

## Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

### Meeting Location

**June 23 and 24, 2023**

Bristlecone Convention Center  
150 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ely, NV 89301

***The meeting will NOT be broadcast live or have virtual participation. A recording of the meeting will be posted to the NDOW Commission YouTube page later:***

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

**Meeting materials are available at:** <https://www.ndow.org/events/june-2023-commission-meeting/>

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](mailto:wildlifecommission@ndow.org) or attend and make comment during the meeting. 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. All persons present are asked to sign-in, whether speaking or not.

**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.

### **Friday, June 23, 2023 – 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) – Chairman Caviglia**
- 2. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Caviglia – 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 Caviglia – For Possible Action**  
Commission minutes may be approved from the May 5 and 6, 2023 meeting.
- 4. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Caviglia – 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 Jenne 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. **Reports**
  - A. **Department Activity Report – Secretary Jenne and Division Administrators – Informational**  
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.
  - B.\* **Litigation Report – Senior Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett – Informational**  
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.
  - C.\* **Legislative Committee Report – Committee Chairwoman Tiffany East – Informational**  
A final report will be presented on the committee’s recent meetings and the results of the 2023 Legislative Session. The Commission may still choose to review bills of interest and any associated amendments, consider Legislative Committee recommendations, and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts. Bill and BDR language may be viewed online at: <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/82nd2023/Bills/List>.
  - D.\* **Resident and Nonresident Landowner Wild Turkey Hunts – Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa – Informational**  
A report will be provided to the Commission describing the Resident and Nonresident Landowner Wild Turkey program, seasons, quotas, and success rates.
7. **Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Shane Rogers**
  - A. **Finance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Shane Rogers and Deputy Director Jordan Goshert – Informational**  
The Commission will hear a report on the Committee’s recent meeting.
  - B.\* **Fiscal Year 2024 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Shane Rogers – For Possible Action**  
The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$36,526 to be added to the reported cash balance on hand for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, as requested, for Fiscal Year 2024.
- 8.\* **Wildlife Heritage Committee – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes**
  - A. **Wildlife Heritage Committee Report – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – Informational**  
A report will be provided on the recent Wildlife Heritage Committee meeting.
  - B.\* **Heritage Project Extension Requests – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will review recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years.
  - C.\* **Heritage Funding Reallocation – 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 2024 Heritage Project Proposals – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action**

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,540,135.58 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- FY24 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Restoration and Management (\$110,000)
- FY24 Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
- Parrado Partners Community Park and Ponds Land Acquisition (\$100,000)
- Gilbert Creek Fencing and Habitat Restoration (\$50,000)
- Waking Spring Habitat Restoration (\$65,000)
- FY24 Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$100,000)
- Bald Mountain PJ Thinning (\$100,000)
- FY24 Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Phase II (\$60,000)
- FY24 Wildcat Fire Mule Deer Migration Corridor Bitterbrush Planting (\$82,000)
- FY24 Lake Tahoe Fish Management Structure Phase 1 (\$80,000)
- FY24 Nevada Water Developments (\$50,000)
- Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement (\$31,000)
- Steptoe Valley Wildlife Management Area Water Enhancements (\$117,277.58)
- FY24 Izzenood Mountains Habitat Improvement (\$64,000)
- FY24 Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification (\$70,000)
- Pole Canyon Fence (\$100,000)
- Success Ward Habitat Improvements (\$50,000)
- FY24 MA13 Mule Deer Collaring (30,000)
- FY24 Warmwater Fisheries Enhancement (\$130,858)

**9. Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Jenne – 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.

**10. 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 future agenda at the close of the final agenda item.

**Friday, June 23, 2023 – Tour will begin at the close of agenda item #10**

### **Field Trip – Tour of Ely Area Projects**

The Commission will tour various NDOW projects in the Ely area including Cave Lake Dam reconstruction, newly acquired portions of the Steptoe Wildlife Management Area and Comins Lake boat ramp improvements. Informational presentations may be made at several sites, 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 2018 Pioche Hwy, Ely, NV 89301 at about 1:00pm.

### **Saturday, June 24, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

- 11. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Caviglia**
- 12. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Caviglia – For Possible Action**

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- 13. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Caviglia – Informational**

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- 14. 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.
- 15. Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia – Informational**

A report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting.
- 16.\* Biennial Small Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 – Eastern Region Game Division Biologist Matt Jeffress – 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 2024 and 2025.
- 17.\* Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis – For Possible Action**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$100,000 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

  - Ducks Unlimited Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000)
  - Carson Valley Conservation District-Carson River Bank Stabilization (\$20,000)
  - Fernley WMA Dam Repair and Wetland Habitat Design Plan (\$35,000)
  - Mason Valley WMA Wildlife Seed (\$10,000)
- 18.\* Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis – For Possible Action**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$330,680 for projects submitted for FY 2024 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement North (\$17,250)
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement South (\$25,000)
- Area 6 Toe Jam Mountain Mule Deer Corridor Fence Modification (\$25,000)
- Bruneau WMA Habitat Improvement (\$15,000)
- Argenta WMA Improvements (\$35,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$4,500)
- Greater Sage Grouse Monitoring (\$46,330)
- Bi-State Sage Grouse Coordinator (\$10,000)
- Bi-State Sage Grouse Monitoring (\$30,000)
- Mineral Development Effects on Greater Sage Grouse (\$30,000)
- Mason & Smith Valley CD Walker River Region Noxious Weed and PJ Restoration Treatments (\$20,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$62,600)
- Mosquito Valley Range Improvements (\$10,000)

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

**A.\* Commission Regulation 22-12 Amendment #1, 2022-2023 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa – 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 2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the spring wild turkey seasons for 2024.

**B.\* Commission Regulation 23-10, Amendment #1, 2024 Heritage Tag Vendors – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes and Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action**

The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2024 and may take action on the proposals.

**20. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Jenne and Chairman Caviglia – For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 11 and 12, 2023 in Fallon, NV. 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 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.

**21. 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 future Commission agenda.

\*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website, and updates to support material will be posted at <https://www.ndow.org/events/june-2023-commission-meeting/>. Support material for this meeting may be requested from the Recording Secretary at (775) 688-1599 or [wildlifecommission@ndow.org](mailto:wildlifecommission@ndow.org). 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 <https://www.ndow.org/events/june-2023-commission-meeting/>

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