



# Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

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## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, County of Elko, State of Nevada, will meet on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in the Nannini Administration Building, Suite 102, 540 Court Street, Elko, Nevada 89801 at 6:00 PM. Pacific Time Zone**

Attached with this Notice is the Agenda for said meeting of the Board.

This Notice is posted pursuant to NRS 241 as amended by the 2017 Legislature and is to be posted at the following places no later than three full working days before the meeting:

ELKO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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**ROBERT K. STOKES**  
Elko County Manager

## **WELCOME TO AN ELKO COUNTY BOARD OR COMMISSION MEETING!**

We are pleased you are interested in a meeting of one of Elko County's Boards or Commissions. Below is some basic information about our meetings and procedures for you to participate in your government.

### **AGENDAS**

The agenda is available on the Elko County website at [www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net). Hard copies are made available at the meeting, upon request at the County Manager's Office or posted as per NRS 241. Meetings are broadcast live from our website, under the Meetings tab on the home page of the website and then under Agendas, Videos, etc. You can also click the Watch Our Meetings tab on the right side of the home page. Videos of the meeting are available within 24 hours of the end of the meeting. Minutes, when finalized and approved by the Board/Commission, are also posted to that page.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public's participation in our meetings is valued and appreciated. The Board/Commission can only take action on items that are listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During Comments by the General Public, speakers may address matters not listed on the agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comment by the Commissioners, but no deliberation on a matter can be considered without notice to the public. Public comment will be called for on all agenda items marked For Possible Action.

If you are planning to speak during the meeting, please sign the sign-in-sheet at the back of the meeting room. This helps our recording clerk get the correct spelling of your name. When comments are called for, please approach the podium and state your name and who you represent.

If submitting comments or information on an agenda item, please submit to the County Manager's Office as soon as possible in order to provide opportunity for Board/Commission members to review and to avoid possible delays in a decision if not all information is presented previous to the start of a meeting. If information is presented at the meeting, you need to provide at least 10 copies, making sure to submit a copy to the recording secretary for the official public record. All information submitted becomes part of the public record and is added to the backup information for that agenda item on our website with 24 hours of the adjournment of the meeting.

Another avenue for making comments on agenda items, especially if you can't make a meeting, is called e-Comment. If you open the agenda under the process described above, you will find a link by the agenda called e-Comment. Click on the link and follow the directions to register to comment and you are set to comment on specific agenda items. Please note that the e-comment period for a specific agenda closes 24 hours before the start of the meeting to allow those comments to be transmitted to our Board/Commission members and recording staff. Those reports are also uploaded to our agenda on the website.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and are normally approved by one motion without extensive discussion. If a Board/Commission member wishes to comment or discuss a particular item, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered as a separate action during the meeting.



**ELKO COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE  
WILDLIFE  
COUNTY OF ELKO, STATE OF NEVADA MEETING  
THE NANNINI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SUITE 102,  
540 COURT STREET, ELKO, NEVADA 89801.**

**6:00 PM Pacific Time Zone**

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**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRS 241, THE COMMISSION MAY: (I) CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA, (II) COMBINE TWO OR MORE AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, (III) REMOVE AN ITEM FROM THE AGENDA OR DELAY DISCUSSION RELATING TO AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA AT ANY TIME, (IV) AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED, RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIR WHILE THE COMMISSION CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.**

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**PROCEDURE**

Please sign in at the back of the hearing room if you plan on speaking during the meeting and remember to state your name for the record at the podium before making your statement.

**REQUEST FOR AGENDA INFORMATION**

The public may acquire this agenda and supporting materials, pursuant to NRS 241 by contacting Michele Petty, Executive Assistant, at (775) 738-5398 or via e-mail to [mpetty@elkocountynv.net](mailto:mpetty@elkocountynv.net). Materials are available from the Elko County Manager's Office, Nannini Administration Building, 540 Court Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801 or on the Elko County website at [www.elkocountynv.net](http://www.elkocountynv.net).

**ATTENTION**

THE CHAIR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA AND IF THE AGENDA IS NOT COMPLETED TO RECESS THE MEETING AND CONTINUE ON ANOTHER SPECIFIED DATE AND TIME. THE PUBLIC CAN COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM BY BEING ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE CHAIRPERSON WHILE THE ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERS THAT AGENDA ITEM.

THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS (NBOWC) WILL RECEIVE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MEETING ALONG WITH THE ELKO COUNTY COMMISSION.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman 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 or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

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 that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

**2. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

- 2.a. Discussion and consideration of nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. ( Currently Jim Cooney is Chair and Bert Gurr is Vice-Chair)  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Board may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.  
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**4. MEMBER ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Board members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Board. Any items requiring Board action may be scheduled on a future Board agenda. The Board will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Board since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Board members will provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).  
NON-ACTION

## 5. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Pursuant to NRS 241 this time is devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item on the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item.

NON-ACTION

## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.a. Discussion and consideration of approval of the minutes from the October 29, 2019 meeting.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## 7. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS

7.a. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #8 B regarding Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve, LCB File No. 103-19.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow customers to purchase a bonus point for a type of hunt for a season that is not open. 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 to be awarded to the alternate list.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[8B - CGR 490 Memo - LCB Language.pdf](#)

7.b. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #8 A regarding Commission General Regulation 485, Tag Transfer, Deference, and Return Program, LCB File No. R022-19.

The Commission will hold a fourth workshop to consider 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. At 3 the first workshop the Commission directed the Department to narrow the options for the transfer or deference of a tag. At the second workshop, the Commission directed the Department to draft changes to the regulation encompassing the description of “extenuating circumstances” and a timeline to return the tag to the Department. At the third workshop the Department was directed to re-write the regulation to allow for the transference of tags only in life-threatening circumstances.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[8A - CGR 485 Memo-Language \(Tag Transfer, etc\).pdf](#)

## 8. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2021 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

8.a. Discussion and consideration of comments for State Agenda Item # 17 - Draft Fiscal Year 2021 Predation Management Plan.

The draft Fiscal Year 2021 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 2020 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2020 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[17 - Predator Management Plan \(Game - memo - attachments\).pdf](#)

## 9. COMMISSION REGULATIONS

- 9.a. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 A regarding Commission General Regulation 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season, LCB File No. R027-19.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to amend Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). Federal statute was adopted in 2019 which, should a state desire, would allow for veterans and active military to exclusively hunt waterfowl for a period of two days within the maximum allowable days of the existing season. If adopted, this regulation would provide authority to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish such a season at some future point if they choose. The Commission held a workshop on September 20, 2019 and a second workshop on November 1, 2019. The Commission has requested that the Department bring the regulation back for possible adoption.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18A - CGR 486, Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season \(memo and attachments - Game\).pdf](#)

- 9.b. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 B regarding Commission General Regulation 488, Landowner Compensation Tags, LCB File No. R083-19.

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if owner applicants cumulatively qualify for compensation tags in excess of the statutory limit.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18B - CGR 488, Landowner Comp Tag \(Game - memo and attachments\).pdf](#)

- 9.c. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 C regarding Commission Regulation 19-05, Amendment #1, 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 Big Game Seasons.

The Commission will consider amendments to the 2020–2021 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 and legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. The Department amendments correct errors from last year, address emerging management needs, address substantial changes in wildlife abundance, or address conflicts.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18C - CR 19-05, Amendment 1 to Big Game Seasons, memo and attachments \(Game\).pdf](#)

- 9.d. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 D regarding Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment #1, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas.

The Commission will consider amending 2020–2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18D - CR 19-12 - Mule Deer Nonresident Guided, Amendment 1 - \(Memo and attachments - Game\).pdf](#)

- 9.e. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 E regarding Commission Regulation 20-02, 2020 Black Bear Seasons.

The Commission will consider adopting 2020 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.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18E - CR 20-02 - Black Bear Seasons \(Game - memo and attachments\).pdf](#)

- 9.f. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 F regarding Commission Regulation 20-03, 2020–2021 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits.

The Commission will consider adopting 2020–2021 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18F - CR 20-03 - Mountain Lion Seasons \(Game - memo and attachments\).pdf](#)

- 9.g. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 G regarding Commission Regulation 20-04, 2021 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2021 Heritage Tag species, seasons and quota.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18G - CR 20-04 - Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas memo and language.pdf](#)

- 9.h. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 H regarding Commission Regulation 20-05, 2020 Dream Tag.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Dream Tag species, seasons and quota.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18H - CR 20-05 - Dream Tag memo and language.pdf](#)

- 9.i. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 I regarding Commission Regulation 20-06, 2020 Partnership in Wildlife Tags.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons and quota.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18I - CR 20-06 - Partnership in Wildlife memo and language.pdf](#)

- 9.j. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 J regarding Commission Regulation 20-07, 2020 Silver State Tags.

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2020 Silver State tag species, seasons and quota.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18J - CR 20-07 - Silver State memo and language.pdf](#)

- 9.k. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 K regarding Commission Regulation 20-08, 2020 Big Game Application Deadlines.

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18K - CR 20-08 - Big Game Application Deadlines memo and language.pdf](#)

- 9.l. Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18 L regarding Commission Regulation 20-09, 2020 Big Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits.

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[18L - CR 20-09 - Big Game Application Eligibility and Tag Limits memo and language.pdf](#)

## **10. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROJECT UPDATES**

- 10.a. Presentation from the Department of Wildlife, Eastern Region, with an update on the department's activities.

NON-ACTION

## **11. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**



11.a. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 20 and 21, 2020 in Reno. 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 Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is set for Monday, March 16, 2019.

Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are:

April 28, 2020 (Tuesday)

June 22, 2020 (Monday)

August 10, 2020 (Monday) - State Meeting in Elko

September 21, 2020 (Monday)

November 2, 2020 (Monday)

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

## **12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Pursuant to advice from the Nevada Attorney General's Office, this time is devoted to comments by Board Members for general information or update purposes. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on a successive agenda and identified to be an action item. Any correspondence received by a Board member may be read and attached for the record.  
NON-ACTION

## **13. COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

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## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

### **E-COMMENT**

Comments for this meeting from the public.

### **POSTING CERTIFICATE**

### **NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify the Board of County Commissioners, County of Elko, in writing at 540 Court Street, Suite 101, Elko, Nevada 89801, by e-mail at [mpetty@elkocountynv.net](mailto:mpetty@elkocountynv.net) or by calling (775) 738-5398.

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