

Nevada Department of Wildlife
and
The Nevada Board of Wildlife
Commissioners

Interim Natural Resources Committee Meeting

April 5, 2024

THE ASK

Vetoed Senate Bill 88 of the 2023 Legislative Session

Section 1. 1. The Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources shall conduct a study during the 2023-2024 interim concerning state agencies that regulate natural resources.

2. The study must include, without limitation, the examination of the composition, mission and scope of state agencies that regulate natural resources in this State.

3. The Committee shall examine, without limitation:

(a) The Board of Wildlife Commissioners;

(b) The Commission on Mineral Resources;

(c) The State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and

(d) The State Environmental Commission.

“On behalf of Senator Julie Pazina, Chair of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Natural Resources, we are reaching out to inform that the Committee is tentatively scheduled to review certain boards and commissions, which includes a review of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, at its meeting tentatively scheduled April 5, 2024. The Chair is requesting that representatives from the Board and/or Nevada Department of Wildlife present at this meeting.

We are providing notice at this time to ensure there is ample notice of this request. Please note that presentation topics may be added, deleted or revised between now and April.

The presentation should be brief and include the following information about the Board, as governed by statute, regulation, or Board policy:

- Powers, duties, mission and interactions with NDOW
- Recent actions
- The current composition, qualifications and background of members, length of service and term, and geographic representation of Board members
- Appointment process and selection criteria considered during the appointment process
- How leadership of the Board is determined
- Number of meetings held per year and location(s)
- Voting rules/constitution of a quorum
- Per diem allowances and expenses of the Board in 2022/2023”

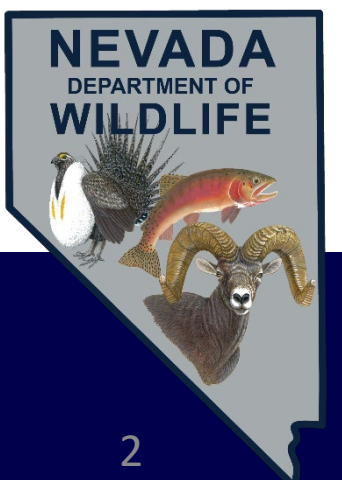


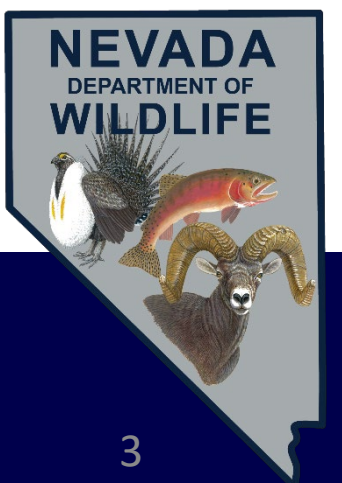
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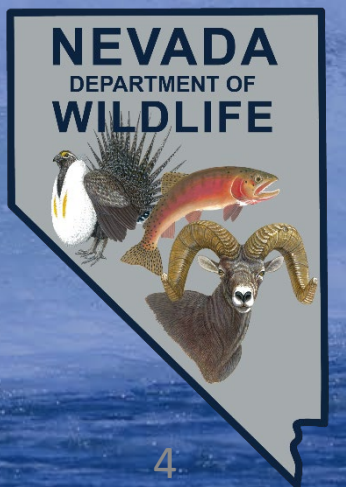
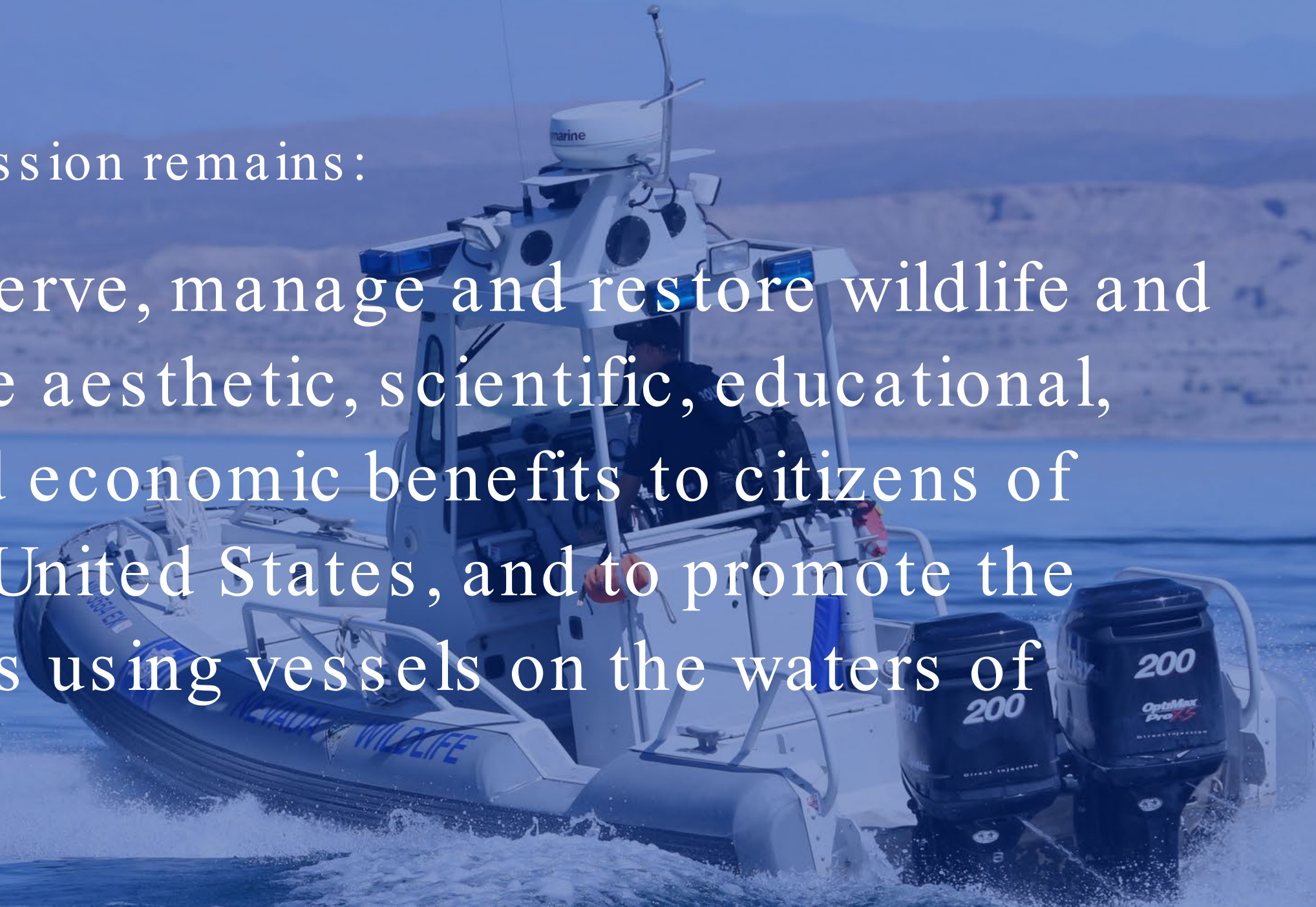
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Our Department's mission remains:

To protect, conserve, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat for the aesthetic, scientific, educational, recreational, and economic benefits to citizens of Nevada and the United States, and to promote the safety of persons using vessels on the waters of Nevada.



BROAD STATUTORY CHARGE

- NDOW is the sole agency responsible for conservation of ALL 900 wildlife species
- NDOW's Law Enforcement Division is comprised of Category 1 Peace Officers responsible for public safety on waterways and enforcement of wildlife laws
- Nevada is the 7th largest state with over 85 percent federal land and is among the five smallest wildlife agencies in the nation
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - NDOW reviews any project on federal land or projects using federal funds
 - NDOW comments on over 600 projects a year
 - this puts a significant burden on an already small staff and requires input from almost every division

UNIQUE FUNDING MODEL

- Over 95 percent of NDOW's Budget consists of user-derived funds, including federal funding
 - Pittman-Robertson: Funds are derived from excise taxes on guns, ammunition and archery equipment
 - Dingell-Johnson: Funds are derived from excise taxes on motorboat fuel, small engine fuel, fishing tackle, and tariffs on imported yachts and fishing equipment.
 - Coast Guard Funding: Public and boating safety
- License Revenue
 - Restricted Reserve Accounts
 - Sportsmen Revenue
- Other
- Most federal funds require non-federal match
- NDOW receives a negligible general fund contribution



Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners

Appointments (NRS 501.171)

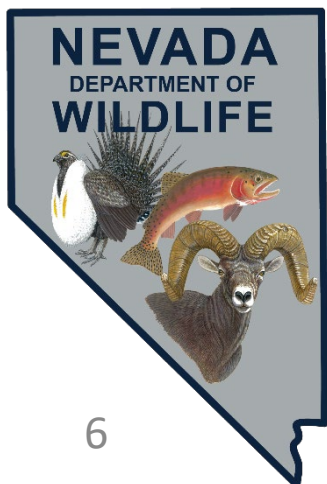
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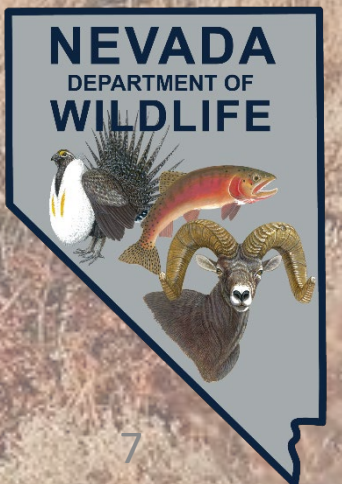
NBWC Meetings (NRS 501.177)

NBWC Duties (NRS 501.181)

NBWC Compensation (NRS 501.179)



Public Process



Accomplishments and Actions

- CGRS
- Site Visits
- Sign – On Letters
- ????



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR TIME

Questions?

Get outside and enjoy Nevada's wildlife