

EUREKA COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will hold a public meeting on **Monday, October 30, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.** at the Eureka County Administration Facility, 701 S. Main St., Eureka, Nevada. Persons may also participate by phone by calling 1-415-655-0003 and entering code 24849615552 ##.

AGENDA

Call to Order – Chairman will call the meeting to order and determine quorum.

Public Comment and Discussion – *No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairman.*

Board Business

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. **(For Possible Action)**
2. Review and approve the minutes from the September 14, 2023 meeting. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Correspondence and Member Reports. (Discussion)

Agency Reports

1. Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies. (Discussion)

Current and Emerging Wildlife, Natural Resources and Public Land Issues

1. Report on and discuss current and emerging wildlife, natural resources and public land issues affecting Eureka County. (Discussion)

Wildlife Enhancement Projects

1. Discuss pinyon-juniper thinning projects, wildlife guzzlers installation, and other potential projects including fisheries and the Tonkin Reservoir Access Improvement Planning Initiative and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects including potential funding requests for the County or other entities. **(For Possible Action)**

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material— Board may discuss and act upon any or all items on the Wildlife Commissioners Agenda for the November 3-4, 2023 meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

*****Notice: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meeting agenda is attached. Agenda and support material is available online at ndow.org*****

Next Meeting Date – Set next meeting date and consider items for agenda. **(For Possible Action)**

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Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Items on this agenda on which action may be taken are denoted as **(For Possible Action)**. Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other agenda items for consideration, removed from the agenda, or delayed for discussion at any time.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons attending the meeting. Please call (775) 237-6010 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

This agenda was posted on October 23, 2023 in the following locations: Eureka Post Office; Eureka County Administrative Facility; Eureka County Department of Natural Resources; Eureka County Courthouse; electronically mailed for posting on the Nevada Dept. of Wildlife Website (www.ndow.org); electronically posted on Nevada's Public Notice Website (<https://notice.nv.gov/>); electronically mailed for posting to the Eureka County Website (<https://events.eurekacountynv.gov/meetings>), and electronically mailed for posting at Crescent Valley Town Hall.

For agenda support material, please contact Hallee Dechambeau at Phone: (775) 237-6010; Email: hdechambeau@eurekacountynv.gov or visit the Natural Resources Department located in the Eureka County Administration Facility (Annex) at 701 S. Main St., Eureka, NV 89316.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Meeting Location

Washoe County Administrative Complex
Building A,
Commission Chambers
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89512

The meeting will be broadcast live at the NDOW Commission YouTube page:

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

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Friday, November 3, 2023:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83183174654?pwd=QINyUlpPUFpQQTFLQkpndnNWd0dGUT09>

Passcode: 65248

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday November 4, 2023:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82805095514?pwd=eEp1YktkeDVoQVN5MWIZNDJIMjQ3UT09>

Passcode: 077788

Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. **Persons attending virtually wishing to comment are invited to raise their virtual hands in the virtual meeting forum during the appropriate time; each person offering public comment during this period will be limited to not more than three minutes.** The Chair 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 prior to the meeting at wildlifecommission@ndow.org or attend and make comment during the meeting. Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format. All persons present are asked to sign-in, whether speaking or not.

In accordance with NRS 501.105 and Commission Policy 1, Adoption of Commission Policies, Resolutions, and Record Keeping: *"The Commission will have a minimum of two readings not on consecutive days of the revised or proposed policy in public meetings before the Commission takes action to adopt, amend, or repeal, or disapprove the policy. Exception: If the policy is declared an emergency the Commission may read, amend, and adopt the policy in two readings on two consecutive days."*

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

Friday, November 3, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Caviglia** **INFORMATIONAL**

2. **Public Comment Period** INFORMATIONAL
Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. Persons making comments are asked to begin by stating their name for the record.

3. **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Caviglia** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda for November 3, 2023. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

- 4.* **Approval of Minutes – Chairman Caviglia** FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Commission minutes may be approved from the September 22 and 23, 2023 meeting.

- 5.* **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Caviglia** INFORMATIONAL
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file. (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Jenne may also be discussed.

6. **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) - Member Items** INFORMATIONAL
CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

7. **Reports** INFORMATIONAL
 - A. **Department Activity Report – Secretary Jenne and Division Administrators**
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife recent activities.

 - B.* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett**
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.

 - C.* **Wildlife Trust Fund Annual Report – Deputy Director Jordan Goshert**
A report will be provided on the investment and expenditure of the money in the Wildlife Trust Fund for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, pursuant to NRS 501.3585.

 - D.* **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Committee Chairman Caviglia**
A report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting.

**E. FY 2023 Predator Management Report – Game Division Staff
Specialist Pat Jackson**

An overview will be provided on the various predator management projects that were implemented during State Fiscal Year 2023.

**F.* FY 2024 and 2025 Biennial Big Game Release Plan – Game Division Staff
Specialist Mike Cox**

The Game Division will provide a summary of proposed big game releases intended to take place during State Fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

**G.* Mule Deer Enhancement Program Oversight Committee –
Commissioner Kiel, Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa, and
Habitat Division Administrator Mark Freese**

A report will be provided on the status of Mule Deer Enhancement Program projects and future goals and directions for the program.

**8.* Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Fourth Reading – Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy Committee
Chairman David McNinch and Management Analyst Kailey Musso**

The Commission will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

**9.* Commission Policy 24 – Hunting Opportunities - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Among Various Weapons Classes and Hunter Groups
Second Reading – TAAHC Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia, Game Division
Administrator Shawn Espinosa, and Management Analyst Kailey Musso**

The TAAHC Committee reviewed Commission Policy 24, made changes, and sent it back to the Commission. The Commission may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

**10. Conservation Education Division Overview – INFORMATIONAL
Conservation Education Division Administrator Chris Vasey, Public Information Officer
Ashley Zeme, Outdoor Education Coordinator Aaron Keller, Wildlife/Volunteer
Coordinator Julie Bless, Publication Coordinator Hannah VonTour, Boating Education
Coordinator Aaron Meier, and Connection Coordinator Bobby Jones.**

A presentation will be provided on the Conservation Education Division Programs.

11. Public Comment Period INFORMATIONAL

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Friday, November 3, 2023 – Tour will begin at the close of agenda item #11

Field Trip – Tour of Oxbow Nature Study area

The Commission will tour the Oxbow Nature Study Area. Informational presentations may be made at several sites, but no action will be taken by the Commission. The public is invited to participate but will be required to provide their own transportation. The group will depart from the Washoe County Complex, Building A.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 – 8:30 a.m.

12. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Caviglia.** **INFORMATIONAL**
13. **Public Comment Period** **INFORMATIONAL**
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14. **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Caviglia** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda for November 4, 2023. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.
15. **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Caviglia** **INFORMATIONAL**
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16. **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items** **INFORMATIONAL**
CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.
17. **Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Jenne** **INFORMATIONAL**
The Commission has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide additional detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Activity Report and are intended to educate the commission and public as to the Department’s ongoing duties and responsibilities.
18. **Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A.* Commission Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review – Wildlife Staff Specialist Jasmine Kleiber

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 278 to provide for the Department review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures, best management practices or required design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department for carrying out such reviews.

**B.* Commission General Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Regulations
Habitat Division Administrator Mark Freese**

The Commission will hold a second workshop to consider amending Chapter 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This Regulation would update Wildlife Management Area (WMA) designations and restrictions.

**C.* Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulations –
Management Analysts Megan Manfredi and Kailey Musso**

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapters 488, 501, 502, 503 and 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003.

19. Commission General Regulation – Adoption/Public Comment Allowed FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**A.* Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds -
Data and Technology Services Administrator Kim Munoz**

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.

**20. Bighorn Sheep Ram Specialty Tag Regulation Review - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Data and Technology Services Administrator Kim Munoz and Game Division
Administrator Shawn Espinosa**

The Commission will review bighorn ram specialty tag seasons and unit closures and may decide to make changes to the method used to limit the maximum number of specialty tags for every unit group that has an open season. The Commission Regulations presented at the January 2023 Commission Meeting have not provided the expected results and the Department is seeking an improved method for limiting the number of rams that can be harvested from bighorn ram hunt units or unit groups by specialty tagholders.

21. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Jenne and Chairman Caviglia FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 26 and 27, 2024, in Reno/Sparks. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the date, 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 committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

22. Public Comment Period INFORMATIONAL

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*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website, and updates to support material will be posted at ndow.org/events/november-2023-commission-meeting/Support material for this meeting may be requested from the Recording

Secretary at (775) 688-1597 or wildlifecommission@ndow.org. In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting ndow.org/events/november-2023-commission-meeting/.

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