

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: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting

Friday, September 21, 2018 – 11 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 **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.
- 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 Johnston – For Possible Action**
The Commission may approve Commission minutes from the June 29 and 30, 2018, and August 10 and 11, 2018, Commission meetings.
- 6 **Wayne E. Kirch 2017 Award Presentation – Chairman Johnston**
- 7 **Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA) Update – Secretary Wasley and Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark – For Possible Action**
An update will be provided on the progress of the pending RAWA federal legislation. The Commission may take action in connection with the pending RAWA federal legislation.
- 8 **U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei Natural Resources Update — Informational**
Congressman Amodei will provide updates to the Commission on federal lands bills, Yucca Mountain, and give a legislative activity update on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services.
- 9 **License Simplification Update – Chairman Johnston – Informational**
The Commission will hear an update on the first eight months of license simplification and the transition to a new license vendor. The Department will review lessons learned, volume changes in license and vessel registration as well as financial impacts.
- 10 **Commission General Regulation Workshop – Public Comment Allowed**
 - A* **Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, LCB File No. R096-18 – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**
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 allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if owner applicants cumulatively qualify for compensation tags in excess of the statutory limit. The Commission considered this regulation during a workshop at their meeting on June 29, 2018. The Commission directed the Department to provide specific language to improve the clarity of the proposed regulation. The Commission also considered the regulation during a workshop on Aug. 10, 2018. The Commission directed the Department to provide a mathematical description of the process for tag allocation to improve the precision of the description.

B* Commission General Regulation 480, Shotgun Gauges Legal for Turkey Hunting, LCB File No. R194-18 – Game Warden Captain Mike Maynard – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.187. This regulation would remove the prohibition against using a shotgun smaller than 20 gauge to hunt wild turkey. It would also clean up unnecessary language regarding shot size used on a wildlife management area.

11 Public Comment Period

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Saturday, September 22, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

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

13 Approval of Agenda – Chairman Johnston – For Possible Action

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14 Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Johnston – Informational

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

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16 Reports – Informational

A Conservation Partner Profile – Division Administrator Jenne – Informational

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

- B* **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee Report – Committee Chairman Johnston – Informational**
A report will be provided on the committee’s recent meeting.
- C **Department Activity Report – Secretary Tony Wasley**
Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.
- D **Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Conference Report – Secretary Wasley and Deputy Attorney General Joshua Woodbury**
A report on the 2018 conference will be provided.
- E* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General**
A status report on litigation will be provided.
- F **Mule Deer Population Status Update – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – Informational**
A presentation will be provided on the current status of Nevada’s mule deer population.
- 17 **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.
- 18 **Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**
- A* **Commission General Regulation 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goat Online Course, LCB File No. R151-18 – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would require all bighorn ewe and mountain goat tag holders to complete an online course. This regulation would eliminate the need for a physical inspection for hunters that harvest a ewe. It would also require the tag holder for ram bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and mountain lion or bear to provide questionnaire information during the already required post-harvest physical inspection and eliminate the subsequent need for successful tag holders to also submit a questionnaire. The Commission held a workshop on Aug. 10, 2018, and the Commission directed the Department to move forward with an adoption hearing.
- B* **Commission General Regulation 479, Rosy Boa Reptile, LCB File No. R152-18 – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jennifer Newmark and Wildlife Diversity Biologist Jason Jones – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This amendment would revise the scientific name of the rosy boa, which is classified as a protected reptile, from *Lichanura trivirgata* to *Lichanura orcutti*. This name change is needed due to new scientific studies that have split the species into two distinct

entities, one that occurs in Nevada and one that occurs outside the state. Current NAC protects the species outside Nevada rather than the species that occurs within Nevada. The Commission held a workshop on Aug. 10, 2018, and the Commission directed the Department to move forward with an adoption hearing.

C* Commission Regulation 18 - 01, Amendment #2, Fishing Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits, and Regulations for March 1, 2018, through Feb. 29, 2020 – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider amending Commission Regulation 18 - 01 to modify the harvest limits for Lahontan Reservoir to allow the harvest of white bass or white bass hybrids under 15 inches to be included in the 15 game fish limit, in Churchill and Lyon Counties; to modify the general harvest limit for Pershing County to remove the reference to white bass and white bass hybrids; and to adopt a limit of three game fish for the James Kinney Pond in Humboldt County.

19 Yakama Tribe Pronghorn Translocation Update – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder – For Possible Action

The Department will provide an update regarding the translocation of pronghorn to fulfill the original request from the Yakama Tribe in Washington for 100 pronghorn originally approved by the Commission for Fiscal Year 2018. In Fiscal Year 2018, only 50 of the original 100 were provided to the Yakama Tribe in Washington.

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

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2 and 3, 2018, 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.

21 Public Comment Period

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