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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2012, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Jim Davis

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (5:37:45) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. A quorum was present. Members Martin and Valley were absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:38:05) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2011. (5:38:24) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to approve the November 28, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Davis.** Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 3-0.**

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:39:06) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to approve the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by member Davis. Motion carried 3-0.**

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES. (5:39:43) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Member Davis disclosed that he had misunderstood agenda item 11A of the November 28, 2011 meeting, and noted that he would change his vote to “yes” regarding Agenda item 11, Consent Agenda. Therefore, the motion to approve agenda item 11 would carry unanimously.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (5:42:37) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item, and explained that he had heard from Member Martin that the Group was working with Tony Wasley, Wildlife Staff Specialist, to finalize their recommendations.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE DECEMBER 2 AND 3, 2011 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (5:43:15) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the Southern Nevada Water Authority Resolution generated much discussion. He added that the red fox and wolf topics were also debated. Jack Robb, Nevada Wildlife Commission Vice Chairman, noted that whether the wolf would have a predator or big game status was discussed, adding that big game species status would allow the submission of a management plan to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Chairman Yanuck received clarification that if a wolf destroys livestock, the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) could not intervene on behalf of the rancher. Tom Cavin noted that Nevada had “opted out” because “we were never supposed to be part of a wolf plan to begin with”. In response to a question by Member Davis, Mr. Cavin confirmed that wolves would survive in Nevada, “especially in the northeast corner where there's elk”.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ITEMS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AS PART OF A REGULATION WORKSHOP DURING THE FEBRUARY 3, 2012

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WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION DURING THE FEBRUARY 4, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

8-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION NUMBER 396, LCB FILE NO. R051-11 - INTERNET CONTINGENCY - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. (5:53:30) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and stated that the first discussed item addressed the contingency in case of an internet disruption during the submittal of a hunting application, and was agreed that “the director would have the ability to delay the closing [date] for up to three days”, and that the Commission would allow an extension beyond three days.

8-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 402, LCB FILE NO. R055-11, CHANGES TO NAC 502.345 RELATIVE TO BIGHORN SHEEP AND SWANS - GAME DIVISION CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON AND WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX. (5:55:04) – Chairman Yanuck read the proposed changes for this item. Carl Lackey, NDOW Biologist, explained that indoctrinations were no longer mandatory because of the regulation change to hunt any ram. Commissioner Robb noted that the mandatory indoctrinations were cumbersome, especially for the out-of-state hunters. Discussion ensued regarding the collection of ram heads from previously-dead rams. In the form of public comments, Kevin Law clarified the law that stated “you can’t have any body part of an animal without the head”. Chairperson Yanuck suggested that any accidental find or shooting should be reported to the game wardens immediately, adding that he would relay all the comments heard tonight to the Commission at the next meeting.

8-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 403, LCB FILE NO. R078-11, UNIT BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION CHANGES TO NAC 504.210 - GAME DIVISION CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON. (6:13:30) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Steve Walker, Carson City resident, requested information on the swan tags, specifically for junior hunts. Chairperson Yanuck read the proposed regulation regarding the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, clarifying that a hunting license was not needed for youth under the age of 12, with a permit. Mr. Lackey clarified that some of the unit boundary changes were due to the water levels at Lake Mead.

8-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 404, LCB FILE NO. R091-11, RADIO TELEMETRY AND SATELLITE TRANSMITTER REGULATIONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST TONY WASLEY. (6:21:34) – Chairman Yanuck read the proposed regulation and explained that the changes were due to “some people were tracking collared animals”. Mr. Lackey explained that the frequencies they work with are not accessible to the public; however, a current deer project frequencies were in the range that houndsmen used for dogs. He also added that the law was needed because the hunting of a collared animal would also cause the loss of expensive collars and useful data.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE FEBRUARY 3 AND 4, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

9-A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY (“SNWA”) GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - SNWA DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ZANE MARSHALL.

9-B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: BEAR COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER MCNINCH. (6:24:18) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Commissioner Robb noted that the Bear Committee meeting had not occurred yet as “it was formally announced in the last week and a half”, and was put on the agenda in error.

9-C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: FEDERAL LANDS DESIGNATION - COALITION FOR NEVADA’S WILDLIFE PRESIDENT LARRY JOHNSON.

9-D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER

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9-E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (“WAFWA”) MID-WINTER CONFERENCE UPDATE - VICE CHAIRMAN ROBB, COMMISSIONER DREW, AND DIRECTOR KEN MAYER.

9-F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.

9-G. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:25:32) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Vice Chairperson Zuber moved to pull items 10-A, 10-C, 10-D, 10-E, 10-H, and 10-I. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. Motion carried 3-0.

10-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REQUEST FOR ANTELOPE FROM THE YAKAMA NATION IN WASHINGTON STATE - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX. (6:33:55) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Ken Cavin, a member of the public, requested information on “where those antelopes will be trapped? And will they be available to the public once they are given to a separate nation?” Mr. Lackey explained that a potential trapping operation would take place sometime later in February in Humboldt County. Mr. Cavin was concerned about being able to afford 100 antelope from the existing herd, and about the fact that they would be hunted. He suggested that the Yakama Nation request the antelope from Wyoming, where they are abundant. Chairman Yanuck thanked Mr. Cavin for his input and noted that he would escalate it to the Commission.

10-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: REQUEST FOR DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP FROM THE UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX.

10-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12-1, BLACK BEAR SEASON - GAME DIVISION CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON. (6:36:44) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and stated that he had received many comments regarding the bear hunt, and that they were incorporated into the record. He noted that most were opposed to the hunt and a few were opposed to the use of hounds. He added that the upcoming Commission meeting would address the setting of “some specifics”. Chairman Yanuck also solicited the Board’s and the public’s input regarding this agenda item. Tom Cavin explained that he did not have a tag, but was a participant of the bear hunt helping a friend. He noted that they did not harvest a bear and he did not want to see the season shortened. He believed that the current season mirrored California, and he did not see a real reason to change that. In response to a question by Chairman Yanuck, Mr. Cavin clarified that he had avoided the Tahoe Basin and “stayed generally in the Sweetwaters” and saw “a lot of bears”. He also called it “a learning process” and a “conservative quota and tags”. Chairman Yanuck noted that most of the response had been against the bear hunt and that the hunters had not defended the hunt publicly. In response to a question by Member Davis, Mr. Lackey clarified that the bears did not hibernate until mid-December. Discussion ensued about hunting in the Tahoe Basin, and the reasons why most of the bears were hunted in the Sweetwater and Pinenut areas. Ken Cavin explained that he had participated in this year’s bear hunt with his son, and commented that the nobearhunt.org website had to be held accountable, because they were posting “half-truths”, because the “clicker on their website” noted 2,000 signatures, and they were “touting 50,000 signatures”. Mr. Cavin also noted that many of the signatures on the nobearhunt.org site were by persons from different states and countries. Mr. Walker explained “as hunters we we’re trying to do the right thing most of the time”, and proposed “to go forward for about three years without any change”. Chairman Yanuck noted that the Bear Committee comprised many experienced people, and he felt strongly that the Commission should be supported and the season to go forward. **Member Davis moved to keep the same bear hunt regulations as last year. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Zuber.** Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Discussion ensued regarding hunting in the Tahoe Basin, and Commissioner Robb noted that no new recommendations would come from the Bear Committee prior to the start of the hunting season. Chairman Yanuck called for a vote. **Motion carried 3-0.**

(7:21:42) – Chairman Yanuck called for a 10-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

10-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 11-03, AMENDMENT #1, BIG GAME SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS MIKE COX AND TONY WASLEY. (7:31:05) – Chairman Yanuck

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introduced the item. Mr. Walker inquired about the bull elk recommendation. Discussion ensued regarding muzzle-loader hunt locations. Landowner tags during muzzle-loader season and the overlap of the rifle and bow hunts were two areas of concern, and Chairman Yanuck confirmed that he would escalate these issues at the next Commission meeting.

10-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 11-06, AMENDMENT #2, 2012 WILDLIFE HERITAGE, SILVER STATE, AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE TAGS - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. (7:46:55) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Commissioner Robb updated the Board on the different tags, such as the Heritage, Silver State, and Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) tags and seasons, and discussed the proposed amendment to the regulation. Discussion ensued regarding bighorn sheep tags, and Commissioner Robb verified that the add-on tags would not have a biological impact.

10-F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 07-07, AMENDMENT #9, OVERTON - KEY PITTMAN HUNTER RESERVATION SYSTEM - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.

10-G. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12-03, 2013 HERITAGE TAG REGULATION - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER.

10-H. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12-04, 2012 DREAM TAG REGULATION - PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. Jack Robb item

•10-I. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: HERITAGE PROGRAM UPDATE - DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. – (8:01:18) Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Commissioner Robb noted that \$47,400 was returned by Dr. Maxell as he elected not to do a project. He stated that a mule deer collaring project would utilize \$20,000 - \$25,000 of those funds and the balance would be allocated to a disease monitoring program, and for “track and transplant”. He also noted that a season date change was being proposed for Heritage Tag holders, to support the “ordinary hunter”.

•HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER WALLACE.

•HERITAGE ACCOUNT REPORT - DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES.

•REALLOCATION OF HERITAGE PROJECT #12 - 27, MAXELL GLOBAL TECH.

•COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 407 - WILDLIFE HERITAGE TRUST FUND.

10-J. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER MCNINCH.

10-K. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - CHAIRMAN MCBEATH.

11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE TO THE NOVEMBER 20, 2012 ORMSBY SPORTSMEN’S ASSOCIATION MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD. (8:06:09) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the Ormsby Sportsmen’s Association had requested that one or two members from this Advisory Board attend their November 20, 2012 meeting and present to them the role of the County Advisory Boards.

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (8:07:21) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and informed the Board that a stakeholder meeting including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, and NDOW was held in the previous week at the State Legislature, and “the house was packed”. The bi-state population and the greater Sage Grouse were discussed, noting that the timing was more critical for the bi-state area, and that a revised conservation plan was distributed. Chairman Yanuck stated that the

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US Fish and Wildlife Service had given the population in the bi-state area a rating of 3, due to the lack of regulatory controls. He added that the consensus was for BLM and US Fish and Wildlife Service to create a plan for the Conservation Team to implement. He also noted that private land owners were looking for conservation agreements with assurances.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET.

14. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS. (8:15:55) – Chairman Yanuck stated he would attend the next Commission meeting.

15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. (8:16:05) – Chairman Yanuck noted that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners was scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2012 in Reno, therefore the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife would be held on March 19, 2012.

16. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF. (8:31:25) – Ms. Warren noted that she had received an e-mail from Member Valley stating he would be absent.

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (8:16:35) – Chairperson Yanuck introduced the item. Commissioner Robb explained that he had been approached by sportsmen regarding deer hunting in the outskirts of Douglas and Washoe counties and Reno, where they had pursued deer into residential neighborhoods. Therefore, he was looking into a boundary line adjustment along the western front of the three counties, to avoid a potential hunter conflict. Chairman Yanuck noted that the Tri-County Deer Restoration Working Group could be the body to assume this added responsibility of the encroachment. In response to public comment from Kevin Law, Chairman Yanuck explained that firearms could not be discharged within municipal districts. Commissioner Robb expressed concern about bow hunting as well, and he wished to be proactive to avoid problems. He also offered his support. Discussion ensued regarding the creation and changes of boundaries. It was agreed to consult with the Open Space Department.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT (8:31:51) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

19. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (8:32:11) – Vice Chairman Zuber moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

The minutes of the January 30, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 19th day of March, 2012.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman