MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Monday, August 6, 2019 ● 4:00 PM Community Center Sierra Room 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Gene Green

Vice Chair - Robert Boehmer

Member – Michael Evans

Member - Kirk Stewart

Member - Daniel Thompson

Staff

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:03:18) – Chairperson Green called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Gene Green, Chair	Present	
Robert Boehmer, Vice Chair	Present	
Michael Evans	Present	
Kirk Stewart	Present	
Daniel Thompson	Present	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:03:56) – Led by Chairperson Green.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:04:45) – Chairperson Green entertained public comments. C.K. Baily introduced himself and reported on the activities of the Carson City Fly Fishing Club. He explained that Mr. Stan Zuber had taught an introductory class on fly fishing to 22 individuals at the Carson City Community Center on July 12 and 13, 2019. Mr. Baily also reported on a successful Mason Ortiz Outdoor Youth Skills Camp on July 19, 2019 until July 21, 2019. Additionally, he praised Carson City Parks and Recreation, especially Recreation Program Manager Eric Klug, for hosting a Kids' Fishing Symposium for approximately 140 children.

(4:16:39) – Chairperson Green wished to address a letter, incorporated into the record, he had received from the Elko County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Chair Jim Cooney regarding shed hunting regulation amendments. Vice Chair Boehmer wished to understand the issue better, and Member Evans believed that shed

antlers collected after a certain time may be too bleached to be used for items such as chandeliers. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed recommendations and commercial entities that ae using State resources without compensation.

(4:30:21) – Mr. Baily believed that the recommendation [presented by the Elko CABMW] is "not ready yet to be just flat given". He also believed that commercial shed hunting would damage the environment. Chairperson Green noted that since the item was not agendized, the Board could not give or decline its support to the proposed amendments. However, he believed that he could give his opinion as an individual. Vice Chair Boehmer was in favor of "some sort of compensation to the State for this [shed antler] resource". Chairperson Green explained that he would provide input as a private citizen at the next Commission meeting.

4. For Possible Action: ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 19, 2019.

(4:08:40) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and entertained comments and/or a motion. Vice Chair Boehmer noted that he had requested a report from Member Yanuck and it had not been noted as a future agenda item.

(4:10:05) – MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2019 as amended.

RESULT: APPROVED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Evans SECONDER: Stewart

AYES: Green. Boehmer, Evans, Stewart, Thompson

NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS None
ABSENT: None

5. Informational Item: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

(4:10:22) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer noted that 6-7 urban deer had been hit over the past summer in Carson City alone. He also announced multiple bear sightings and reminded everyone that Waste Management provided bear-proof trash containers for those who needed them, and noted several coyote incidents. Chairperson Green suggested volunteering to help neighbors who may not be able to move the heavy bear-proof trash containers.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. A member of the advisory board may request an item be pulled for separate discussion and action, but the advisory board chair retains discretion in deciding whether or not to pull an item from the consent agenda. (For additional information on the items to be considered within this action item, please visit the Nevada Department of Wildlife website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/ under agenda and corresponding support material).

(4:41:29) - Chairperson Green introduced the items. Vice Chair Boehmer wished to pull item 6B from the consent agenda.

Support 6A and 6B Boehmer/Evans.

6-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 485, TAG TRANSFER, DEFERENCE, AND RETURN PROGRAM, LCB FILE NO. R022-19.

At the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' August 9 and 10, 2019 meeting, Management Analyst Kailey Taylor will present information and the commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code. This regulation would provide direction for allowing the transfer, deference, or return of tags under certain extenuating circumstances after the passage of Assembly Bill 404 of the 80th Legislative Session.

6-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE WORKSHOP SESSION.

At the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' August 10, 2019 meeting, Nevada Department of Wildlife representatives will provide an overview of the quota and tag setting process, beginning with the collection of field data and concluding with the draw process, using mule deer as the primary example. The following topics will be presented:

- (1) MULE DEER SURVEY AND INVENTORY. Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder will provide an overview of the methods and strategies used to inventory mule deer abundance, distribution, and herd composition;
- (2) MODELS AND POPULATION ESTIMATES. Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder will provide an overview of how survey and inventory data, along with other statistical parameters like age-specific survival estimates and information on migration, are used to estimate population size and trend;
- (3) **DEVELOPMENT OF QUOTAS FROM SURVEY AND POPULATION DATA.** Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder will provide an overview of how quota recommendations are developed based on a targeted management objective, like post-season mule deer buck to doe ratio, using data on harvest success and hunter demand (often referred to as the demand success formula); and
- (4) THE DRAW PROCESS. Mitch Strobl, of Kalkomey Enterprises, LLC, representing the Department's vendor which accepts hunt applications and conducts the random draw for hunting tags, will provide an overview of the process involved in accepting applications, managing bonus point accrual, assigning random numbers, and conducting the random draw.
- (4:43:45) Chairperson Green introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer noted that the above-mentioned workshops were for County Advisory Board (CAB) members "to help you understand what the Commission is wanting you to collect from your counties" and the types of recommendations to make. He also suggested that CAB representatives report back as a future agenda item. Vice Chair Boehmer also recommended watching the workshops on YouTube or following via remote conferencing and believed the Board should support the item.
- (4:48:46) MOTION: I move to support both items (6A and 6B) on the consent agenda with the intent that those attending the workshops will report back, and those who cannot attend in person tune in or watch remotely.

(4:49:06) – Chairperson Green was also in support of the item and offered to work with Staff to agendize the item.

RESULT: APPROVED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Boehmer SECONDER: Evans

AYES: Green. Boehmer, Evans, Stewart, Thompson

NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS None
ABSENT: None

7. NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS

Other than those items listed under the CCABMW consent agenda (item 6, above), the remaining items on the attached August 9 and 10, 2019 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda typically require no action of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Occasionally, one or more advisory board members may have a desire to discuss these items and such discussion may result in action in the form of advice or a recommendation by this advisory board to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. There will be no public comment unless action will be taken on an item.

(4:52:25) – Chairperson Green introduced the item. Vice Chair Boehmer noted that the previously-discussed letter by the Elko CAB Chair was referenced for discussion as item 7-B. Chairperson Green recapped the earlier discussion as:

- In and out of state tags with limits.
- "Do not shorten on the front side of the season."
- Workshops for public comment.
- Compensating the State.

(4:55:10) – Discussion ensued regarding the shortened seasons and Vice Chair Boehmer suggested understanding the intent of shortening the front and the back end of the season. The Board was also in agreement with issuing tags and limits, especially to commercial entities. Chairperson Green entertained public comments.

(5:00:46) – Mr. Baily believed that public education was necessary and that shed antler collection should be treated like a hunt.

(5:03:29) – MOTION: I move to support item 7-A through 7-D as written, with the caveat that the Chair relay the discussion and the Board's thoughts.

(5:03:56) – Member Evans wished to discuss item 7-C and the Board was in agreement that the smart scope technology was changing too fast. Vice Chair Boehmer restated the motion.

(5:06:46) – AMENDED MOTION: I move to support items 7-A through 7-D with the caveat that the Chair relay the discussion and the Board's position on item 7-B and bring back the workshop discussion to the Board regarding item 7-C at the next meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED (5-0-0)

MOVER: Boehmer SECONDER: Thompson

AYES: Green. Boehmer, Evans, Stewart, Thompson

NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS None
ABSENT: None

7-A. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LANDOWNER COMPENSATION TAG COMMITTEE REPORT.

At the Board of Wildlife Commissioners' August 9 and 10, 2019 meeting, Landowner Compensation Tag Committee Chair Brad Johnston will present a report on the committee's recent meeting held on August 8, 2019.

7-B. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES REGARDING SHED ANTLER COLLECTION.

At the Board of Wildlife Commissioners' August 9 and 10, 2019 meeting, Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed will present information regarding the seasonal closure on shed antler collection, including possible alternatives for future consideration.

7-C. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING "SMART SCOPES".

At the Board of Wildlife Commissioners August 9 and 10, 2019 meeting, Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed will present information regarding the current legal status of archery and rifle "smart scopes" which have an internal range finding function and compensate for target range and /or angles.

7-D. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE PROJECT UPDATES.

At the Board of Wildlife Commissioners' August 9 and 10, 2019 meeting, Nevada Department of Wildlife Director Tony Wasley will present updates on ongoing projects and programs, as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings.

8. For Information Only: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE AUGUST 9 AND 10, 2019 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN ELY, AND THE SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21, 2019 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING IN LAS VEGAS.

(5:08:10) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and noted that he would be attending the August meeting in Ely. He also offered to go to participate via videoconference in Reno on September 20 and 21, 2019. The Board was also in favor of having former Vice Chair Gil Yanuck attend the meeting in Las Vegas.

9. For Information Only: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:11:11) – Chairperson Green introduced the item and suggested adding an agenda item to receive a report on the previous Commission meeting from the Chair. Member Boehmer wished to receive a report from Mr. Yanuck regarding the Fallon Naval Range and Training Center and Nevada Test and Training Range.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:15:00) – Chairperson Green entertained public comments. Mr. Baily received clarification regarding the Reno video conferencing of the next NDOW meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the meeting start time.

11. For Possible Action: ADJOURNMENT

(5:20:10) – MOTION: Chairperson Green adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

The minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 17th day of September, 2019.

GENE GREEN, Chair