CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014, in the CITY HALL CAPITOL CONFERENCE ROOM, 201 NORTH CARSON STREET, CARSON CITY, NEVADA.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
- 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**** The public is invited, at this time, to comment on and discuss any topic that is relevant to or within the authority of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.
- 3. For possible action: ELECTION OF ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2014
- 4. For possible action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES December 2, 2013
- 5. For possible action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 6. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES. Any member of the advisory board who may wish to explain any contact with the public regarding an item on the agenda or business of the advisory board.
- 7. For Possible Action: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP. These recommendations may be forwarded to the Nevada Wildlife Commission.
- 8. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
- 9. Informational Items: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE JANUARY 31 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2014 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. A report on each of the following informational items will be provided by a Nevada Department of Wildlife representative or a Wildlife Commissioner at the upcoming Commission meeting.
 - 9-A. MID-WINTER WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES CONFERENCE REPORT SECRETARY TONY WASLEY AND COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH. A report will be provided on the recent mid-winter conference held in Corpus Christi, Texas.
 - **9-B. DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2015 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY.** The draft FY 2015 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review and input.

- **9-C.** MUZZLELOADER SMOKELESS POWDER DEFINITION CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The commission will hear and consider conceptual alternatives to the current muzzleloader regulation (NAC 503.142). This agenda item is a result of a petition to amend NAC 503.142 to allow for Blackhorn 209 as a legal powder for muzzleloaders. This petition was withdrawn by the petitioner. The commission will provide direction to the Department as to the potential development of a regulation, specifically amendments to NAC 503.142.
- **9-D. SAGE GROUSE UPDATE SECRETARY TONY WASLEY.** Secretary Wasley will provide an update on the status of sage grouse.
- **9-E.** TRAPPING COMMITTEE REPORT COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH. A report will be provided on the recent Trapping Committee meetings.
- **9-F. BEAR COMMITTEE REPORT COMMISSIONER DAVID McNINCH.** A report will be provided on the recent Bear Committee meeting.
- **9-G.** HERITAGE REPORT DEPUTY DIRECTOR CATES. A report will be provided on the funds available (interest and principal) for expenditure form the Heritage Trust Account in the upcoming year.
- 9-H. LITIGATION REPORT SENIOR DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON
- 10. For Possible Action: REQUEST FOR DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP FROM THE UTAH DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX. The commission will be asked to approve a request from the State of Utah for desert bighorn sheep to be released in Utah.
- 11. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION WORKSHOP FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st. The following items are agendized for the Board of Wildlife Commissioners meeting as part of a Commission Regulations workshop, on Friday, January 31st.
 - 11-A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 416, SHED ANTLERS, LCB FILE NO. R155-12 CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The commission will consider the adoption of a regulation and also take public comment pertaining to the impact of this regulation on small businesses relating to shed antlers; requiring a permit for the commercial taking of shed antlers from the field; authorizing a person to take shed antlers from the field for a noncommercial purpose during a certain period or at any time of the year upon completion of an educational course for the noncommercial taking of shed antlers; prohibiting the sale, trade, or barter of shed antlers taken for a noncommercial purpose; and providing other matters properly related thereto. The need for the shed antler regulation is to reduce disturbance of big game animals, by shed antler hunters, during the critical time of year when these animals' energy reserves are at a low. The need for such a regulation was initially expressed by the White Pine County Advisory Board with support from the Lincoln County Advisory Board.

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> 11-B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 430, GUIDE LICENSE CHANGES, LCB FILE NO. R053-13 - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI. The commission will consider the adoption of a regulation and also take public comment pertaining to the impact of this regulation on small businesses relating to guides; revising provisions relating to the issuance and renewal of a license as a master guide or subguide permitting a master guide to use the services of another master guide or a subguide licensed under another master guide in certain circumstances; removing territorial limitations imposed by the State on the operation of master guides; revising the grounds for denying an application for a license or for revoking or suspending a license; extending the period within which a master guide must notify the Department of Wildlife after terminating the employment of a subguide; revising provisions governing the licensure of habitual violators and the submission of records relating to the clients of a master guide; expanding the circumstances under which a client must physically accompany the master guide or subguide during the entire pursuit and taking of an animal; and providing other matters properly related thereto. The need for the guide regulation is to update the existing guide regulations that were requested by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association. The changes are designed to streamline the guide license application process and address other changes requested by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Board.

11-C. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 442, REMOVE TRUCKEE RIVER FISHING TACKLE RESTRICTIONS, LCB FILE NO. R140-13, CHIEF JON SJÖBERG.

The commission will consider the adoption of a regulation and also take public comment pertaining to the impact of this regulation on small businesses relating to fishing; removing the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from Crystal Peak Park to the California state line, from the waters restricted to use only artificial lures with single barbless hooks; and providing other matters properly related thereto. NDOW proposes to change the special fishing regulations (use of artificial lures and single barbless hooks only) for the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line. This change will make fishing regulations consistent for the entire river, helping to alleviate tackle confusion among anglers and allowing greater angling opportunity. In conjunction with the recently modified, reduced possession limit of three fish for the Truckee River, this regulation change is expected to have a neutral effect on resident sport fish populations in the affected reach.

11-D. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 443, WILDLIFE GRANTS PROGRAM, LCB FILE NO. R141-13 - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES. The commission will consider the adoption of a regulation and also take public comment pertaining to the impact of this regulation on small businesses relating to wildlife; requiring the Department of Wildlife to establish a grant program to provide funding to facilitate wildlife restoration activities and research; and providing other matters properly related thereto. The need for the grant program regulation is to consolidate, clarify, and streamline the Department of Wildlife's process to award funds for special projects. The Department of Wildlife currently uses a variety of granting and contracting processes for special project funds. This regulation will facilitate consolidation into a unified grant process to clarify rules for applicants and to streamline administrative processes.

- 12. For possible action: ADOPTION OF COMMISSION REGULATIONS:
 - 12-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 13-04, BIG GAME SEASONS, AMENDMENT #1 WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX AND CODY SCHROEDER. The commission will consider amending the 2014 (2014-15) hunting season dates, special hunt eligibility, animal gender, physical characteristics, legal weapon requirements, and hunt boundary restrictions, for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat; emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas; dates and times for indoctrination courses; establishing the 2014 (2014 15) antlerless elk landowner hunt structure and statewide quotas; and establishing the 2014 any legal weapon resident and nonresident pronghorn hunts 2151 and 2251 seasons that were not previously set. Note: Support material sent separately from the Game Division.
 - 12-B. For Possible Action COMMISSION REGULATION 14-03, 2014 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINE AND INFORMATION PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission will consider the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application deadline and information.
 - 12-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-04, 2014 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The commission will consider the adoption of language regarding 2014 big game tag application eligibility.
 - 12-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-05, 2014 SILVER STATE TAG AND PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE SEASON AND QUOTAS PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX. The commission will consider the adoption of the 2014 Silver State Tag and Partnership in Wildlife hunt species, seasons, and quotas.
 - 12-E. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-06, 2014 DREAM TAG SEASONS, PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX. The commission will consider the adoption of the 2014 Dream Tags seasons.
 - 12-F. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-07, 2015 HERITAGE TAGS SEASONS AND QUOTAS PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER AND BIG GAME BIOLOGIST MIKE COX. The commission will consider the adoption of the 2015 Heritage Tag hunt species, seasons, and quotas.
 - **12-G. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-08, BLACK BEAR SEASONS WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY.** The commission will consider adoption of 2014 (2014 15) hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal gender, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. *Note: Support material sent separately from the Game Division.*

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- 12-H. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 14-09, 2014 (2014 15) MOUNTAIN LION SEASON OPEN UNITS AND HARVEST LIMITS WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST PETE BRADLEY. The commission will consider the adoption of 2014 (2015 15) mountain lion hunting season harvest limits, hunting hours, and special regulations. Note: Support material sent separately from Game Division.
- 12-I. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 442, REMOVE TRUCKEE RIVER FISHING TACKLE RESTRICTIONS, LCB FILE NO. R140-13 CHIEF JON SJÖBERG. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; removing the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line, from the waters restricted to use only artificial lures with single, barbless hooks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. Note: See support material under agenda item #7C. NDOW proposes to change the special fishing regulations (use of artificial lures and single, barbless hooks only) for the Truckee River and diversion ditches and tributaries above the I-80 bridge which is upstream from the Crystal Peak Park to the California state line. This change will make fishing regulations consistent for the entire river, helping to alleviate tackle confusion among anglers and allowing greater angling opportunity. In conjunction with the recently modified, reduced possession limit of three fish for the Truckee River, this regulation change is expected to have a neutral effect on resident sport fish populations in the affected reach.
- 12-J. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 443, WILDLIFE GRANTS PROGRAM, LCB FILE NO. R141-13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES. The commission will consider a regulation relating to wildlife; requiring the Department of Wildlife to establish a grant program to provide funding to facilitate wildlife restoration activities and research; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. *Note: See support material under agenda item #7D.* The need for the grant program regulation is to consolidate, clarify, and streamline the Department of Wildlife's process to award funds for special projects. The Department of Wildlife currently uses a variety of granting and contracting processes for special project funds. This regulation will facilitate consolidation into a unified grant process to clarify rules for applicants and to streamline administrative processes.
- 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
- 15. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for March 21 and 22, 2014 in Reno. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Management Wildlife is, therefore, tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014.

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- 16. Informational Item: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF
- 17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- **18. PUBLIC COMMENT** -** The public is invited, at this time, to comment on any matter that is not specifically included on the agenda as an action item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda.
- 19. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

** PUBLIC COMMENT LIMITATIONS - The Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will provide at least two public comment periods in compliance with the minimum requirements of the Nevada Open Meeting Law prior to adjournment. In addition, it is the advisory board's aspirational goal to also provide for item-specific public comment as follows: In order for members of the public to participate in the public body's consideration of an agenda item, the public is strongly encouraged to comment on an agenda item when called for by the chair during the item itself. No action may be taken on a matter raised under public comment unless the item has been specifically included on the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. The chair also retains discretion to only provide for the Open Meeting Law's minimum public comment and not call for or allow additional individual-item public comment at the time of the body's consideration of an item when: (1) it is deemed necessary by the chair to the orderly conduct of the meeting; (2) it involves an off-site non-action facility tour agenda item; or (3) it involves any person's or entity's due process appeal or hearing rights provided by statute or the Carson City Municipal Code.

AGENDA MANAGEMENT NOTICE: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

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NOTICES: The Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any citizen who wishes to attend this meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact Kathy King at 775-283-7412 or, in writing, at 201 North Carson Street, Suite 1, Carson City, Nevada 89701, as soon as possible.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting day and has been posted before 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at the following locations: Carson City Hall, Carson City Courthouse, Carson City Library, Carson City Community Center, Carson City Planning Division, and on the City's website: www.carson.org

On some occasions, three or more members of this Advisory Board will be in attendance at Nevada Wildlife Commission meetings, which are publicly noticed. These are informational meetings and no action will be taken by the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on those occasions. Information obtained at the Wildlife Commission meetings may be agendized and acted upon at the next regular meeting of the Advisory Board.