

# Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

## **AGENDA**

**Tuesday ~ January 24, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
**Nevada Department of Wildlife**  
**Conference Room B**  
**1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

## **MEMBERS**

Matt Melarkey, Chair  
Coby Rowe, Vice-Chair  
Steven Robinson  
Jim Rhea  
Ryan Browne

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**Time Limits** – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

**Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. 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 speech that may be reasonably limited.

**Responses to Public Comments** – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel, and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider, the Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS”** [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **Approval November 2, 2022 minutes** [For possible action]
5. **Approval of January 24, 2023 AGENDA** [For possible action] – Members of the Board or public may request a consent item (or items) be addressed as a single agenda item rather than within the consent block.
6. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: January 27-28, 2023 in Reno, NV
7. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the November 4-5, 2022 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC 4) Ryan Browne – Jim Heffelfinger conversation.
8. **CONSENT ITEMS – For Possible Action**
  - 8.a **Draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan – For Possible Action**

The draft Fiscal Year 2024 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2023 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2023 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.
  - 8.b **Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management – Second Reading - For Possible Action**

The Committee will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.
  - 8.c **Commission Policy 62 - Mitigation Policy- Second Reading – For Possible Action**

The Committee will review Commission Policy 62 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.
  - 8.d **Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review – For Possible Action**

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative

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Code (NAC) 278 to provide for the Department review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize 4 impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures, best management practices or required design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out such reviews.

## **End of Consent Items**

### **9. Consent Calendar items pulled for further discussion – For Possible Action**

Consent item(s) removed from consent block will be heard.

### **10. Commission General Regulation 502, Junior Hunt and Turkey Program – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 to limit the number of successfully awarded tags in the 5 junior hunt program. The regulation also removes hard close dates for submitting a turkey harvest return card and allows for junior turkey bonus points to convert to the adult point category once a junior is ineligible to participate in the junior hunt turkey program.

### **11. Commission Regulation 23-04, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quota.

### **12. Commission Regulation 23-05, 2023 Black Bear Seasons – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

### **13. Commission Regulation 23-06 2023-2024 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

### **14. Commission Regulation 23-07, 2023-2024 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023-2024 hunting season and quotas for restricted, nonresident, guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

### **15. Commission Regulation 23-01, 2023 Application Deadlines & Draw Result Dates – For Possible Action**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 big game, upland, and waterfowl application deadlines and related information.

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- 16. Commission Regulation 23-08, 2023 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.
- 17. Commission Regulation 23-09, 2023 Dream Tag – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.
- 18. Commission Regulation 23-10, 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2024 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quota.
- 19. Commission Regulation 23-11, 2023 Partnership in Wildlife Tags – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota.
- 20. Commission Regulation 23-12, 2023 Silver State Tags – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2023 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota
- 13. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed**  
Members may propose future topics for discussion.
- 14. Public Comment** [Non-action item] – *Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.*
- 15. Adjournment** [Non-action item]

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