

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, September 22, 2003 in the City Hall Capitol Conference Room, 201 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Steve Walker
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 and inspection during regular business hours.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM** (1-0008) - Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. A quorum was present.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 4, 2003** (1-0010) - Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chairperson Yanuck seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA** (1-0015) - None.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS** (1-0019) - None.
5. **DISCLOSURES** (1-0025) - Chairperson Walker advised of having participated in the Fish Out at Hobart Reservoir, together with NDOW staff.
6. **PRESENTATION BY NDOW STAFF REGARDING FISHING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS FOR 2003/2004 AND 2004/2005; DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE WILDLIFE COMMISSION** (1-0037) - NDOW Fisheries Biologist Patrick Sollberger referred to the regulations which were previously mailed to the Board members by NDOW staff. He distributed additional informational materials to the Board members, staff, and the citizen present. Chairperson Walker commended NDOW on the *Wildlife Almanac* publication. Mr. Sollberger reviewed changes to the regulations, and discussed a new fishery in Washoe County, Marilyn's Lake. In response to a question, he advised that imposition of limits on wipers caught out of Washoe Lake are not anticipated because of the temporary nature of the lake. Member Zuber agreed to follow up with Kim Tisdale, who is responsible for management of Washoe Lake. Mr. Sollberger responded to questions regarding the results of stocking Ash Canyon Creek last year. He discussed the condition of the road which crosses the creek, and advised that it is now impossible to access a higher point on the creek to stock fish. He discussed efforts to get the access road repaired, but advised that they have been futile thus far. Discussion took place regarding possible ways to improve the roadway using volunteer help.

Mr. Sollberger reviewed the Fish Stocking Recommendations. He responded to questions regarding the rate at which fish grow once they are stocked, depending upon the conditions. In response to a further question, he advised that the recommendations for Hobart Reservoir have not changed. He responded to

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additional questions regarding recommendations for the North Pond in Lyon County and carp eradication in the Carson River. Chairperson Walker thanked Mr. Sollberger for his presentation.

(1-1044) Kevin Baily read prepared remarks into the record, expressing the support of the Carson Fly Fishing Club for the fisheries recommendations for the next two years. He requested the Board to endorse NDOW's recommendations for fishing seasons and regulations March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2006 and to forward their recommendation to the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners for consideration at their next meeting.

Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the NDOW recommendations for the seasons beginning March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2006. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Discussion took place regarding the intent of the motion. Chairperson Walker called for a vote on the pending motion; **motion carried 5-0.**

Chairperson Walker recessed the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

7. STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FUJI PARK URBAN FISHERY

(1-1161) - Kevin Baily reported on a meeting, held August 8th, with various City staff, Tom Young of Lumos & Associates, and a fisheries consultant, who has since withdrawn from the planning process. Lumos & Associates is currently seeking another fisheries consultant. Mr. Baily responded to questions regarding the necessity of retaining a fisheries consultant. He advised that the purpose of the August 8th meeting was to develop a scope of work. The Question #1 bonds, which will fund the project, were to be sold on or around the 1st of September and the funds will be available at the end of September. Mr. Baily advised that Mr. Sollberger will serve as the lead biologist on the project. He responded to questions and discussion took place regarding the construction time table, revisions to the original design, and available water resources. Mr. Sollberger requested Ms. King to convey to Parks and Recreation Department staff the need to involve him in any future meetings. Discussion took place regarding a fishery which is being proposed for a private golf course/RV park in Carson City.

8. DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE AUGUST 8 AND 9, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-1532)

- Vice Chairperson Yanuck referred to the draft minutes of the Commission meeting which were provided to the Board members and staff. He provided an overview of the nomination process for NDOW Director, and the comments he provided in support of protecting sage grouse from falconers. He advised that, following a lengthy discussion, the Humboldt County Advisory Board representative withdrew the previously submitted petition for antlerless depredation hunts. The petition will be rewritten in the hope that it will be more acceptable to the Commission and the other county advisory boards. In response to a question, Vice Chairperson Yanuck advised that there were two Commissioners who believed the petition should be acted upon rather than allowing the Humboldt County Advisory Board to submit a revised petition. He advised that the Washoe County Petition to establish additional hunter opportunities for mountain lions was dismissed. He provided an overview of the presentation by Craig Mortimore on bag and possession limit recommendations. He advised that the November Commission meeting was canceled and that the next meeting is scheduled for December 5 and 6 in Reno. Chairperson Walker thanked Vice Chairperson Yanuck for his presentation.

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9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are agendaized for the September 26 and 27, 2003 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 (1-1694) - **Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Zuber seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.**

9-A. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 309 LCB FILE NO. R022-03 - ROB BUONAMICI. This proposed regulation provides the specific details for implementing the mandatory boating education requirement outlined in NRS 488.730 through 488.750. This was previously approved as a temporary regulation. *Note: This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 26th and as an action item on Saturday, September 27th.*

9-B. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 310 LCB FILE NO. R023-03 - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH. Revises regulation to establish a nonresident tag fee for mountain goat and allows nonresidents to apply for the mountain goat hunt. This was previously approved as a temporary regulation. *Note: This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 26th and as an action item on Saturday, September 27th.*

9-C. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 311 LCB FILE NO. R024-03 - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH. Reduces the time requirement for return of tag questionnaires in order to facilitate more timely receipt of harvest data and delivery of same to Nevada Department of Wildlife biologists and County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife. This was previously approved as a temporary regulation. *Note: This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 26th and as an action item on Saturday, September 27th.*

9-D. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 312 LCB FILE NO. R025-03 - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH. Reduces the time requirement for return of a restricted nonresident deer tag questionnaire in order to facilitate more timely receipt of harvest data and delivery of same to the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This was previously approved as a temporary regulation. *Note: This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 26th and as an action item on Saturday, September 27th.*

9-E. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 316 LCB FILE NO. R093-03 - RICH HASKINS. The proposed change would add the fathead minnow to the list of species authorized for sale by permitted bait dealers in the Western Region. This species is known to exist in certain waters of the region and is authorized for use as bait. *Note: This item is agendaized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 26th and as an action item on Saturday, September 27th. Support material sent separately.*

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9-F. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 317 LCB FILE NO. R094-03 - RICH HASKINS. This regulation proposes to change the status of the bullfrog to unprotected and the northern leopard frog to protected. The widely introduced non-native bullfrog has been identified as a threat to native amphibian and fish populations. A change in status would enable appropriate control measures and would eliminate the requirement of a fishing license to harvest bullfrogs. The northern leopard frog has reportedly experienced declines across its native range and statutory protection is warranted. *Note: This item is agendized as part of an informational workshop on Friday, September 26th and as an action item on Saturday, September 27th. Support material sent separately.*

9-G. ACTION REGARDING WILD HORSE MANAGEMENT - COMMISSIONER MORAN. The Commission will discuss and may take action to seek assistance from elected and appointed officials for improved wild horse and burro management in Nevada.

9-H. ACTION REGARDING WILDERNESS PLANS IN NEVADA - DOUG HUNT. The Commission will receive an update on the status of the rewrite of the Commission Wilderness Resolution and the progress on the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the federal agencies to facilitate wildlife management activities in wilderness designated under H.R. 5200.

9-I. ACTION REGARDING PREDATOR MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 - COMMISSIONER QUILICI. The Commission will hear a report on committee activities and consider project proposal recommendations for fiscal year 2004.

9-J. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 03-14, AMENDMENT #1, NONCOMMERCIAL COLLECTION SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR LIVE, UNPROTECTED REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS - RICH HASKINS. The Commission will hear a proposal to remove the northern leopard frog from the list allowing for the collection and possession of reptiles and amphibians. *Note: Support material sent separately.*

9-K. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-16, FISHING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS - RICH HASKINS. The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits, for the period of March 1, 2004 to February 28, 2006. *NOTE: Please see Department publication entitled "Recommendations for Fishing Seasons and Regulations" mailed under separate cover.*

9-L. ACTION REGARDING COMMISSION REGULATION 04-15, AMENDMENT #1 - CRAIG MORTIMORE. The Commission will consider amending recently adopted waterfowl season date regulations to conform with federal season frameworks.

9-M. ACTION REGARDING FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 5 and 6, 2003 in Reno and the Commission will review potential agenda items and approve a schedule of meetings and locations for 2004. The Chairman may adjust committee assignments and create new committees.

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- 10. DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** 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 meetings (1-1721) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested following closely the actions of the Regulations and Procedures Committee, specifically the possibility of imposing a requirement for off-road vehicle registration. Discussion took place with regard to the same. Mr. Baily requested information on the status of wind generation projects, and discussion took place with regard to the same.
- 10-A. LITIGATION - WAYNE HOWLE, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL**
- 10-B. LINCOLN COUNTY ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER BENTLEY**
- 10-C. CENTRAL NEVADA ELK SUBPLAN - COMMISSIONER OLSEN**
- 10-D. GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE TEAM - COMMISSIONER McNINCH**
- 10-E. PRIVATE LANDS WILDLIFE COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER RIORDAN**
- 10-F. REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMAN FORD**
- 10-G. STEPTOE VALLEY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND KIRCH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLANS - ROB MILLS AND DANA JOHNSON**
- 10-H. STRATEGIC PLAN REVISION TEAM - DEPUTY DIRECTOR WELLER**
- 10-I. NEVADA BAT PLAN - JASON WILLIAMS**
- 10-J. NEVADA WIND GENERATION PROJECTS - DOUG HUNT**
- 10-K. SMALL GAME WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - DOUG HUNT**
- 10-L. OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA COMMITTEE - COMMISSIONER MORAN**
- 10-M. CARSON LAKE AND PASTURE - LAURA RICHARDS**
- 10-N. NEVADA WILDLIFE DATA SYSTEM UPDATE - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH**
- 10-O. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (PROWL) - KIM TOULOUSE**
- 10-P. LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM - ROB BUONAMICI**
- 10-Q. SECRETARY'S REPORT - SECRETARY CRAWFORTH**

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10-R. BOBCAT HUNTING SEASON - ROB BUONAMICI. The Commission will hear a report on the Department's finding in response to a petition from the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association.

11. REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION PLAN - GIL YANUCK (1-2107) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided an overview of the status of the conservation plan, as outlined in his reports included in the agenda materials. He advised that the third draft is anticipated to be complete within the next 2-3 weeks. He discussed the amount of data collected and the amount of effort invested by all those involved. He reviewed comments and support received from representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, NDOW, and other agencies. There are minor issues between various groups, such as the report format and completion of tasks, but these are things for the Governor's Team to work out. The six planning groups in the State are not all at the same place, but NDOW staff is providing assistance to develop their plans into a written format. Vice Chairperson Yanuck reviewed the time table for peer review, public comment, and submission of the final draft to the Governor. Mr. Baily commended Vice Chairperson Yanuck and his group on their efforts and the speed at which they have completed their task.

12. REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE FY2003/2004 CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET (1-2203) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck provided a report on the status of the Board's budget. The Board members acknowledged that they have been receiving their reimbursements in a timely manner.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DESIGNATE A CCABMW REPRESENTATIVE AND AN ALTERNATE TO THE SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27, 2003 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING (1-2220) - Member Clyde advised that he and his family are expecting to finalize adoption of a child by Friday, September 26th or Monday, September 29th. He advised of his willingness to attend the Commission meeting if the adoption was not finalized by Friday. Chairperson Walker requested one of the other Board members to serve as an alternate representative; however, none were available. Discussion took place regarding the Ely meeting and consensus of the Board was that their attendance record thus far has been consistent enough that missing the Ely meeting should not pose a problem. Member Clyde advised that he would contact Chairperson Walker as soon as he had any information.

Vice Chairperson Yanuck suggested coordinating with members of county advisory boards in neighboring counties to car pool to distant Commission meetings which have no airport access. He discussed research into the possibility of hiring a plane and a pilot.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING. The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for December 5 and 6, 2003 in Reno (1-2390) - Consensus of the Board was to schedule the next meeting for Monday, December 1st.

15. COMMENTS AND STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF (1-2460) - Ms. King reviewed the staff report, and reported on the presentation made by Muscle Powered on their Bicycle Route Map.

16. DISCUSSION ONLY REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (1-2697) - Ms. King advised of a conversation with Tom Crawford, Team Leader for the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment, wherein

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he informed her that the draft plan would be ready for review by the end of September. Member Zuber suggested that review of the plan could be agendized for the December Board meeting.

Member Zuber suggested including in the newspaper publication the business to be addressed by the Board, and discussion took place regarding the same. Ms. King reviewed the process by which the notice of the Board's meetings are published in the Community Events section of the *Nevada Appeal* and, when possible, in Don Quilici's column. She advised that the agenda is mailed to approximately 14 different recipients, including Big 5 Sporting Goods, a local gun shop, Ormsby Sportsmen's Association, etc. Discussion took place regarding public attendance at the Board meetings.

Chairperson Walker requested the Board members to contact Ms. King with agenda items for the December meeting.

17. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (1-2873) - Vice Chairperson Yanuck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Member Clyde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Minutes of the September 22, 2003 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 1st day of December, 2003.

STEVEN R. WALKER, Chair