Fire Restoration (\$20,000)
- Assessing Impacts to Sage-Grouse from Anthropogenic Noise in Nevada (\$50,000)
- Nelson Creek Habitat Improvement (\$18,750)

20. Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed

A.* Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #1, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialists Shawn Espinosa and Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action

The Commission will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2021-2022 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2021 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2022.

B.* Commission Regulation 21-07 Amendment #1, 2022 Heritage Tag Vendors – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for 2022 and may take action on the proposals.

C.* Commission Regulation 21-13 Amendment #1, 2021-2022 Seasons, Bag Limits and Special Regulations for Migratory Game Birds – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider amending the Overton WMA dove application portion of the Commission Regulation to allow for application to be submitted electronically and for the draw to be conducted by the Department's licensing vendor, Kalkomey, for the 2021 season.

21.* Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 13 and 14, 2021, in Tonopah. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the date, 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.

23. Public Comment Period

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