

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, September 17, 2012, in the BUSINESS RESOURCE INNOVATION CENTER, CONFERENCE ROOM A, 108 EAST PROCTOR 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. In order for members of the public to participate in the advisory board's consideration of an agenda item, the advisory board strongly encourages members of the public to comment on an agenda item 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 or vice chair retains discretion to only provide for public comment under a public comment item and not call for or allow individual-item public comment at the time of the advisory board's consideration of any item on the agenda involving: (1) an off-site tour by the advisory board; or (2) any person's or entity's due process appeal or hearing rights provided by statute or the Carson City Municipal Code
3. **For possible action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 6, 2012**
4. **For possible action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
5. **Informational Item: DISCLOSURES.** Any member of the Board who may wish to explain any contact with the public regarding an item on the agenda or business of the board.
6. **For Possible Action: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY WILDLIFE WORKING GROUP.** These recommendations may be forwarded to the Nevada Wildlife Commission.
7. **Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 10 AND 11, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING**
8. **Informational Items: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22, 2012 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.
 - 8-A. **Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT NEVADA UPDATE - BLM Deputy Director Raul Morales, Nevada State Office.** Deputy Director Morales will report on 2012 wildfires and wild horse management.

8-B. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF DESERT TORTOISE - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Las Vegas Assistant Field Supervisor Michael Senn. An update on the status of desert tortoise in southern Nevada will be provided, including current information on pet desert tortoise issues.

8-C. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING TRAPPING COMMITTEE - Commissioner McNinch. Commissioner McNinch will provide a committee report.

8-D. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING NDOW FISCAL YEARS 2014 / 2015 AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET - Deputy Director Patrick Cates. The commission will hear a report from the Finance Committee and the Department on the final Agency Request Budget submitted on August 31st to the Budget Division and the Governor for their consideration.

8-E. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATE ON LAKE MEAD FISH HATCHERY - Fisheries Division Chief Jon Sjöberg and Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Kelly. A report will be provided on the history of the hatchery facility at Lake Mead and the challenges it faces, including impacts from the low water level in Lake Mead as well as the quagga mussel infestation. Current ongoing work and future options and ideas for the facility will be presented.

8-F. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING APPLICATION HUNT 2012 DRAW REPORT - Don Sefton, Systems Consultants. Systems Consultants will present an interim annual report of the 2012 Big Game Draw. Information is presented in tables and charts and includes interim application, license and tag fees and counts, as well as bonus point and client statistics for the five draws already completed this year.

8-G. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING CHANGES TO TAG APPLICATION PROCESS - Chief of Operations Bob Haughian. The Department will present information to support a proposal to change the online tag application process to only accept online tag applications for 2013 and is also proposing to change NAC 502.422 to allow automating the reallocation of game tags returned by hunters, beginning in 2013.

8-H. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING WILD HORSE UPDATE - Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull. In accordance with the commission's request, Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull will provide an update on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

8-I. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING WILDFIRE UPDATE - Chief of Habitat Elmer Bull. Chief Bull will provide an update on wildfires that have occurred in Nevada this fire season, the primary wildlife species affected by those fires, and the rehabilitation efforts which are being or will be implemented in the burned areas.

8-J. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Secretary Mayer. Secretary Mayer will provide an update on the Governor's Sage Grouse Advisory Committee.

8-K. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING HERITAGE PROJECT DEADLINE REPORT - Deputy Director Patrick Cates. A report on the status of the 2011 and 2012 Heritage Projects will be presented.

8-L. Informational Item: DISCUSSION REGARDING LITIGATION REPORT - Senior Deputy Attorney General David Newton.

9. REGULATION WORKSHOP ITEMS. The following items will be presented as part of an informational workshop, including public comment, during the September 21, 2012 Wildlife Commission meeting and for possible action / adoption by the Wildlife Commission during the September 22, 2012 meeting.

9-A. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 419, LCB FILE NO. R158-12 - TRAPPING TRAIL CLOSURE - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to trapping; prohibiting trapping adjacent to specific trails and roads in Clark County.

9-B. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 399, LCB FILE NO. 148-12 - SPECIAL PERMIT - Southern Region Wildlife Diversity Supervisor Cris Tomlinson. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; to issue a special permit to allow a person to handle, move or temporarily possess any wildlife which is classified as protected under certain circumstances; setting forth the information which must be included in an application for the special permit; specifying the maximum period of validity of the special permit; requiring a holder of the special permit to submit a report to the Department within a certain period after the special permit expires; and providing other matters properly relating thereto; this regulation would allow for the movement and temporary possession of protected wildlife, i.e., Desert tortoise, Gila monster, out of harm's way as part of approved environmental compliance measures.

9-C. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 410, LCB FILE NO. R149-12 - GIZZARD SHAD - Chief of Fisheries Jon Sjöberg. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to fishing; providing that gizzard shad may be used as live bait fish in certain waters; and providing other matters properly relating thereto; the commission will consider taking action to make gizzard shad legal for anglers to capture and use as bait in Lake Mead, Lake Mohave, and the Colorado River in Clark County.

9-D. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 411, LCB FILE NO. R150-12 - UNIT BOUNDARIES - Game Division Chief Larry Gilbertson. The commission will consider and may take action to adopt area and corresponding unit boundary changes updated with current geographical descriptions and some new unit descriptions designed to simplify, clarify, or more accurately describe both hunt units for big game and wildlife units for the management of all species; the commission may adopt a regulation relating to wildlife; providing for the management of all wildlife within management areas established by the Department; revising the boundaries of certain management areas; creating new management units within certain management areas; and providing other matters properly related thereto.

9-E. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 412, LCB FILE NO. R151-12 - RANGE FINDING SCOPE - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to hunting; revising the prohibition against using a weapon that is equipped with a certain type of sight while hunting; and providing other matters properly related thereto; if adopted, the regulation would allow for the use of scopes with an internal range finder that casts a beam of light that is not visible to the human eye.

9-F. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 413, LCB FILE NO. R152-12 - AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - Chief of Fisheries Jon Sjöberg. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to aquatic species; classifying certain aquatic species of wildlife as aquatic invasive species and injurious aquatic species; and providing other matters properly related thereto; certain aquatic species have the potential to greatly alter aquatic environments and become economically damaging; classification of certain aquatic species as invasive and injurious will be discussed.

9-G. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 414, LCB FILE NO. R153-12 - DESERT TORTOISE - Southern Region Wildlife Diversity Supervisor Cris Tomlinson. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to desert tortoises; prohibiting a person from possessing more than one desert tortoise under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly related thereto; the wildlife commission will consider taking action to restrict the number of pet desert tortoises for adoption / possession as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to *one* per person as of the enactment date, January 1, 2013; pet desert tortoises in possession prior to ordinance are not affected by the regulation, only new possessions of pet desert tortoise; amendment is needed due to the over-breeding of pet desert tortoises in captivity primarily in southern Nevada.

9-H. COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 417, LCB FILE NO. R156-12 - CRAYFISH - Fisheries Division Chief Jon Sjöberg. The commission may adopt a regulation relating to crayfish; authorizing a holder of a permit to take crayfish from the waters of Lake Tahoe to sell the crayfish to a food wholesaler or restaurant for human consumption; requiring the buyer and the seller of the crayfish to retain certain records of the purchase; and providing other matters properly related thereto; a person may now obtain a permit to commercially capture crayfish from Lake Tahoe; discussion will occur regarding the sale of crayfish taken under this permit by wholesalers and restaurants.

10. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the September 21 and 22, 2012 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 advisory board or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda and acted upon separately during this meeting.

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10-A. For Possible Action: NORTHEAST NEVADA WILD HORSE ECO-SANCTUARY - Commissioner Jeremy Drew. The commission will review and discuss NDOW's response to the BLM's issuance of a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the potential impacts of the establishment of the Northeast Nevada Wild Horse Eco-Sanctuary; the commission may elect to submit a letter to the BLM in support of NDOW's comment letter.

- 11. Informational Item: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK**
- 12. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET**
- 13. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS**
- 14. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** The next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners is scheduled for December 7 and 8, 2012 in Reno. The next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2012.
- 15. Informational Item: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF**
- 16. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 17. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 18. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT**

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 887-2086, ext. 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, September 12, 2012 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.