

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the January 25, 2021 Meeting

Pursuant to Governor Sisolak's May 21, 2020 Declaration of Emergency Directive 020, 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). Accordingly, anyone planning to participate in the meeting must participate via the Zoom link provided below.

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- 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
Bob Cook
Michael Porter
JT Chevallier
Mike Turnipseed

OTHERS PRESENT: JD Frisby, Minden Town Manager
Matt Bernard, Minden resident
Carlo Luri. Bently Heritage

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm and determined a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Member Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Burnside called for the roll and noted the full board was present. He introduced Michael Porter, the newest member of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Mr. Porter provided a brief background of his education, hobbies, and length of time in the area.

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.

Vice Chairman Cook thanked Bob Rittenhouse for his service on the Advisory Board.

Public comment closed.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to approve the agenda as presented; carried unanimously.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **November 2, 2020**

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to approve the minutes as presented; carried unanimously.

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Chevallier to retain Craig Burnside as Chairman and Bob Cook as Vice Chairman for the 2021 calendar year;

No public comment.

MOTION; carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2020 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. There will be no action taken.

Both Vice Chairman Cook and Member Chevallier attended the meeting and recapped the discussions and decisions on:

- Raptors
- Petition to prohibit the use of dogs for bear hunts
- Collection of reptiles
- Recommendation to change the bow draw weights
- Mule deer enhancement program
- Updated angler access along the Truckee River
- Activities of the Tag Allocation Committee
- Amendment to the 2021 Heritage Tag Bighorn Sheep Seasons
- Regulation Simplification Committee recommendations for Nevada Administrative Codes 502, 503, and 504
- Report on the condition of wildlife throughout the State of Nevada and on the size of the guzzler system

This was an update only.

3. FOR PRESENTATION ONLY. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE TOWN OF MINDEN'S ACQUISITION OF THE SEMAN POND. The Town of Minden's representative will provide an update on the planned and completed improvements to the Seman pond property. This discussion may also include funding options and public/private partnerships.

Matt Bernard, Minden resident, and JD Frisby, Minden Town Manager, updated the Board on the status of funding for the planned improvements for the 11-acre site noting that significant funding was secured from Mr. Mike Pegram, the Seman Foundation, and the Pennington Foundation. Mr. Bernard advised that Nevada Department of Wildlife have stocked the newly deepened pond with rainbow trout. He also mentioned there may be another release of trout into the pond in February.

An island was constructed in the pond and a point of concern could be the presence of cormorants. The Town will actively monitor that concern and will look for solutions if they become an issue preying on the fish.

Chairman Burnside pointed out that Sportfishing and Boating Act monies may be available to assist with building the floating dock.

The multi-modal trail system, the expansion of the parking area, and bathrooms are all on track for completion.

This was an update only.

4. The following items, 4a through 4q, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meeting, January 29 & 30, 2021, using the Nevada Department of Wildlife's YouTube page:

<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.

4a–4q. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

Chairman Burnside read items 4a, 4b, and 4c into the record so the items could be considered at the same time.

All members agreed that the proposed revisions to these agenda items made sense and were minor in nature.

A brief discussion took place on the rationale behind striking language from one regulation but not from the others.

4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 495, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 502 SIMPLIFICATION. The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee’s recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 relating to licensing. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners’ agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6A)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Porter/Chevallier to recommend the Commission approve Commission General Regulation 495 as written; carried unanimously.

4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 496, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 503 SIMPLIFICATION. The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee’s recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 relating to wildlife. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners’ agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6B)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Porter/Chevallier to recommend the Commission approve Commission General Regulation 496 as written; carried unanimously.

4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 497, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 504 SIMPLIFICATION. The Commission will review the Regulation Simplification Committee’s recommendations regarding language updates and simplification of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 504 relating to wildlife management areas and other wildlife related topics. *(This item is agendized as a workshop on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners’ agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 6C)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Porter/Chevallier to recommend the Commission approve Commission General Regulation 497 as written; carried unanimously.

4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE USE OF HOUNDS ON BEAR HUNTS. The Commission will hear data compiled by the Department relating to the use of hounds on bear hunts, as directed by the Commission in November 2020's meeting as a follow-up to a petition. The Commission will direct the Department as to how to proceed with the petition process. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8)*

Chairman Burnside relayed his conversation with Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife, regarding the statistics on the number of harvested bears both with and without the use of hounds and the number of females harvested. The maximum number of bears harvested has never reached the allowable quota.

Member Turnipseed added that many of the bear hunters he knows do not hunt close to the state line because of the risk of chasing the bear into California.

Member Chevallier does not like to support something that limits the rights of hunters and fisherman, negatively impacts the hunting industry, and/or decreases hunting opportunities. He pointed out that much public comment supported denying the petition but the petition was accepted so Nevada Department of Wildlife has to provide some context as to why it is beneficial. This will probably come back before this Board after more fact finding is done. Member Chevallier talked about the potential adverse impacts hounds have on bears, especially when a bear is treed and not taken.

Chairman Burnside supports using hounds for bear and lion hunting.

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook that the Douglas County Advisory Board supports the use of hounds as currently outlined in Nevada Administrative Code. This use of hounds should continue and not be limited in the taking of bears and mountain lions; carried unanimously.

4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 493, NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 488 SIMPLIFICATION. The Commission will review the Legislative Council Bureau's drafted language of the updates and simplifications to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 488 relating to watercrafts, as proposed by the Commission and Regulation Simplification Committee. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14A)*

The Board reviewed the language and feels it aligns with current Coast Guard regulations.

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission General Regulation 493; carried unanimously.

4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-03, 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023 BIG GAME SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 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. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16A)*

Chairman Burnside said he is satisfied with the recommended changes based on the rationale provided. He expressed a concern with the proposal to have a hunt during a mule deer buck rut

hunt in Units 111-113. The table shows it as a muzzleloader hunt but the rationale shows it as any legal weapons hunt. He has sought clarification on that and is awaiting a response from staff.

Vice Chairman Cook didn't notice anything outstanding in Units 192 and 291.

Member Porter feels this agrees with past years so he can support it.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Chevallier to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-03 as presented; carried unanimously.

4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-04, 2021 BLACK BEARS SEASONS. The Commission will consider adopting the 2021 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. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16B)*

Vice Chairman Cook said 50 tags are available and the largest number ever taken is 14. He feels the hunters are being careful about the taking of females. He would like to allow hunting bears in Nevada down to the Lake, as is done with other species, and would also like the use of shotguns as a legal weapon for bear.

Member Turnipseed thought it would be wise to pick one as a priority and move only that forward at this time.

Chairman Burnside thought shotguns as a legal weapon would be a higher priority.

Member Porter agrees that shotgun would be a positive for bear hunting given the landscape.

No public comment.

MOTION by Cook/Chevallier to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-04 as presented; carried unanimously.

MOTION by Porter/Cook to recommend shotguns be allowed as a legal weapon for bears; carried unanimously.

4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-05, 2021-2022 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AND HARVEST LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16C)*

Member Turnipseed pointed out that the maximum number of lions has never been reached.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-05; carried unanimously.

4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-06, 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023 RESTRICTED NONRESIDENT GUIDED MULE DEER SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will

consider adopting the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16D*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-06; carried unanimously.

Chairman Burnside read items 4j, 4k, 4l, and 4m into the record so the items could be considered at the same time.

4j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-07, 2022 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTA. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2022 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16E*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-07 as presented; carried unanimously.

4k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-08, 2021 SILVER STATE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quota. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16F*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-08 as presented; carried unanimously.

4l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-09, 2021 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons, and quota. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16G*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-09 as presented; carried unanimously.

4m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-10, 2021 DREAM TAG. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quota. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16H*)

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-10 as presented; carried unanimously.

4n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-11, 2021 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINES. The

Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application deadlines and related information. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16I*)

Chairman Burnside called attention to the addition of a draw order for the big game main draw.

Member Chevallier thought the only negative impact of this is that there may not be as many tag allocations for antlerless.

Member Porter asked what the application starting date was since he was unable to locate that information in the support material.

Chairman Burnside thought the draw was open for a three to four week period.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Cook to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-11; carried unanimously.

4o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATION 21-12, 2021 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND TAG LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2021 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 16J*)

Chairman Burnside talked about the first come first serve process included in the proposed regulations. He wondered if there would be more tags left than normal with the publication of the draw order.

No public comment.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Chevallier to recommend adoption of Commission Regulation 21-12; carried unanimously.

4p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2022 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft Fiscal Year 2022 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 2021 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2021 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 17*)

The members noted that this was only a draft of the plan and it would be presented again for review as it evolves.

No public comment.

MOTION by Chevallier/Porter to recommend adoption of the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Predation Management Plan; carried unanimously.

4q. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE WILDLIFE HERITAGE AUCTION TAGS. Some of the Commission approved vendors for the 2021 Heritage Auction Tags canceled or may cancel their scheduled fundraising events due to COVID-19. The

Commission may select an alternate method by which to auction these tags. Options may include, receiving sealed bids or working with the current vendor or other vendors that possess the ability to administer a live internet auction. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 18*)

Member Chevallier believes this relates to auction events cancelled due to COVID 19 and they are seeking other fundraising opportunities to auction off Heritage Tags.

No public comment.

No action was taken since this is a fluid situation. The Board supports their efforts and flexibility in determining alternatives to raise as much money as possible with the Heritage Auction tags.

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

Chairman Burnside informed the members that the Annual Report to the Board of Commissioners had been prepared and submitted.

Member Chevallier thanked Carlo Luri for joining the meeting. He discussed the Bently east side initiative to supply water year-round for wildlife and the wild horse herd. Providing an ongoing water source on the east side decreases the likelihood of the herds venturing into the local communities and creating damage. The Bently's are requesting support for the application for the well that will provide the water.

Member Porter received a call from Dave Akola regarding a desire for a senior hunt.

Chairman Burnside pointed out it has been suggested in the past for a waterfowl hunt but it was not well received.

Tyler Turnipseed said this has never been officially petitioned but it has come up before.

This was a discussion only.

6. 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 spokesperson for the Friday portion of the meeting and Vice Chairman Cook will serve as the spokesperson for Saturday.

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2021, and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The location of the meeting is subject to change due to direction of the Governor during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission may change the 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.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

8. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- Presentation to Robert Rittenhouse for his service on the Advisory Board
- Bently well application

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

Carlo Luri, Bently Heritage, requested the opportunity to make a presentation to the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife regarding a Change and Manner of Use application for water rights in order to provide year-round water to wildlife on the east side of the valley. Providing water will also help keep the wild horses out of the neighborhoods and off public roads. He requested a future agenda item and a statement by the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife that this change of use would be a public benefit, if there is Board support.

Public comment closed.

ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION by Turnipseed/Cook to adjourn the meeting; carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

The minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 16th day of March 2021.

Respectfully submitted:

Craig Burnside, Chairman