



Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, County of Elko, State of Nevada, will meet on Monday, June 20, 2022, in the Nannini Administration Building, Suite 102, 540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada 89801 at 6:00 PM Pacific Time Zone

Attached with this Notice is the Agenda for said meeting of the Board.

This Notice is posted pursuant to NRS 241 as amended by the 2021 Legislature and is to be posted at the following places no later than three full working days before the meeting:

ELKO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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ELKO COUNTY WEBSITE: www.elkocountynv.net

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Elko County Manager

WELCOME TO AN ELKO COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING!

We are pleased you are interested in a meeting of one of Elko County's Boards or Commissions. Below is some basic information about our meetings and procedures for you to participate in your government.

AGENDAS

The agenda is available on the Elko County website at www.elkocountynv.net. Hard copies are made available at the meeting, upon request at the County Manager's Office or posted as per NRS 241. Meetings are broadcast live from our website, under the Meetings tab on the home page of the website and then under Agendas, Videos, etc. You can also click the Watch Our Meetings tab on the right side of the home page. Videos of the meeting are available within 24 hours of the end of the meeting. Minutes, when finalized and approved by the Board/Commission, are also posted to that page. Our agendas contain Zoom meeting links if you can't be in person at our meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public's participation in our meetings is valued and appreciated. The Board/Commission can only take action on items that are listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During Comments by the General Public, speakers may address matters not listed on the agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comment by the Commissioners, but no deliberation on a matter can be considered without notice to the public. Public comment will also be called for on all agenda items marked FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

If you are planning to speak during the meeting, please sign the sign-in-sheet at the back of the meeting room. This helps our recording clerk get the correct spelling of your name. When comments are called for, please approach the podium and state your name and who you represent, or raise your hand on Zoom.

If submitting comments or information on an agenda item, please submit to the County Manager's Office as soon as possible in order to provide opportunity for Board/Commission members to review and to avoid possible delays in a decision if not all information is presented previous to the start of a meeting. If information is presented at the meeting, you need to provide at least 10 copies, making sure to submit a copy to the recording secretary for the official public record. All information submitted becomes part of the public record and is added to the backup information for that agenda item on our website with 24 hours of the adjournment of the meeting.

Another avenue for making comments on agenda items, especially if you can't make a meeting, is our e-Comment system. If you open the agenda under the process described above, you will find a link by the agenda called e-Comment. Click on the link and follow the directions to register to comment and you are set to comment on specific agenda items. Please note that the e-comment period for a specific agenda closes 4 hours before the start of the meeting to allow those comments to be transmitted to our Board/Commission members and recording staff. Those reports are also uploaded to our agenda on the website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and are normally approved by one motion without extensive discussion. If a Board/Commission member wishes to comment or discuss a particular item, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate action during the meeting.



**ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE
WILDLIFE COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA
MEETING THE NANNINI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
SUITE 102, 540 COURT STREET, ELKO, NEVADA 89801.**

6:00 PM Pacific Time Zone

Monday, June 20, 2022

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 241, THE COMMISSION MAY: (I) CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA, (II) COMBINE TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, (III) REMOVE AN ITEM FROM THE AGENDA OR DELAY DISCUSSION RELATING TO AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA AT ANY TIME, (IV) AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED, RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIR WHILE THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.

POSTING

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PROCEDURE

Please sign in at the back of the hearing room if you plan on speaking during the meeting and remember to state your name for the record at the podium before making your statement.

REQUEST FOR AGENDA INFORMATION

The public may acquire this agenda and supporting materials, pursuant to NRS 241 by contacting Michele Petty, Executive Assistant, at (775) 738-5398 or via e-mail to mpetty@elkocountynv.net. Materials are available from the Elko County Manager's Office, Nannini Administration Building, 540 Court Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801 or on the Elko County website at www.elkocountynv.net.

ATTENTION

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THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS (NBOWC) WILL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ELKO COUNTY COMMISSION.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 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.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Board may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

3. MEMBER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Board members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Board. Any items requiring Board action may be scheduled on a future Board agenda. The Board will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Board since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Board members will provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).

NON-ACTION

4. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to NRS 241 this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

NON-ACTION

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.a Discussion and consideration of approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[DRAFT Elko County Wildlife Minutes from May 2, 2022.pdf](#)

6. TE-MOAK TRIBE OF WESTERN SHOSHONE

6.a Discussion and consideration of action regarding a request from Jay Allison, Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Elko Band Colony Chair, on deer tags.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

7. BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 and 2023

7.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item # 12 regarding the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

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.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[12-Biennial Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2023 Amendment.pdf](#)

8. WILDLIFE HERITAGE PROJECTS

8.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #14D regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Heritage Project Proposals.

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,513,377.69 for projects submitted for FY 2023 funding from the committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.

- Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
- Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$150,000)
- 2022-2023 Bighorn Sheep Test and Remove and Monitoring (\$148,500)
- Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$100,000)
- 2022-2023 Murdock Mountain Mule Deer Winter Habitat Enhancement Project (\$100,000)
- Schell Egan Land Acquisition (\$250,000)
- Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$50,000)
- Warmwater Sportfish Stocking for Large Reservoir Drought Recovery and Urban Fishing Opportunity (\$125,168)
- Morey Bench Mule Deer Crucial Winter Habitat Enhancement (\$40,000)
- Bullwhack Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$40,000)
- Flint Spring Habitat Restoration (\$40,000)
- Toner Spring Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)

Proposals Submitted by Others

- Survey and Maintenance of existing big game guzzlers (\$40,000)
- Duck Creek Aspen Restoration (\$50,000)
- The interaction between restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (year 3) (\$38,370)
- White Pine County Mastication and Brush Treatments (\$41,339.69)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[14-Fiscal Year 2023 Wildlife Heritage Report.pdf](#)

9. DUCK STAMP PROJECTS

- 9.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #15 regarding the Duck Stamp Projects Requests.

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$102,000 for projects submitted for FY 2023 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$15,000)
- Western Complex WMA Water Control Repair (\$15,000)
- Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvements (\$25,000)
- Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$12,000)
- Fall Flights Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[15-Fiscal Year 2023 Duck Stamp Report.pdf](#)

10. UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP PROJECTS

- 10.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #16 regarding the Upland Game Bird Stamp Project Requests.

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$327,200 for projects submitted for FY 2023 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved at listed below:

- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$17,250)
- Corners for Quail (\$25,000)
- Key Pittman Wildlife Food Plots (\$7,500)
- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$29,370)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,400)
- Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$30,000)
- Overton WMA Food Plots (\$10,000)
- Big Lake PJ Removal-Cleanup (\$5,000)
- Rangeland Restoration for Greater Sage-grouse (\$20,000)
- Western Complex WMAs Water Control Structure Repairs (\$15,000)
- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$10,000)
- Effects of Mineral Development on Greater Sage-grouse (\$47,500)
- Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$25,000)
- Soil Herbicide Monitoring (\$12,180)
- Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$40,000)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[16-Fiscal Year 2023 Upland Game Bird Stamp Report.pdf](#)

11. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 11.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #23A regarding Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer.

The Commission will consider adopting Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.385 that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81st Legislative Session.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[23A-Commission General Regulation 501 - 21 Tag Transfer Legislative Council Bureau Language.pdf](#)

- 11.b Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #23B regarding Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages.

The Commission will consider adopting NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[23B-Commission General Regulation 505 First Come First Serve Prevention of Unfair Advantages.pdf](#)

- 11.c Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #23C regarding Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22 Petition Process.

The Commission will consider adopting changes recommended by the APRP Committee to NAC 501.195. This regulation was approved by the Committee at their March meeting and heard for a workshop by the Commission in May.

Commission General Regulation 507 will now be considered by the Commission for possible adoption.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[23C-Commission General Regulation 507 Petition Process Commission Language May 2022.pdf](#)

12. COMMISSION REGULATIONS

- 12.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #24A regarding Commission Regulation 22-12, 2022-2023 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits.

The Commission will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2022-2023 season.

This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2022 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2023.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[24A-Commission Regulation 22 12 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons.pdf](#)
[24A-NEVADA BOBCAT DATA 2021-2022.pdf](#)

- 12.b Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #24B regarding Commission Regulation 22-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Heritage Tag Vendors.

The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2023 and may take action on the proposals.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[24B-Commission Regulation 22 05 A1 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas Memo and Language.pdf](#)

13. PETITION - MR. DAVID FLANDERS

- 13.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #26 regarding a petition from Mr. David Flanders for the Use of Air Rifles.

Mr. Flanders has submitted a petition to allow Air Rifles to hunt. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

14. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROJECT UPDATES

- 14.a Presentation from the Department of Wildlife, Eastern Region, with an update on the department's activities.

NON-ACTION

15. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- 15.a The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 19 and 20, 2022 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 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.

The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is set for **Monday, August 15, 2022.**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General's Office, this time is devoted to comments by Board Members for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item. Any correspondence received by a Board member may be read and attached for the record.

NON-ACTION

17. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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18. ADJOURNMENT

E-COMMENT AND POSTING CERTIFICATE

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Board of County Commissioners, County of Elko, in writing at 540 Court Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801, by e-mail at mpetty@elkocountynv.net or by calling (775) 738-5398.

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