

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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A meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Walker
Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
Jennifer Derley
John Valley

STAFF: Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the recording secretary during the meeting are public record, on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. These materials are available for review during regular business hours.

1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0008) - Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Zuber was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0011) - C.K. Baily advised of having attended a legislative hearing, together with Vice Chairperson Yanuck, regarding a NDOW license plate design.

3. DISCLOSURES (1-0033) - None.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS' TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE (1-0035) - Commissioner Jim Jeffress provided background information on the formation of the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee ("TAAHC"), and reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a question, he advised that once the TAAHC reviews all the input received, feedback will be provided to the county advisory boards and the commission. He responded to questions regarding the process for receiving public and county advisory board input. In response to a further question, he advised that the TAAHC will review previous surveys for additional background information. Discussion followed regarding input received thus far.

(1-0458) Jim Davis, representing the Clear Creek Bowmen, expressed a preference for "the deer hunt [to] go on just as it's always gone on." With regard to trophy tags, he suggested "people that have accumulated max bonus points, that each year they take a portion of that pool, that max bonus point. Say you had 200 people that had max bonus points for the elk hunt, you would take 25 percent of that or 50 percent of that or whatever number they feel is equitable, and draw those tags first. So those 200 people would go into a pool, they'd draw 25 percent, and they get a tag. Those that didn't draw would go into the regular pool. That way, you start eliminating, a lot of people are frustrated because ... in three different animal categories I have 14 points. That's 14 years of putting in and then you talk to this guy, 'I just got to the state and I drew an elk tag and a sheep tag.' I just want to shoot the guy. It's frustrating. ... You put in every year, you go out and you scout, look for the animals because you know you're going to get a tag and it doesn't

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happen. So that would eliminate some of these max bonus points people that are so frustrated. And most of the people that I talked to said they would like to see, when you draw a deer tag, that after a deer tag you can only draw one trophy tag ... elk, one of the three different species of sheep, and the goat ...” Mr. Davis responded to questions of clarification. He advised of having received input that hunters are willing to acknowledge the limited resource, and a preference for more hunter opportunity. He advised of having conversed with archers in Reno, Carson City, Yerington, Elko, and that the input he provided represented “what a lot of people have said.” He discussed frustrations over hunter opportunity, and responded to additional questions of clarification.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of adequately publicizing the TAAHC process, and preserving habitat. Commissioner Jeffress advised that Mr. Davis’ points had been covered in different county advisory board meetings.

Member Valley advised of having distributed the agenda materials to co-workers and friends. He received input which expressed a preference, with regard to tag allocation, for being able to review hunt area allocations prior to the application due date. Additional input included a preference for allowing youth to retain their bonus points as they move into adulthood; allowing group application for the first two choices and individual application for the remainder; establishing a senior draw and a military draw; a suggestion to add to the post-hunt survey a question about the number of animals observed. He provided a brief overview of the Arizona draw system, as explained to him by a former Arizona resident. Chairperson Walker conveyed a suggestion regarding non-resident sheep tags, and discussion followed.

(1-1003) C.K. Baily discussed the complexity of the tag allocation process, and suggested this as one of the problems.

Following discussion regarding the TAAHC process, Commissioner Jeffress advised of having received input from two public meetings, that an e-mail was sent to all NDOW staff, and that NDOW employees, as individuals, have provided input.

Chairperson Walker called for additional comments; however, none were forthcoming. Commissioner Jeffress emphasized that these meetings represent the start of a process. In response to a question, he advised of a preference to have developed a draft for presentation to the county advisory boards and the Wildlife Commission by next fall. He discussed the eventual involvement of Systems Consultants in providing information on other states’ processes. Wildlife Commission Chairman Chris MacKenzie discussed the importance of keeping in mind costs associated with implementing new processes. In response to a question, he advised there were 118,000 applications submitted this year. He discussed possible reasons for the perception that hunting participation has decreased. Mr. Davis responded to additional clarifications of his suggestions. Additional discussion took place regarding various suggestions and input received thus far. Commissioner Jeffress commented that the issue is “squarely in the laps of sportsmen.” He referred to an earlier comment that carrying higher buck ratios does not translate to larger bucks. Additional discussion took place regarding the TAAHC process. Chairperson Walker called for additional comments or discussion; however, none was forthcoming.

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5. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF - None.

6. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1474) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the January 29, 2007 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 26th day of March, 2007.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair