

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, March 21, 2022 ● 4:30 PM
Community Center Bonanza Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

Board Members

Chair – Daniel Thompson **Vice Chair – Corbett Fleming**
Member – Gene Green **Member – Robert Boehmer**
Member – Kirk Stewart

Staff

Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:33:10) – Chairperson Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Daniel Thompson, Chair	Present	
Corbett Fleming, Vice Chair	Absent	
Gene Green	Present	
Robert Boehmer	Present	
Kirk Stewart	Present	

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(4:33:27) – Led by Member Green.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:33:51) – Chairperson Thompson entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 24, 2022

(4:34:18) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(4:34:23) – Member Boehmer moved to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE AND ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CARSON CITY URBAN WILDLIFE COMMITTEE.

(4:34:39) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item. Although there were no items to report regarding the Carson City Urban Wildlife Committee, Member Boehmer suggested that one of the Members contact the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) about an effort to develop some sort of campaign for Carson City based on NDOW’s Urban Wildlife Month, which Member Boehmer had mentioned to the Carson City Board of Supervisors (BOS). He elaborated on how the effort may involve some communications with the community and inform the community about the different NDOW webinars. He added that he would contact NDOW on the matter if the Board was in favor of him doing so as well as report back to the Board at the next WAB meeting.

6. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR ON THE JANUARY 28 AND 29, 2022 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

(4:38:46) – Member Green and Chairperson Thompson reported on the January 28 and 29, 2022 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting.

7. 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 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).

(4:54:01) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and entertained requests to pull items from the Consent Agenda. He wished to pull items 7.C and 7.D.

(4:55:10) – Member Green moved to accept Consent Agenda items 7-A and 7-B as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 4-0-0.

7-A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO OFFER COMMENT TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LITIGATION REPORT. *At its March 26, 2022 meeting, a Deputy Attorney General will present to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners a report on litigation, as an informational item. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the litigation.*

7-B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO OFFER COMMENT TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE (“TAAHC”) REPORT. *At its March 26, 2022 meeting,*

a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on the recent TAACH meeting. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the report.

7-C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, REGULATIONS AND POLICY (APRP) COMMITTEE REPORTS. *At its March 26, 2022 meeting, a report will be provided to the Nevada Board of Commissioners on the following recent APRP Committee meetings.*

***Commission Policy 10, Heritage Tags and Vendors – Third Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a third reading of Commission Policy 10, Heritage Tags and Vendors, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management – Second Reading**

Page 3 The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a second reading of Commission Policy 31, Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Management, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program – Second Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a second reading of Commission Policy 33, Fisheries Management Program, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety – First Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a first reading of Commission Policy 40, Statewide Boating Safety, and may make any necessary changes and may decide to move it to a second reading.

***Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds – Second Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a second reading of Commission Policy 63, Protecting Wildlife from Toxic Ponds, and may take action to repeal, or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 64, Input on Land, Sales, Transfers, and Exchanges – Second Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a second reading of Commission Policy 64, Input on Land, Sales, Transfers, and Exchanges, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas – Second Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a second reading of Commission Policy 65, Designation of Wildlife Management Areas, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

***Commission Policy 67, Feral Horses and Burros – Second Reading**

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will have a second reading of Commission Policy 67, Feral Horses and Burros, and may take action to repeal, revise or adopt the policy.

(4:55:46) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and referenced the agenda materials. During discussion on the item, Chairperson Thompson recommended supporting the item as written, with which

Member Green agreed and commented that “it’s just getting so out of hand” in regards to the expanding populations of free-roaming feral horses and burros.

(5:47:30) – Member Boehmer was concerned about the labeling of “[thriving] natural ecological balance” in Commission Policy 67 not being defined because advocacy groups may “run with that and misconstrue that, . . . and could tie a lot of action, any action that would be worthwhile action, could tie that up for just indefinitely to where it’s too late.” He wished to have the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners acknowledge that the carrying capacity changes all the time and “the more horses, the more damage is done, that carrying capacity goes down.” He also stated that there needed to be a management plan in place in order to gather enough data and pointed out that the numerical information was not accurate with consideration to the current tolls. Chairperson Thompson agreed with Member Boehmer’s input. Member Boehmer suggested challenging the data to be accurate, inquiring about what is being done to obtain accurate data, and prompting consideration of a management plan, and Member Stewart that there should also be clarification on what the management plan is. Member Stewart commented that there did not seem to be a plan from any agency at this point to do something about the matter.

(5:06:09) – Commissioner Boehmer moved to support item 7-C with the concerns as articulated during discussion. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

7-D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 22-10, 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. 2022 – 2023 SEASON. *At its March 26, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2022-2023 season and adopt regulations consistent with proposed regulations Page 4 framework for the 2022-2023 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.*

(5:06:42) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item, and discussion ensued, during which the agenda materials were referenced.

(5:18:51) – Chairperson Thompson recommended a motion to support item 7-D with the additions to “ensure that we’re going to whatever [the] end date is set by the feds [so] that we’re utilizing the entire season, second that we look at eliminating the break in season, and then the potential of starting later or not corresponding with the opening of upland.”

(5:19:26) – Member Boehmer so moved. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

***** **END OF CONSENT AGENDA** *****

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2023 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. *At its March 26, 2022 meeting, the draft Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners for review. A report from the Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC) Meeting, held on February 10th will be shared with the Commission. All comments from the Commission, PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and any other interested publics will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at the March 2022 meeting. Five proposed Mule Deer Enhancement Predator Management Projects submitted by MDEP subcommittees and approved by the MDEP Oversight Committee will be considered for inclusion in the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Predation Management Plan. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment on the plan.*

(5:19:54) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item, and Member Boehmer indicated that he supported the item based on the agenda materials. During discussion on the item, Chairperson Thompson commented, “I see nothing wrong with an aggressive plan that they have set forth here as a sportsman and a hunter.”

(5:22:31) – Member Green moved to support agenda item #8. The motion was seconded by Member Boehmer and carried 4-0-0.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING APPROVAL FOR ELK DAMAGE PAYMENT EXCEEDING \$10,000. *An assessment of elk damage on Granite Peak Ranch in White Pine County, totaling \$19,170.00, was completed by Department personnel, and submitted for reimbursement by Bruce Hubbard, agent for the property. Per NAC 504.421 Section 1(f), “A loss on one site must be limited to \$10,000, unless the Commission determines that a claimant may be paid more, and there is sufficient money to pay him or her.” At its March 26, 2022 meeting, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners will need to approve the elk damage claim so the Department can pay the claim. The CCCABMW may desire to offer public comment.*

(5:24:44) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item, referenced the agenda materials, and entertained discussion. He recommended taking a neutral stance on the item and entertained a motion.

(5:27:20) – Member Boehmer moved to take a neutral stance on item #9. The motion was seconded by Member Stewart and carried 4-0-0.

10. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENT(S) TO THE MARCH 25 AND 26, 2022 MEETING AND MAY 6 ND 7, 2022 MEETING.

(5:27:53) – Chairperson Thompson introduced the item and indicated that he could commit to the March 26, 2022 portion of the March 25 and 26, 2022 meeting. Member Boehmer stated that he may be able to “tune in” to the March 25, 2022 portion of the meeting.

11. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:31:09) – Chairperson Thompson entertained suggestions for future agenda items. Member Boehmer noted that he would try to have a report for the Urban Wildlife Committee to present at the next WAB meeting.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:30:36) – Chairperson Thompson entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(5:32:04) – Chairperson Thompson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

The minutes of the March 21, 2022 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved on this 2nd day of May 2022.