

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the April 28, 2020 Meeting

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Burnside, Chairman
Bob Cook, Vice Chairman
Robert Rittenhouse
Mike Turnipseed
JT Chevallier

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Ackerman, Nevada Department of Wildlife Game Warden
Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife Biologist

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and determined a quorum was present. Noted was the absence of Vice Chairman Cook.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Burnside led the Pledge.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Burnside noted Vice Chairman Cook was not present. He introduced Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife Biologist, and welcomed Deanna Ackerman, Nevada Department of Wildlife Game Warden.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MOTION by Rittenhouse/Chevallier to approve the agenda as presented; carried with Cook absent.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **January 22, 2020**

MOTION by Chevallier/Rittenhouse to approve the minutes as presented; carried with Turnipseed abstaining and Cook absent.

Vice Chairman Cook joined the meeting at 5:40 pm.

- 1. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE JANUARY 24 & 25, 2020 AND APRIL 10, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. There will be no action taken.**

Members Burnside and Chevallier attended the January meetings and stated there was discussion on the Tahoe Basin Black Bear.

Chairman Burnside viewed the April meeting and highlighted the decisions made on the migratory game bird seasons and on the Heritage Tags.

- 2. The following items, 2a through 2b, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, May 1, 2020, by videoconference. The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meeting will be broadcast live at the following website:**

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

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

2a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 20-11, BIG GAME QUOTAS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON. The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goats for the 2020 - 2021 seasons. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6A)

Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife Biologist, reviewed the recommendations made by the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW), which were to recommend increases for the primitive weapon hunts for Mule Deer in Units 192/194/195/196 and to support the Department's recommendation if the numbers were the same or higher than last year. He noted that they did not recommend any corresponding decreases in the any legal weapon tags. He pointed out that the Department's recommendations are based on a demand/success ratio and the demand for primitive weapon hunts is low so it a forces a low quota recommendation. However, he stated the biologists have no issue with Carson City's recommendations because the success rates are relatively low. He feels Carson City's recommended increases will not have a negative biological effect.

Chairman Burnside reviewed the public comment submitted by Doug Martin requesting an increase in muzzleloader tags in 192/195.

The members reviewed each of the species' and weapon classes' recommendations and the recommendations made by the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

Member Rittenhouse wondered if the high desert change in climate had any dramatic effect on the population of antelope. He believes it is necessary to pay attention to the direction things head in.

Mr. Lackey answered any effects would vary by area.

Chairman Burnside added certain river flows can have an effect on antelope populations.

Member Turnipseed restated his dislike of ewe hunts.

Chairman Burnside was happy to see increases in the number of youth deer tags in areas other than Area 10.

Vice Chairman Cook would like to support the recommendations made by CCABMW because he feels there is an opportunity for muzzleloader hunting while the gates are still open in order to access the areas at the top.

Member Chevallier can support the recommendations made by Carson City since there will be no negative impact on populations and it will create more hunter opportunities.

MOTION by Cook/Chevallier to recommend the Commission vote to adopt Commission Regulation 20-11, 2020 Big Game Quotas for the 2020-2021 season with the following changes: Mule Deer Muzzleloader in Unit 192 will increase from 5 to 15 with Units 194/195/196/291 as recommended and Mule Deer Archery in Unit 192/Early to increase from 10 to 25, Mule Deer Archery in Unit 192/Late to increase from 15 to 20, and Mule Deer Archery in Unit 195 to increase from 5 to 10. The corresponding increase(s) in the Nonresident Hunts for those Units should be made; carried unanimously.

2b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 20-02 AMENDMENT #1, 2020 BLACK BEAR QUOTAS. The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for black bear for the 2020 season. (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6B)

The members reviewed the recommendations and did not express any changes.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Rittenhouse to recommend the Commission support the Department's recommended quotas for Black Bear; carried unanimously.

3. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Chairman Burnside received much information on the Zoom meeting procedures from both Douglas County and the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

Member Rittenhouse sent a letter to the Douglas County Planning Department regarding development's effect on wildlife. He received a response back from the department but feels more Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife discussion is necessary.

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.

Chairman Burnside will be the representative for the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, but other members may also view the YouTube meeting.

5. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for **June 26 and 27, 2020 in Yerington**; 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 and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated meeting that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- Tri-County Wildlife Working Group
- Town of Minden's acquisition of the Seman Pond property
- Planning process for expanding development with regard to its impact on wildlife
- Invite BLM representative to the meeting to discuss management of wild horses
- Hunting in semi-urban settings and an update on the hunting events in Genoa, Nevada

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

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.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The minutes of the April 28, 2020 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 23rd day of June 2020.

Respectfully submitted:

Craig Burnside, Chairman