



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 Monday, March 4, 2024, 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 2023 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

ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

ELKO COUNTY WEBSITE: www.elkocountynv.net

NEVADA STATE WEBSITE: <https://notice.nv.gov>

JIM COONEY
Chair, Advisory Board to Manage
Wildlife

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. 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. Our agendas contain Zoom meeting links if you can't be in person at our meetings.

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 also 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, or raise your hand on Zoom.

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 our e-Comment system. 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 4 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

Monday, March 4, 2024

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.

POSTING

This agenda is posted pursuant to NRS 241 as amended by the 2023 Legislature and was posted at the following locations no later than February 28, 2024: ELKO COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE, ELKO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, NEVADA STATE WEBSITE (<https://notice.nv.gov/>) AND THE ELKO COUNTY WEBSITE (www.elkocountynv.net).

Join Zoom Meeting

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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. 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.

ATTENTION

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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. 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.a Discussion and consideration to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[DRAFT Wildlife Minutes from January 22, 2024.pdf](#)

6. WILDLIFE KILLING CONTESTS

6.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #10 regarding a petition from Ms. Rebecca Goff to add a new section to Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (Hunting, Fishing and Trapping; Miscellaneous Protective Measures) regarding Wildlife Killing Contests.

The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Ms. Rebecca Goff Petition.pdf](#)

7. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS - WORKSHOP

7.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18A regarding Commission General Regulation 520 – Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances Revision.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to amend the circumstances surrounding tag deferrals.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Commission General Regulation 520 Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances.pdf](#)

- 7.b Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #18B regarding Commission General Regulation 521 – Junior Tag Transfer.

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code to provide for the circumstances surrounding the transfer of a tag to a junior hunter.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Commission General Regulation 521 Junior Tag Transfer.pdf](#)

8. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATIONS - ADOPTION

- 8.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #19A regarding Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review.

The Commission will hold an adoption hearing 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.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Commission General Regulation 500.pdf](#)

- 8.b Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #19B regarding Commission General Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Designations.

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

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Commission General Regulation 511.pdf](#)

9. COMMISSION REGULATIONS

- 9.a Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #20A regarding Commission Regulation 24-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds Public Hunting Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands for the 2024-2025 Seasons.

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2024-2025 season and adopt regulations consistent with the proposed regulations framework for the 2024-2025 hunting seasons on

certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Commission Regulation 24-10 Migratory Game Bird Seasons.pdf](#)

- 9.b Discussion and consideration of comments on State Agenda Item #20B regarding Commission Regulation 23-04 – Amendment 3, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Seasons.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve an amendment to the 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

[Commission Regulation 23-04 Amendment 3 Regarding Big Game Seasons for Antlerless Elk.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 May 3 and 4, 2024 in Reno. 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.

The Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is set for **Monday, April 29, 2024.**

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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NON-ACTION

14. ADJOURNMENT

E-COMMENT AND 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 or by calling (775) 738-5398.

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