

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location

June 23, 2022

Lander County Courthouse
Commission Chambers
50 State Route 305
Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Meeting Location

June 24 and 25, 2022

Nannini Administration Building
540 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801

The meeting will be broadcast live at the NDOW Commission YouTube page:

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If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Friday, June 24, 2022.

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Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. **Persons attending virtually wishing to comment are invited to raise their virtual hands in the virtual meeting forum during the appropriate time; each person offering public comment during this period will be limited to not more than 3 minutes.** 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 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.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 3:00pm

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. **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairwoman East – Informational**
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4. **Argenta Wildlife Management Area Purchase – Biologist Caleb McAdoo - Informational**
The Commission will tour the newly acquired Argenta Wildlife Management Area, formerly known as the Licking Ranch.
5. **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.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – Tour will begin at the close of Agenda Item #5

The Commission will tour the newly acquired Argenta Wildlife Management Area. 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.

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- 8.* **Approval of Minutes – Chairwoman East – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes may be approved from the May 6 and 7, 2022 meeting.
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- 10. 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.
- 11. 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 – Senior Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett**
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.
 - C. Mule Deer Enhancement Program Oversight Committee Report – Committee Chairman Casey Kiel and Game Division Administrator Mike Scott**
A report will be provided on the Mule Deer Enhancement Program.
- 12.* 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.
- 13.* Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Shane Rogers– For Possible Action**
- A. Finance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Shane Rogers**
The Commission will hear a report on the Committee’s recent meeting.
 - B. Fiscal Year 2023 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Shane Rogers**
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 2023.
- 14.* Wildlife Heritage Committee – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – Informational**
- 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 request 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 2023 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 \$1,513,377.69 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)

E. Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes – For Possible Action

The Commission will hear the Schell – Egan Acquisition Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal from the Department. The Department is asking for additional funds from the Heritage Account Principal balance to acquire 5,390 acres of wildlife habitat scattered throughout the Schell and Egan Ranges near Ely, NV.

15.* Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialist Lee Davis – For Possible Action

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)

16.* 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 \$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 are 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)

17. 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.

18. Public Comment Period

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23. **Commission General Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption - Public Comment Allowed**
- A.* **Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action**
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.
- B.* **Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action**
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.
- C.* **Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22 - Petition Process – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi – For Possible Action**
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. CGR 507 will now be considered by the Commission for possible adoption.
24. **Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**
- A.* **Commission Regulation 22-12, 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2022 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2023.
- B.* **Commission Regulation 22-05, Amendment #1, 2023 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 2023 and may take action on the proposals.

- 25.* Wayne E. Kirch 2022 Award Presentation – Chairwoman East – Informational**
Chairwoman East will present the 2022 Wayne E. Kirch award that acknowledges a deserving individual, nonprofit organization, outdoor sports club, or business who have achieved significant results toward the conservation, management, or enhancement of wildlife in the State of Nevada during the last calendar year.
- 26. Petition – Mr. David Flanders – Use of Air Rifles - For Possible Action**
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.
- 27. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairwoman East – For Possible Action**
The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 19 and 20, 2022. 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.
- 28. Public Comment Period**
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