A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2007 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Gil Yanuck

Wes Clyde 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 (1-0030) Vice Chairperson Yanuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Chairperson Walker was absent. Member Clyde arrived at 6:30 p.m.
- **2. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 18, 2007** (1-0035) Member Zuber moved to accept the minutes. Member Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA None.
- **4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** (1-0044) Kevin Baily advised of having provided public comment at the September 4, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in support of the \$50,000 residential construction tax application for the urban fishing pond project. He announced that NDOW Western Region Fisheries Biologist Matt Maples will address the Carson Fly Fishing Club at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3rd.
- 5. **DISCLOSURES** (1-0091) Member Valley advised of having recently talked with an antelope hunter in the Sheldon Range who, together with eight other members of his hunting party, expressed strong support for the common season opening dates. Member Valley discussed the same topic with individuals at four other campsites in the area who, after having the reasons for the common season opening dates explained, also expressed understanding and support for the decision. He further advised of having suggested to a Douglas County resident to attend a Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting to lodge a complaint about a nuisance bear.
- **6. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2007 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING** (1-0178) Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised there was no board representative in attendance at the August 10 and 11, 2007 commission meeting. He referred the board members to the draft minutes included in the commission agenda materials.
- 7. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendized for the September 21 and 22, 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 (1-0190) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced this item, and entertained requests, of the board members or the citizens present, to pull consent agenda items. Vice Chairperson Yanuck requested to pull item 7-D. He entertained a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Member Valley moved to accept the consent agenda, as presented, with the exception of item 7-D. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- **7-A.** ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #50 PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER. The Commission will conduct first and second readings, at the September 21st and 22nd meetings, respectively, to amend Commission Policy #50 to reduce the number of duck stamps ordered by the Department from 75,000 to 50,000.
- **7-B.** ACTION REGARDING GAME MANAGEMENT COMMISSION POLICY #21 CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON. The Commission will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy #21.
- **7-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 347 LCB FILE NO. R052-07 RICH HASKINS.** The proposed change will 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. Also deletes outdated language dealing with certain subspecies of elk previously listed as "alternative livestock." *Note: This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop during the September 21st meeting and for action during the September 22nd meeting.*
- 7-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 07-10, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS - RICH HASKINS. The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, for the period of March 1, 2008 to February 28, 2010. Note: Please see Department publication entitled, "Recommendations for Fishing Seasons and Regulations" mailed under separate cover (1-0221) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck introduced NDOW Fisheries Biologist Patrick Sollberger, who referred to the fishing regulations which had been provided to the board members. Mr. Sollberger advised there were no changes recommended for Carson City. He reviewed significant changes recommended for Clark County and for the eastern region of the state. He discussed a recommendation to place a limit on trout which NDOW is proposing to stock in the Martin Slough Pond on Gilman Avenue in Douglas County. He discussed NDOW's goal to provide for easily accessible fishing opportunities throughout the state. He noted the benefit of the location of Martin Slough "right in the city." He discussed the "balancing act" between stocking the Carson River as well as urban ponds. Discussion took place regarding the importance of recruitment into the sport of fishing. Mr. Sollberger advised that the East Carson River below Ruhenstroth Dam, as well as Centerville Bridge, are considered urban fisheries. He advised that the general limit for Douglas County is five trout, and that the regulation will become effective March 1, 2008.

In response to a question, Mr. Sollberger advised that NDOW has a list of certified fisheries from which fish can be purchased by private entities. Discussion followed. Mr. Sollberger responded to questions regarding regulations for Marlette Lake and regarding zebra and quagga mussels. He reviewed recommended changes in Lyon County. Vice Chairperson Yanuck called for additional questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, entertained a motion to accept the fishing

regulations proposed by the Department. **Member Zuber moved to accept the regulations, as published by the Department. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.** Vice Chairperson Yanuck thanked Mr. Sollberger for his presentation.

Member Zuber advised of having fished Spooner Lake on a couple occasions, and expressed support for the decision to redesignate the lake as a put-and-take fishery. Discussion followed. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Yanuck discussed resolution of previous issues regarding ice fishing at Spooner Lake.

- **7-E.** ACTION REGARDING APPRECIATION LETTER CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM. The Department was asked to draft a letter from the commission to be signed and sent by Commission Chairman Bentley to Governor Gibbons in appreciation for his dedication and continued support for addressing the wildfire and cheatgrass threats to the wildlife habitats and rangelands of Nevada.
- **7-F.** ACTION REGARDING DESERT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON. The Commission will be asked to review a draft letter to be signed and sent by Commission Chairman Bentley to the supervisor of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge encouraging the refuge supervisor to hire a sheep biologist and to implement management strategies to improve bighorn sheep recruitment on the refuge and encourage obtaining appropriate biological expertise for other refuge species.
- **7-G. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION POLICY #1 MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY.** The Commission will conduct a second reading of Policy #1 which was amended to add clarification to existing policy that certain months be designated for certain commission / department actions on the commission's calendar.
- **7-H. ACTION REGARDING 2008 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT.** In accordance with NRS 501.177 and Commission Policy #1, the Commission will be asked to approve a schedule of meetings and locations for 2008.
- 8. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 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 (1-1027) Vice Chairperson Yanuck entertained requests from the board members or the citizens present to designate certain items for discussion. Vice Chairperson Yanuck designated items 8-A, 8-E, 8-I, and 8-H.
 - **8-A.** SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY UPDATE CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM AND SUPERVISING FISHERIES BIOLOGIST JON SJOBERG (1-1076) Mr. Baily expressed concern with regard to this item, and Vice Chairperson Yanuck offered to convey information presented at the upcoming commission meeting.
 - 8-B. LION POPULATION RESEARCH STAFF GAME BIOLOGIST KEVIN LANSFORD

- 8-C. COMMISSION BUDGET ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER II DARALYN DOBSON
- 8-D. WATER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE CHIEF OF HABITAT DAVE PULLIAM
- **8-E.** CLARK COUNTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE CLOSURES JUAN PALMA, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (1-1082) Member Zuber advised of having recently discussed this matter with the Bureau of Land Management Chief Ranger in Clark County. He provided background information on the subject closures and associated issues. Discussion followed.
- 8-F. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION REGARDING COMMISSION'S BUDGETARY OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON
- 8-G. LITIGATION REPORT DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVID NEWTON
- 8-H. TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE ("TAAHC") COMMISSIONER JEFFRESS (1-1225) Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to the pertinent commission agenda materials, and noted the TAAHC recommendation to leave the existing regulations and application procedures as they are. He expressed concern over all the suggestions and recommendations submitted during the TAAHC process and the amount of time spent investigating the existing procedures. Member Valley advised of having attended an informational meeting of the TAAHC in Elko where Don Sefton reviewed all the data associated with the draw. Following the "three and a half hour" presentation, the TAAHC concluded that hunters with the maximum number of bonus points fare best with the existing system. "Their odds are still better this way. The only way that they would fix that is to say, 'We'll take a certain amount of those tags and allocate them to those upper people.' But that still doesn't mean they draw." Member Valley advised of a better of understanding of the draw system after having heard Mr. Sefton's presentation. He reviewed the procedure, and discussion followed.
- 8-I. DEPARTMENT BUDGET DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT (1-1400) Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to a memorandum, issued by Deputy Director Hunt in July 2007, regarding the fiscal year 2008 per diem rate change transition period. He advised that new travel regulations were approved during the last legislative session, to be effective July 1st. He read a portion of the memorandum into the record, and advised of an additional \$600,000 cost associated with the new regulations. He reviewed the new per diem rates and procedures, and expressed concern over the already-submitted advisory board budget. He advised he would be inquiring of Deputy Director Hunt whether or not the advisory board budget would need to be revised. Discussion took place regarding the mechanics of the new regulations.
- 8-J. AUDIT COMPLIANCE UPDATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT
- 8-K. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT DEPUTY DIRECTOR DOUG HUNT
- 8-L. ELK DAMAGE, ELK INCENTIVE, AND DEER / ANTELOPE COMPENSATION PROGRAMS CHIEF OF GAME RUSS MASON

- **9. REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM GIL YANUCK** (1-1605) Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the report which was distributed to the board members prior to the start of the meeting. He discussed the concern over, and efforts to increase, waning public / volunteer participation.
- 10. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET REPORT GIL YANUCK (1-1707) Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that funding had been allocated to the board's budget. As previously noted, he will be checking into the possibility of having to revise the budget according to the new per diem rates.
- 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS (1-1764) Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to the list of meetings, included in the commission agenda materials, for the remainder of 2007 and for 2008. He requested the board members to consider meetings to attend. He volunteered to represent the board at the upcoming commission meeting in Las Vegas.
- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next meeting of the Wildlife Commission is scheduled for November 2 and 3, 2007 in Reno. The next meeting of the CCABMW is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2007 (1-1800) Consensus of the board was to schedule the meeting for Monday, October 29th.
- 13. STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-1810) Ms. King referred to Member Valley's request, at the June 18th board meeting, for a status report on the fuels reduction project on the west side of town. She advised that Open Space Consultant Ann Bollinger will be preparing a written report which can be presented to the board at a future meeting. She conveyed Ms. Bollinger's findings from this year's fuels reduction project as related during a conversation which took place earlier in the day.
- **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (1-2019) Member Zuber advised that the BLM Pine Nut Plan may be published in the near future.
- **15. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (1-2047) Member Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The Minutes of the September 17, 2007 Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting are so approved this 29th day of October, 2007.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair