

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday May 8, 2017 ● 4:00 PM
Permit Center Conference Room
108 East Proctor Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Robert Boehmer
Member – Gene Green
Member – Stan Zuber

Vice Chair – Doug Martin
Member – Gil Yanuck

Staff

Dan Yu, Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(3:59:59) – Chairperson Boehmer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Robert Boehmer	Present	
Doug Martin	Present	
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Gene Green	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:00:37) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. C.K. Baily updated the Board on the status of Baily Pond, noting that the water is brown and that the pond is at flood stage. He also stated that the area is barricaded and mitigation is required for safe areas to fish; however, people are fishing.

3. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 20, 2017

(4:04:22) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and noted that Board members had not received the minutes on time.

(4:04:51) – MOTION: I move to postpone of the approval of the Minutes of the March 20, 2017 minutes until the next meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Green
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

4. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(4:05:27) – MOTION: I move to discuss item 11 after item 5.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Martin
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

5. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES. Any member of the advisory board may inform the chair of his intent to make a disclosure of a conflict of interest on an agendized item or relative to advisory board business. Disclosures of conflicts of interest must also be made at the time a specific agenda item is introduced.

(4:07:50) – There were no disclosures by Board members.

6. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CCABMW’s PARTICIPATION IN THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE COMMITTEE, AS PROPOSED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY WAB MEMBER BOB RITTENHOUSE AT THE MARCH 20, 2017 MEETING.

(5:02:23) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and gave background. He also believed both the Wildlife Commission and NDOW will support the working group. Member Yanuck was in favor of restarting the group and gave additional background that reflected the Commission’s desire that all County Advisory Boards (CABs) work together. He also stated Vice Chair Martin has represented this Board and had led the group. Chairperson Boehmer inquired about the logistics and Vice Chair Martin noted that this was a non-policy working group that shared the Carson, Virginia, and the Pine Nut range, adding that Lyon County was not included because they did not share the Carson Range; however he was open to the inclusion of Lyon County. Vice Chair Martin gave examples of discussed topics such as common wildlife issues, fisheries, etc. in a non-open meeting environment since no group was represented by a quorum. Mr. Yu believed that the working group would not be violating the Open Meeting Law; however, he requested “a little bit of extra time to review those provisions of the Open Meeting Law”. He also suggested that the motion contain having one or not more than two representatives per CAB to avoid Open Meeting Law violations.

(5:12:17) – MOTION: I move to support participation in the Tri-County Advisory Group contingent upon a positive reading from our legal representative that it does not violate the Open Meeting Law requirements.

(5:12:46) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:13:05) – Bob Rittenhouse of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife believed that CABs with common wildlife issues would understand the problems such as loss of habitat and work together. Mr. Voltz believed that the meetings should be open to the public for transparency reasons. Ms. McCollum believed that the general public should have the opportunity to make comments regarding issues that concern the community. Mr. Stocks believed that the group had no decision making power and that all discussed issues would be heard by the CABs for decision making.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

7. Informational Item: REPORT FROM CARSON CITY PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL REGARDING CLOSED ACCESS ANNOUNCEMENT IN ASH CANYON, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER FLOOD DAMAGE WITHIN THE CARSON CITY AREA, INCLUDING THE CARSON RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE.

(5:13:41) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and Open Space Administrator Ann Bollinger, noting that per Mr. Zuber’s request, Ms. Bollinger would provide information on closures such as Ash Canyon. Ms. Bollinger noted a correction in the agenda, stating that she represented the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Division. She explained that due to the record snowfall and rainfall, Ash Canyon was closed due to significant damage such as landslides and road loss. Ms. Bollinger stated that a gate had been installed on Ash Canyon Road two miles up and noted that they have only been able to travel three miles up the road, adding that a full assessment has not been possible due to the snow, which has affected the FEMA assessment and the fishing season as well. Ms. Bollinger noted that Lakeview Road, an alternative, was in worse condition; however it was being managed by State Parks. She also cautioned that flood waters and Carson River will continue to rise over the weekend. Member Zuber expressed concern that fishing activities are being jeopardized. He was informed that the intent was to open Ash Canyon Road; however, no timeline was available yet. Chairperson Boehmer noted that he had received two comments from snowmobilers who wished to have the gate removed in the winter months. Vice Chair Martin was informed that Kings Canyon was under US Forest Service jurisdiction. Ms. Bollinger confirmed that the City had sustained over \$3,000,000 in flood damage, adding that more floods and landslides are expected until July. She also reported that all flood damage had been repaired at the Carson City Rifle and Pistol Range which is fully operational. Chairperson Boehmer was informed that Riverview Park and Morgan Mill were still under water; however, the Silver Saddle Ranch was much higher and “a sink hole in the middle of the road” had been temporarily repaired. He also received confirmation that the Fifth Street trail improvements were planned but could be postponed.

8. For Possible Action: REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED 2018 CCABMW BUDGET REQUEST, AS PREPARED BY MEMBER GIL YANUCK.

(5:29:48) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Member Yanuck gave background, distributed a budget packet, and reviewed the budget line items, including the Commission meeting locations, dates, and related

expenses. He also clarified the government budgeting, unspent funds, and the reimbursement processes at the request of Chairperson Boehmer, who relayed that NDOW Director Wasley had stressed the importance of face-to-face communication and presence.

(5:42:30) – MOTION: I move to approve the budget proposal as presented and submit it by May 9, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:42:37) – Mr. Voltz noted that at the last Commission meeting in Las Vegas, five CABs attended the Friday meeting and six attended the Saturday meeting. He also believed that there is no compelling reason to travel to the meeting location when it can be accomplished via video conferencing. Member Green noted that he had attended the off-site meetings as a private citizen and via video conference; however, sometimes the technology did not work correctly. Member Yanuck stressed the importance of in-person meetings and after meeting activities to walk away with good ideas.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Green
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

9. For Possible Action: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

(5:46:35) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item. Vice Chair Martin announced that the deer education link on the Carson City Website is live with links to NDOW as well. He also noted that Open Space, the City’s IT Department, NDOW, and the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension are compiling a series of bear education and training programs, important this year because bears will be hibernating longer and will be hungrier for that reason. He added that the information will also be posted on the City’s website when available.

10. For Possible Action: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CURRENT LEGISLATIVE REPORT ISSUED BY THE NDOW COMMISSION AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

(5:49:15) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and referenced the material included in the members’ packets. He gave updates on the bills that the Commission is supporting and stated that he had attended the legislative sessions either in person or by phone. There were no member or public comments.

11. For Possible Action: CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS. *(For additional information on the action items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Commission/Agenda/). The items agendized hereafter, as 11-A through 11-D, are consent agenda items. They are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Although a member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether or not to pull an item from the consent agenda. There will be no public comment unless an item is pulled for separate discussion and action.*

(4:08:20) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item.

(4:09:22) – MOTION: I move to approve the consent agenda items with the exception of item 11C.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

11-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 466, PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (“PIW”) DRAWING, CHANGES TO NONRESIDENT RESTRICTED DEER TAG, AND CHANGES TO BIG GAME RETURN CARD QUESTIONNAIRE DEADLINE, LCB FILE NO. R140-16 - MANAGEMENT ANALYST MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission will hold a second workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”). This regulation defines the term “main drawing”; revises the order in which the Silver State Tag drawing, PIW tag drawing, and main tag drawings are conducted; authorizes an applicant for a nonresident restricted deer tag to apply for a nonresident deer tag in the PIW tag drawing and the Silver State tag drawing in the same year; and revises the big game return card questionnaire deadline from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

A workshop was held in Las Vegas on March 25, 2017. The commission requested a second workshop due to questions the commission had: (1) What are the effects on the applicant and the party if the applicant is drawn for the PIW tag? (2) Why are the predator and / or other fees not collected when applying for PIW? (3) What is the nonresident process for applying for PIW?

11-B. For Possible Action: DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION TAG PROGRAM - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING. *The Department will provide a briefing to the commission on the existing Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, recent history, and management options. The commission will discuss and may direct the Department to develop a draft Commission Regulation regarding options for the Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program.*

11-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 17 - 13, 2017 BIG GAME QUOTAS FOR THE 2017 - 18 SEASON - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MIKE COX, CODY SCHROEDER, CODY McKEE, AND PAT JACKSON. *The commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, black bear, and mountain goats for the 2017 - 18 seasons.*

(4:10:40) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and invited Kyle Neill of the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to participate in the discussion. Vice Chair Martin suggested discussing in detail the specific species that are of interest to the Board members versus all the species outlined in the Commission’s agenda, materials which are incorporated into the record, adding that he wished to discuss the Mule Deer and Black Bear quotas. Chairperson Boehmer noted that he was interested in the two species as well.

(4:15:05) – Vice Chair Martin noted that the Black Bear quota and harvest recommendation were confusing; therefore he had contacted Carl Lackey, NDOW Wildlife Biologist, and a guide who believed NDOW was “trying to limit pressure”. Discussion ensued regarding the mobile bear population. Vice Chair Zuber was informed that a phone number was available to tag owners about availability. Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:23:35) – Fred Voltz noted that during the earlier discussion he had not heard consideration to preserve the bears. He also believed that receiving information from guides was “irresponsible” as they had a “proprietary interest”. Bobbie McCollum inquired about the current population of bears in Nevada and was informed they were between 400 and 600. Ms. McCollum noted that those numbers were the same as the previous year and the year before that. Mr. Baily inquired about the success rate of hunters for the purpose of purchasing fur to make fishing flies.

(4:29:21) – Chairperson Boehmer moved the discussion to Mule Deer quotas. Vice Chair Martin inquired about the seven percent decrease in Mule Deer population which he attributed to feral horse population increase, and to the loss of habitat due to fire and drought. Mr. Neill explained that habitat improvement activities were taking place; however, improvement was slow and may not have been noticed. Discussion ensued regarding quota recommendations in different areas and for different hunt. Chairperson Boehmer entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:45:21) – Jim Davis introduced himself as a member of Clear Creek Bowmen and noted that hunts 192 Early and 192 Late can “increase hunter opportunity and not do damage to the herd”. He also recommended that the quotas not be reduced and “should stay the same, if not raised”. Don Stocks, also with Clear Creek Bowmen, suggested increasing the tag numbers for the above-mentioned hunts to increase the number of applicants. He also noted that the success ratios have been down due to decreased number of archery tags. John Valley of Carson City also introduced himself and inquired about the overall seven percent decrease in statewide Mule Deer tags and was informed that not all hunts and areas received the same decreased numbers. He also believed that the presence of urban deer, especially in the cemetery area, are causing a coyote problem, and recommended decreasing the tags in different areas. Mr. Voltz noted that hearing about hunter opportunity without being concerned with scientific proof, calling the discussion “a subjective gut reaction”. Mr. Davis disagreed, noting that years of scientific data has been compiled by NDOW regarding the increase and decrease of herds, drought data, and snowstorms. He added that the hunts work; however, loss of habitat has been the major influence on the reduction of the herd. Ms. McCollum requested clarification on the public comment process, which she believed was allowed once per person and not a dialogue. Mr. Yu explained that it was up to the Chair to allow one or more public comment per individual. Chairperson Boehmer believed that the topic was “pretty important” and did not want to limit individuals from expressing themselves. Mr. Voltz suggested presenting scientific data as an official part of the record in a meeting. Chairperson Boehmer entertained additional comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(5:58:34) – MOTION: I move that this Board support the recommendation of the Department for the 2017-2018 quotas for all species with the exception of Black Bear and Mule Deer. We support the Black Bear quota, but not support the harvest limit restriction. We also support the Mule Deer recommended quotas with the exception of hunts 192 an 194 as follows: we support the recommendation for rifle and illegal weapon quota for hunt number 1331 as 30 as proposed by the Department. Regarding hunt 1371 muzzleloader, that the quotas be as they were last year, 15 for hunt 192, and six for 194 and 196. As for hunt 1341, a quota of 20 for hunt 192 early, and for the [192] late we support the quota as proposed at 20, and for 194 early and late, as proposed 15 and 15.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Martin
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Boehmer, Martin, Green, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

11-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 17 - 14, 2017 LANDOWNER DEER AND ANTELOPE COMPENSATION QUOTAS - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING. *Landowner deer and antelope compensation quotas are set annually, according to NRS 502.145, at 1.5 percent of the total deer and antelope quotas. The 1.5 percent is generated from the total deer and antelope quotas, which are established in CR 17 - 13. As a result of this cap being established, the deer and antelope damage compensation tag allocations for the 2017 season may exceed the 1.5 percent statutory cap. The commission may vote to adopt a regulatory model that changes the allocation of the tags to meet the statutory cap.*

12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE MAY 12 AND 13, 2017 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN RENO.

(5:52:14) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and noted that he would attend both days of the meeting and present the previously-discussed quotas. There were no public comments.

13. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING.

(5:53:20) – Chairperson Boehmer noted that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for June 23 and 24, 2017 in Las Vegas. Therefore, the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is, therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 19, 2017. There were no public comments.

14. Informational Item: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:54:19) – Chairperson Boehmer introduced the item and Member Green noted that he had received feedback that police & Fire watercraft do not have invasive species stickers; however, his research indicated that there was no statute to exempt them. Mr. Neill indicated that NDOW boats had stickers. Vice Chair Martin wanted to reinstate the “other wildlife agenda items” in addition to regulatory items on this Board’s agenda. He also requested an update on the restocking of Bassett and Comins Lakes. Mr. Neill confirmed that both lakes were fully stocked and were fishable.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:00:38) – There were no public comments.

16. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(6:01:05) – Chairperson Boehmer entertained a motion. Vice Chair Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Yanuck. Chairperson Boehmer adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 19th day of June, 2017.

 ROB BOEHMER, Chair