

# **CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE**

## **Minutes of the September 19, 2005 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2005 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck  
Wes Clyde  
Jennifer Derley  
Stan Zuber

**STAFF:** Kathleen King, Recording Secretary

**NOTE:** A tape recording of these proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office, and is available for review during regular business hours.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (1-0007) -** Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker was absent.

**2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 1, 2005 (1-0014) -** Member Derley moved to approve the minutes. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0018) -** None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0024; 3020) -** Commissioner MacKenzie expressed appreciation for the Board members' diligence in attending and participating in Wildlife Commission meetings.

**5. DISCLOSURES (1-0028) -** Member Zuber reported that a NDOW Fisheries Biologist provided a presentation on proposed fishing regulations at the last Carson Fly Fishing Club meeting. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of a discussion with a Mule Deer Foundation representative regarding the White Pine Community Education Center project.

**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL FROM CARSON HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR JOHN VALLEY TO INCUBATE CHUKAR AND QUAIL EGGS AS PART OF AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY CLASS PROJECT (1-0053) -** Mr. Valley provided background information on this item, and advised of having discussed the project with NDOW Biologist Carl Lackey. Mr. Lackey expressed concerns with regard to releasing the birds in June. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of having discussed the proposal with NDOW Wildlife Staff Specialist Craig Mortimore, who informed him that pen-raised wild birds don't fare well when released into the wild. Discussion took place regarding possible alternatives, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck described a program at Yerington High School which could be adopted by Carson High School. Mr. Valley thanked the Board members for their support.

**7. PRESENTATION BY NDOW FISHERIES BIOLOGISTS REGARDING PROPOSED FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 2006 THROUGH 2008 (1-0213) -** NDOW Fisheries Biologists Patrick Sollberger and Mike Sevon presented the sport fishing regulations and fish stocking recommendations, copies of which had been provided to the Board members. Mr. Sevon acknowledged that a book about

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fishing in Nevada, authored by Mark Warren, is soon to be released. Mr. Sollberger discussed stocking recommendations for the Fuji Park Pond, and provided a status report on the pond project. Discussion followed.

(1-0810) C.K. Baily advised that the Carson Fly Fishing Club ("CFFC") discussed the recommendations for Marlette and Spooner Lakes following the NDOW presentation. He advised of the CFFC's recommendation to designate Spooner Lake as a put-and-take fishery. With regard to Marlette Lake, he advised that the CFFC supports a zero limit. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sollberger and Mr. Sevon responded to questions regarding the Onion Creek Reservoir, limit regulations, the New Zealand mud snail, and reasons for no longer considering pike as a game fish. Mr. Sollberger reviewed revisions to pertinent language of the Nevada Administrative Code, and NDOW's fishery classification system.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS REGARDING NDOW'S PROPOSED FISHING REGULATIONS FOR 2006 THROUGH 2008 (1-1919) - Member Clyde moved to accept the recommendations, as written by NDOW. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided the Board's written recommendation to Mr. Sollberger.

Vice Chairperson Yanuck welcomed Wildlife Commission Chairman Chris MacKenzie. He recessed the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

**9. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 5, 2005 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1987) -** Vice Chairperson Yanuck noted that none of the Board members were able to attend. He referred to the draft minutes included in the Commission agenda materials, and noted the new Wildlife Commissioners were in attendance at the last meeting. He discussed the Outdoor Education Center in White Pine County, and provided background information on season setting policies based on a discussion with Craig Mortimore. He expressed an interest in developing a petition to establish fixed upland game and waterfowl seasons and regulations.

**10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the September 23 and 24, 2005 Wildlife Commission meeting and may be acted upon by the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife with one action and without extensive hearing. Any member of the Board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting (1-2134) - **Member Clyde moved to address item 10-L separate from the consent agenda. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Member Derley moved to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**10-A. ACTION REGARDING LICENSE APPEAL HEARING - ROB BUONAMICI.** Mr. Brad Quilici is appealing loss of license privileges.

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**10-C. ACTION REGARDING PETITION OF STEPHEN F. KWAPICH.** The Commission will review a petition to change or add to regulation so that hunters may use a rifled choke tube or rifled barreled shotgun to hunt deer in addition to the smooth bore shotgun that is now legal. The Commission will consider the petition and may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

**10-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 330 - SERVICEMEN TAG DEFERMENT - MAUREEN HULLINGER.** This proposal makes temporary regulation permanent that allows active military personnel who have been mobilized and deployed outside the state after receiving a resident big game tag to receive an identical privilege in the following year. Note: See item #3 for support material. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and for Commission action on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**10-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 334 - GUIDES - CAMERON WAITHMAN.** The Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association has requested regulation to change the examination period for subguides to year-round for convenience of applicants and record maintenance procedures, and adjusts the deadline for submission of applications from December 1 to December 31 due to open big game hunts during December. In addition, this regulation allows for denial of a license for outstanding warrant of arrest in any state. Note: See item #4 for support material. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and for Commission action on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**10-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 335 - ARTIFICIAL LURES - RICHARD HASKINS.** The proposed regulation would add Andorno Creek, Coleman Creek, and the North Fork of Battle Creek to the list of waters in Humboldt County where only artificial lures with single barbless hooks may be used and deletes Spooner Lake in Douglas County and Schroeder Reservoir in Lincoln County. These proposed regulation changes are consistent with changes in management strategies for these waters. Note: See item #5 for support material. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and for Commission action on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**10-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 336 - FISH CLASSIFICATION - RICH HASKINS.** The proposed changes would remove Northern Pike from the list of game fish and add it to the list of prohibited species. New Zealand mud snail would be added to the list of prohibited mollusks. A provision is proposed to be added where live game fish taken under the authority of a fishing license or fishing permit may not be transported alive from the water where taken. Note: See item #6 for support material. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and for Commission action on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**10-H. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 337 - WILDLIFE HERITAGE - PATTY WAGNER.** The proposed regulation revises the duties of the Secretary of the Commission to annually report the funds available for expenditure in the Wildlife Heritage Account. Note: See item #7 for support material. *This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and for Commission action on September 24<sup>th</sup>.*

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**10-I. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 05-19, AMENDMENT #1 - CRAIG MORTIMORE.** The Commission will consider amending the Overton Wildlife Management Area special regulations to allow fall turkey hunters to pursue turkeys on the Area.

**10-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 05-20, AMENDMENT #1 - CRAIG MORTIMORE.** The Commission will be asked to correct the 2005 hunting season dates for canvasback ducks.

**10-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 05-21, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS - RICH HASKINS.** The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, for the period of March 1, 2005 to February 29, 2008. Note: Please see Department publication entitled *Recommendations for Fishing Seasons and Regulations* mailed under separate cover.

**10-L. ACTION REGARDING COALITION FOR NEVADA'S WILDLIFE PETITION.** The Commission will consider a request to review its Policy 24 regarding allocation of nonresident tags. The Commission will consider the petition and may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition (1-2197) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on this item, and an overview of the petition included in the Commission agenda materials. Member Clyde pointed out that no policy will ever "appease everybody." He expressed support for the MacKenzie Formula, and the opinion that it was the most fair approach to the non-resident tag allocation issue. Commissioner MacKenzie advised of having heard various responses, and anticipated an interesting discussion at the Commission meeting. Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested modifying Policy 24 to establish a maximum non-resident tag allocation. He disagreed with eliminating Policy 24. Commissioner MacKenzie responded to questions regarding implementation of the MacKenzie Formula. **Member Clyde moved to accept the petition, at this point. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**

**11. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 2005 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.** A report and additional detail 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 (1-2639) - Neither the Board members nor the citizens present had any comment regarding the informational items.

**11-A. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH**

**11-B. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WAYNE HOWLE**

**11-C. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING RANGE - COMMISSIONER LURIE**

**11-D. ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER LURIE**

**11-E. ELK SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS REVIEW - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN**

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**11-F. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY**

**11-G. WHITE PINE COUNTY ELK SUB-PLAN - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN**

**11-H. MULE DEER SPECIES POLICY PLAN COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER MacKENZIE**

**11-I. STANDARD OPENINGS FOR HUNTING SEASONS - PATTY WAGNER**

**11-J. BUDGETS AND REVENUE REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH**

**11-K. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - DON SEFTON**

**11-L. 2005 BOATING SEASON - ED LYNGAR**

**11-M. RENO URBAN WILDLIFE PROGRAM - LAURA RICHARDS**

**11-N. COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGY - LAURA RICHARDS**

**11-O. PUBLICATIONS AND NDOW WEBSITE - KELLY CLARK**

**11-P. CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM PLANNING - KELLY CLARK**

**11-Q. LOBBY KIOSKS - KELLY CLARK**

**11-R. SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLANNING UPDATE - SHAWN ESPINOSA**

**11-S. OPEN MEETING LAW - BRYAN STOCKTON.** The Commission has requested additional information and guidance concerning presentation of individual Commissioners' ideas or items such as budget and litigation.

**12. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-2695)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the August 19, 2005 report included in the agenda materials. He advised of an upcoming meeting scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> in Smith Valley.

**13. BUDGET REPORT - GIL YANUCK (1-2792)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the Board's budget had been augmented.

**14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-2817)** - Member Zuber volunteered to attend the Friday session of the Commission meeting.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for November 18 and 19, 2005 in Las Vegas (1-2838) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. (1-2995) Member

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Clyde advised he would be in Las Vegas during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with his employment.

**16. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-2858)** - Ms. King advised that a possible quorum of the Board would be noticed to attend the Open Meeting Law presentation by Deputy Attorney General Neil Rombardo scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**17. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-2889)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested staff to agendize discussion and possible action to draft a petition with regard to adjusting season starting dates. Mr. Valley requested to agendize discussion regarding the possibility of establishing a draw option for cow elk tags in the depredation areas. Mr. Valley further requested to agendize discussion to develop a statement from the Board advising against taking food into the wildland interface area for the animals.

**18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-3353)** - Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Member Derley seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the September 19, 2005 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

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STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair