

CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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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, March 26, 2007 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck
John Valley
Stan Zuber

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)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker was absent.
2. **ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 29, 2007 and February 5, 2007 (1-0013)** - Member Valley moved to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded and carried 3-0.
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA (1-0021)** - None.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS (1-0024; 1-1005)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck commended Kevin Baily on the Wayne E. Kirch Award.
5. **DISCLOSURES (1-0027)** - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that he had sent various forms of written correspondence regarding various legislative bills, as a private citizen.
6. **DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING WRITTEN STATUS REPORT ON THE URBAN FISHING POND PROJECT AT THE CARSON CITY FAIRGROUNDS PROVIDED BY PARK PLANNER VERN KRAHN** - None.
7. **REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 2007 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING** - None.
8. **ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the March 30 and 31, 2007 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 (1-0052) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item and called for requests to remove consent agenda items. When none were forthcoming, he entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. **Member Valley moved to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.**

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- 8-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 347 - TEMP. LCB FILE - RICH HASKINS.** The proposed change would add all species of the genus *Dreissena* to the list of prohibited mollusks. This genus contains two aquatic species of concern, the zebra mussel and the quagga mussel, both of which are known as invasive species which can cause serious environmental damage once established. *Note: This item is agendized as an informational workshop on Friday, March 30th and for commission action on Saturday, March 31st.*
- 8-B. ACTION REGARDING 2006 LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU AUDIT REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER**
- 8-C. ACTION REGARDING WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.** The commission will discuss and may write a letter to seek assistance from elected and appointed officials for adequate funding for wild horse management in Nevada.
- 8-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 333 - LCB FILE NO. R R107-05 - STEVE ALBERT.** Amends current regulation regarding convictions for violations, demerit points, and denial of licenses; taking of bobcats and processing pelts; hunting a mountain lion after release from a trap; reporting mountain lions killed accidentally or in defense of life or property; definitions of “visit” and “cause to be visited” relating to trapping; nonresident trapping; disposal of the carcasses of trapped wildlife; trapping within a certain distance of exposed bait; completion and return of reporting forms or questionnaires.
- 8-E. ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION - CHAIRMAN MacKENZIE.** The commission will hear a report from the commission’s legislative committee and may vote to support or oppose proposals to the 2007 session of the Nevada State Legislature.
- 8-F. ACTION REGARDING WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY.** The commission is being asked to amend the Fiscal Year 2007 predator management plan to include project 20 - Virgin Mountains Lion Removal.
- 8-G. ACTION REGARDING LINCOLN COUNTY ELK DAMAGE ARBITRATION PANEL - RUSS MASON.** The commission will consider appointment of several individuals to the Lincoln County Elk Damage Arbitration Panel.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 30 AND 31, 2007 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 (1-0072) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item, and opened discussion of items 9-E, 9-I, and 9-J. (1-0317) Vice Chairperson Yanuck called for additional questions or comments. Kevin Baily expressed an interest in any report or discussion which takes place at the commission meeting regarding items 9-A, 9-B, 9-C, and 9-T. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of these items, and advised that a report could be provided at the next board meeting.

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- 9-A. CORRESPONDENCE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER.** The commission will review and may discuss written items sent or received by the commission since the last regular meeting.
- 9-B. LAKE MEAD HATCHERY UPDATE - CHIEF OF FISHERIES RICH HASKINS.** Chief of Fisheries Rich Haskins will provide a report on the status of Lake Mead Hatchery issues.
- 9-C. QUAGGA MUSSEL UPDATE - CHIEF OF FISHERIES RICH HASKINS.** Chief of Fisheries Rich Haskins will provide a report on current quagga mussel issues affecting the state's waters.
- 9-D. DEPARTMENT BUDGET REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER**
- 9-E. TABLE MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT - GAME BIOLOGISTS SHAWN ESPINOSA AND MIKE SCOTT (1-0083) -** Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed various concerns associated with wind energy development, including sage grouse mortality; raptors; habitat destruction to accommodate wind energy equipment construction, construction, access, and distribution. He advised that the proposed development area is immediately adjacent to one of few remaining leks. In response to a question, Member Valley described the location of the proposed development. Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided background information on the proposed development.
- 9-F. FIRE SUPPRESSION COORDINATION - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE**
- 9-G. WILDERNESS STUDY AREA MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING - BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**
- 9-H. NEVADA WILDLIFE SYSTEM UPDATE - CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BOB HAUGHIAN**
- 9-I. STATE WILDLIFE GRANT PROGRAM - CHIEF OF WILDLIFE DIVERSITY LAURA RICHARDS (1-0164) -** Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed the sunset provisions associated with Question #1 funding in conjunction with the Fuji Park urban fishing pond. Ms. King advised that Mr. Krahn plans to present a status report on the project at the Board's May 7th meeting. Discussion took place, and Member Zuber offered to research the Question #1 sunset provisions.
- 9-J. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE ISSUED TAGS - CHIEF OF OPERATIONS BOB HAUGHIAN (1-0256) -** Vice Chairperson Yanuck expressed an interest in any report or discussion of this item at the commission meeting.
- 9-K. RAFFLES - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON**
- 9-L. NEVADA MULE DEER PLAN MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AREAS 6, 10, 19, AND 22 - RUSS MASON**

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- 9-M. UPLAND SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN - SHAWN ESPINOSA AND RUSS MASON**
- 9-N. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER**
- 9-O. LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON**
- 9-P. TAG ALLOCATION / APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS**
- 9-Q. CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING PARK - COMMISSIONER LURIE**
- 9-R. COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER**
- 9-S. SHED ANTLER SEASON - CHIEF GAME WARDEN ROB BUONAMICI**
- 9-T. MERCURY SAMPLING AND HEALTH ADVISORIES UPDATE - CHIEF OF FISHERIES KEN HASKINS**

10. INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERSHIP (1-0445) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item. Ms. King advised that although there had been several inquiries about the vacancy, Mr. Clyde was the only applicant. Vice Chairperson Yanuck opened this item to interview questions. Ms. King acknowledged that the term for which Mr. Clyde had applied would expire in July 2007. She suggested that, if the board took action to recommend Mr. Clyde to the Board of Supervisors, to also recommend extending the appointment through the remainder of the unexpired term and through to the next term.

In response to a question, Mr. Clyde advised that he had previously served on the board for a period of five years. He filled an unexpired term and then completed a three-year term. He acknowledged a willingness and an ability to commit to the board. In response to a question regarding his interest in serving as a board member, he listed, among other things, recruiting young people into hunting and fishing activities. Vice Chairperson Yanuck opened this item to public comment. (1-0597) Mr. Baily commended Mr. Clyde's character and abilities, and expressed appreciation for his comments.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN APPOINTMENT TO THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE (1-0620) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained a motion. **Member Zuber moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Wes Clyde to the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and, in addition, to recommend, since the term expires in July, extending the appointment through the next three-year term. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.** Vice Chairperson Yanuck congratulated Mr. Clyde.

12. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK (1-0647) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the next conservation team meeting is scheduled for April 26th. He provided an overview of discussion which took place at the last meeting. He advised of a number of projects which have been approved and are awaiting funding. He further advised that the U.S. Fish and

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Wildlife Service has determined there is no justification to emergency list sage grouse in the Mono Basin area. U.S.FWS representatives are certain the group requesting the emergency listing will submit another request. Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that the sage grouse population in the State of Nevada "is up substantially." He clarified there has been no determination as to whether the population has actually increased or there are simply "a lot more people out there looking and counting more birds." Vice Chairperson Yanuck commented that the sage grouse conservation plan is viable; "all we lack is funds." In response to a question, he offered to provide an area-by-area population breakdown and information on a method for reporting sage grouse sightings. Discussion followed.

13. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET REPORT - GIL YANUCK (1-0824) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck distributed to the board members and staff copies of the board's annual budget, and advised that it had been submitted to NDOW. He also distributed to the board members and staff the most recent per diem rates. Discussion followed, and he offered to send the board members the Excel spreadsheet version of the expense report. He anticipates that county advisory board budgets will be submitted to the commission at the May meeting.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-0961) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised of having forwarded an e-mail regarding room availability to the board members. Member Zuber had responded by indicating an interest in attending the next commission meeting in Las Vegas.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for May 11 and 12, 2007 in Reno (1-0975) - Consensus of the board members was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the schedule of commission meetings for the remainder of 2007.

16. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1065) - None.

17. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-1068) - None.

18. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-1261) - Member Valley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Minutes of the March 26, 2007 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting are so approved this 7th day of May, 2007.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair