

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Thursday~ June 16, 2022 ~ 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
Arnold Pitts
Jim Rhea

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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.

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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 OF March 17, 2022 MINUTES** [For possible action]
5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) June 24 - 25, 2022 in Reno, NV
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2) Overview of the May 5 - 6, 2022 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.
7. **Reports – Informational**
 - A. **Mule Deer Enhancement Program Committee Report – Member Pitts**
A report will be provided on the Mule Deer Enhancement Program.
8. **Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department’s proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.
9. **Wildlife Heritage Committee – For Possible Action**
 - A. **Heritage Project Extension Requests – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review recommendations and may approve extension request from projects approved in previous fiscal years.
 - B. **Heritage Funding Reallocation – For Possible Action**
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.
 - C. **Fiscal Year 2023 Heritage Project Proposals – For Possible Action**
The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,513,377.69 for projects submitted for FY 2023 funding from the committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission.
 - Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
 - Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$150,000)

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- 2022-2023 Bighorn Sheep Test and Remove and Monitoring (\$148,500)
- Pole Canyon Conservation Easement (\$100,000)
- 2022-2023 Murdock Mountain Mule Deer Winter Habitat Enhancement Project (\$100,000)
- Schell Egan Land Acquisition (\$250,000)
- Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$50,000)
- Warmwater Sportfish Stocking for Large Reservoir Drought Recovery and Urban Fishing Opportunity (\$125,168)
- Morey Bench Mule Deer Crucial Winter Habitat Enhancement (\$40,000)
- Bullwhack Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)
- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$40,000)
- Flint Spring Habitat Restoration (\$40,000)
- Toner Spring Habitat Restoration (\$75,000)

Proposals Submitted by Others

- Survey and Maintenance of existing big game guzzlers (\$40,000)
- Duck Creek Aspen Restoration (\$50,000)
- The interaction between restoration, foraging ecology, and mating behavior in Greater Sage-Grouse (year 3) (\$38,370)
- White Pine County Mastication and Brush Treatments (\$41,339.69)

D. Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal – For Possible Action

The Commission will hear the Schell – Egan Acquisition Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal from the Department. The Department is asking for additional funds from the Heritage Account Principal balance to acquire 5,390 acres of wildlife habitat scattered throughout the Schell and Egan Ranges near Ely, NV.

10. Duck Stamp Request – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$102,000 for projects submitted for FY 2023 funding from the Duck Stamp Account.

- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$15,000)
- Western Complex WMA Water Control Repair (\$15,000)
- Carson Lake and Pasture Infrastructure Improvements (\$25,000)
- Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$12,000)
- Fall Flights Wetland Conservation Support (\$35,000)

11. Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – For Possible Action

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$327,200 for projects submitted for FY 2023 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved at listed below:

- Corta Fire Habitat Improvement (\$17,250)
- Corners for Quail (\$25,000)
- Key Pittman Wildlife Food Plots (\$7,500)
- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring (\$29,370)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,400)
- Licking Ranch WMA Improvement Project (\$30,000)
- Overton WMA Food Plots (\$10,000)
- Big Lake PJ Removal-Cleanup (\$5,000)

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- Rangeland Restoration for Greater Sage-grouse (\$20,000)
- Western Complex WMAs Water Control Structure Repairs (\$15,000)
- Western Complex WMAs Habitat Improvements (\$10,000)
- Effects of Mineral Development on Greater Sage-grouse (\$47,500)
- Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$25,000)
- Soil Herbicide Monitoring (\$12,180)
- Butler Basin Meadow and Spring Habitat Improvement Project (\$40,000)

12. Commission General Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption - Public Comment Allowed

- A.* Commission General Regulation 501, NAC 502.385, Tag Transfer – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.385 that would allow the transfer of a game tag to a non-profit organization and determine the status of the tag if the Department is notified of the tag holder's death. This regulation was created after the passage of Assembly Bill 89 of the 81st Legislative Session.
- B.* Commission General Regulation 505, NAC 502.4215, First Come First Served Prevention of Unfair Advantages – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting NAC 502.4215 that would allow for the suspension of a person from the First Come First Served program for attempting to create an unfair advantage to obtain a big game tag.
- C.* Commission General Regulation 507, LCB File No. R045-22 - Petition Process – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider adopting changes recommended by the APRP Committee to NAC 501.195. This regulation was approved by the Committee at their March meeting and heard for a workshop by the Commission in May. CGR 507 will now be considered by the Commission for possible adoption.

13. Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed

- A.* Commission Regulation 22-12, 2022-2023 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – For Possible Action**
The Commission will establish and may vote to amend regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2022-2023 season. This regulation may also include modifications to the fall wild turkey seasons for 2022 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2023.
- B.* Commission Regulation 22-05, Amendment #1, 2023 Heritage Tag Vendors – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee's recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2023 and may take action on the proposals.

14. Petition – Mr. David Flanders – Use of Air Rifles - For Possible Action

Mr. Flanders has submitted a petition to allow Air Rifles to hunt. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.

15. Washoe CAB – Proposal for Change in Meeting Day – Chairman Matt Melarkey - For Possible Action

NDOW has asked that the CAB consider having meetings on the Monday preceding the Commission meeting

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16. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

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18. ADJOURNMENT [Non-action item]

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 10:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.