

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

MEETING AGENDA

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5:30 P.M.

June 23, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's March 22, 2020 Declaration of Emergency Directive 006, the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended in order to mitigate the possible exposure or transmission of COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

- Public comment will be accepted prior to the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. To offer public comment before the Board meeting, members of the public may submit public comments by email to: lkabat@douglasnv.us. Please be sure to state your name, item number, and your position on the item.
- Written public comments may also be mailed to the attention of the Recording Secretary, Lorraine Kabat, P O Box 218, Minden, Nevada 89423, but all public comments must be received prior to the date of the meeting if the comments are to be included in the supplemental materials.
- All written public comments that are received prior to 4:00 PM the day before the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting will be compiled and will be added as supplemental material for the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife members and the public to review prior to the meeting.
- Any written public comment received the day of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting will be compiled and added as supplemental materials to the County's website and distributed to the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife members within 24 hours after the meeting.
- Members of the public needing assistance with making public comment can call Lorraine Kabat at 775-782-0029.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action Can be Taken)

Public comment submitted prior to the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting have been compiled and made a part of the supporting materials that have been provided to the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Board members and public for review.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Douglas County Wildlife Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner; to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and; to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **April 28, 2020**

The Administrative Agenda will be handled as follows:

- (1) The Chairman will read the agenda title into the public record.
- (2) The Presenter, if any, will provide a report.
- (3) The Board will then discuss the matter.
- (4) The public will then be allowed to comment on the item and comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker.
- (5) Once public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any follow-up questions and take action.

1. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 1 & 2, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.

2. The following items, 2a through 2s, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, May 1 & 2, 2020, at the Pitchfork Ranch at Walker River State Park, 211 E. Walker Road, Yerington, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.

2a–2s. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

2a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 490, PARTY BONUS POINTS AND FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, LCB FILE NO. 103-19. The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow children under 12 to purchase a bonus point if they turn 12 before the first day of the last season for that species. The regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14-day deadline. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7A)*

2b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 491, NOTIFICATION OF DRAW RESULTS. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) NAC 502.4208 relating to providing notification of draw results to clients who have opted out of having their results

made public. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7B)*

2c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 492, THERMAL IMAGING OPTICS. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 and NAC 503.1485 relating to wildlife; prohibiting the use of certain night-vision equipment and devices for locating, hunting and taking game mammals and game birds; revising the definition of "trail camera or similar device"; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 7C)*

2d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON MANDATORY INDOCTRINATION/SEMINAR FOR BIGHORN RAM TAG HOLDERS. Game Division Administrator Mike Scott will provide a presentation on mandatory indoctrination/ seminar for bighorn ram tag holders. The Commission may take action to require bighorn ram tag holders to complete an indoctrination class/seminar. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8)*

2e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 20-04 AMENDMENT #1, HERITAGE TAG VENDOR PROPOSALS. The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor proposals for Fiscal Year 2021 and may take action on the proposals. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9B)*

2f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS. The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years. *Note: Support material for this agenda item will be provided one to two weeks in advance of the Commission meeting. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9C)*

2g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION. 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. *Note: Support material for this agenda item will be provided one to two weeks in advance of the Commission meeting. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9D)*

2h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 2021 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS. The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,268,276.61 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. These recommendations may change at the 8:00 a.m., June 21, 2019 Heritage Committee meeting. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9E)*

- Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 20-01 (\$68,900)
- Rocky Mountain Elk Population Monitoring and Harvest Validation – Project # 21-02 (\$61,000)
- Marlette Lake Broodstock Facilities/Passage Improvement Project, Phase 2 – Project # 21-03 (\$100,000)
- Wildfire Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project #21-04 (\$100,000)
- Desert Creek Conservation Easement – Project # 21-05 (\$100,000)
- Middle Rock Creek Habitat Improvement – Project # 21-06 (\$125,000)
- Continued Monitoring of Moose Expansion in Nevada – Project # 21-07 (\$20,000)

- Snake Range Aspen Habitat Restoration – Project # 21-08 (\$30,000)
- Toano Mountain Restoration – Project #21-09 (\$66,000)
- Egan and Johnson Basin Restoration – Project #21-10 (\$75,000)
- Area 10 Mule Deer Migration Corridor Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-11 (\$50,000)
- Toiyabe PMU (Bates, Hickison, and Wolf Ranches) Pinyon Juniper Thinning – Project # 21-12 (\$75,000)
- SE Schell Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-13 (\$75,000)
- Enhancement of Crucial Habitat for Antelope and Mule Deer in Washoe County, Nevada – Project # 21-14 (\$100,000)
- A New Population Model for Antelope to Improve Accuracy, Identify Limiting Factors, and Improve Management Decisions – Project # 21-15 (\$37,500)
- Investigating Potential Limiting Factors Impacting Mule Deer in Northwest Nevada – Project # 21-16 (\$65,000)
- East Walker River Fish Habitat Enhancement – Project # 21-17 (\$11,191)
- The Interaction Between Restoration, Foraging Ecology, and Mating Behavior in Greater Sage-grouse – Project # 21-18 (\$65,855)
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 21-19 (\$36,000)
- Diet Quality and Composition of Mule Deer in the Toiyabe Mountains Following Removal of Pinyon-Juniper – Project # 21-20 (\$32,000)
- Cave Valley Collaboration – Project # 21-21 (\$50,000)
- **Dissemination of Results from Delineation of Lambing Habitat, Population demographics, Resource Selection, and Movement Patterns of Desert Bighorn Sheep – Project # 21-22 (\$46,000)

**Not discussed by Heritage committee

2i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DUCK STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$50,100 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$10,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$2,600)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetland Enhancement Support at Mason Valley WMA (\$5,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Habitat Improvements (\$10,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Water Control Structure Replacement (\$12,500)

(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10)

2j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 20-12, 2020-2021 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS. The Commission will consider and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2020 season. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2020 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2021. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16)*

2k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST. The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$264,840 for projects submitted for FY 2021 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below:

- Bi-State Sage-grouse Coordinator (\$5,000)
- Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada (\$22,003)
- Eastern Complex WMA Weed Control (\$10,000)

- Estimating Greater Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada’s Novel Habitats (\$21,250)
- Estimating the Effects of Large Ungulate Grazing on Greater Sage-grouse in Northwestern Nevada (\$18,397)
- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$47,640)
- Key Pittman WMA Wildlife Food Plots (\$3,900)
- Monitoring Greater Sage-grouse Response to the Martin Fire (\$12,750)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse in the Desatoya Mountains (\$19,500)
- Soil Health Restoration on WMAs (\$10,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$12,400)
- Using Hunter and Population Survey Data to Investigate Drivers of Upland Game Bird Populations and Forecast Harvest in Nevada (\$24,600)
- Genette Creek Conservation Easement (\$30,000)
- Toiyabe PMU (Bakes, Hickison, and Wolf Ranch) pinyon Juniper Thinning (\$25,000)
- A Multi-scale Resilience-based Framework for Restoring and Conserving Great Basin Wet Meadows and Riparian Ecosystems (\$2,400)

(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 17)

2i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON BIENNIAL UPLAND GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021, AMENDMENT 1. The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department’s proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 18)*

2m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE UPDATE ON THE FALLON NAVAL RANGE AND TRAINING CENTER AND NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE. The Department will provide an update regarding the legislative environmental impact statements status and timelines for Commission consideration of congressional correspondence relative to wildlife impacts. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19)*

2n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 485, TAG TRANSFER, DEFERENCE AND RETURN PROGRAM, LCB FILE NO. R022-19. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 404 of the 80th Legislative Session. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20)*

2o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHANGES TO WATERFOWL HUNT ZONES FOR 2021-2025. The Commission will consider recommendations and may choose to provide direction to the Department on possible changes to waterfowl hunting zones. The Pacific Flyway entertains changes to waterfowl hunting zones every five years, and potential changes must be noticed by July 1, 2020 to receive consideration. Any changes accepted by the Pacific Flyway will not take effect until the 2021 waterfowl seasons and would remain in effect until 2025. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 21)*

2p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD BUDGET REQUESTS. 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 2021. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23B*)

2q. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE LANDOWNER COMPENSATION TAG COMMITTEE REPORT. A report will be provided on the Committee's recent meeting held on January 24, 2020. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the protocol the Department will use in conducting counts for the Landowner Compensation Tag program. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23C*)

2r. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2021 DRAFT PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN (FINAL DRAFT). The Commission will hear a report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chairman and the Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2021 Predator Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23D*)

2s. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY MR. JOHN V. ZENZ ON BIG GAME TAG DRAWING CHANGES. Mr. Zenz has submitted a petition to change the Big Game Tag Drawing to (1) give twenty-five percent of the overall tags to the max point holders; (2) reduce the number of choices to only three; and (3) allow only up to fifty percent of the tags in any unit to be issued to max point holders. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 24*)

3. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED. This is an opportunity for Board members to discuss any correspondence or communication they may have received regarding matters over which the Board has jurisdiction and control. No action will be taken other than to possibly have an item placed on the next agenda.

4. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.

5. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 14 and 15, 2020, in Elko. 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.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. This is an opportunity for Board members to request that items be placed on future agendas. There will be no deliberation or action taken other than to request the Chair to place the item on an agenda.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

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ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICES: Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency, copies of the agenda will not be posted at any physical location.

Moreover, copies of supporting material may no longer be requested or obtained in person. However, members of the public may request an electronic copy of the agenda or the supporting materials by contacting Lorraine Kabat at lkabat@douglasnv.us or by calling 775-782-0029.

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- State of Nevada Public Notices website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>
- Douglas County website: <https://douglascountynv.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>
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On some occasions, a quorum of this Advisory Board may be attendance at the Nevada Wildlife Commissioners meetings. No action will be taken by the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on those occasions other than to have a spokesperson inform the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners of the recommendations that this Advisory Board has duly acted upon at previous meetings.