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A regular meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2012, in the Business Resource Innovation Center (BRIC), 108 East Proctor Street, Room A, Carson City, Nevada.

Present: Chairman Gil Yanuck
Vice Chairman Stan Zuber
Member Jim Davis
Member Doug Martin
Member John Valley

Staff: Tamar Warren, Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM. (3:39:28) – Chairman Yanuck called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. A quorum was present. Member Davis arrived at 5:45 p.m.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (5:40:02) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. C.K. (Kevin) Baily, a resident of Carson City, introduced himself and announced the Trout in the Classroom program mentored by him, with five participating classrooms between Carson and Virginia Cities, would conclude soon, and that the trout would be stocked in Baily pond and other locations. He also expressed his pleasure in hearing that the Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award had been reinstated.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 30, 2012. (5:43:23) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. **Vice Chairman Zuber moved to approve the January 30, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Martin.** Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments, and when none were forthcoming, a vote. **Motion carried 4-0.**

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA. (5:44:26) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. There were no changes to the agenda.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DISCLOSURES. (5:44:37) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that he had received numerous e-mails from sportsmen and conservation groups regarding agenda items concerning bear hunting and trapping. Chairman Yanuck presented the e-mails to the Recording Secretary, to be incorporated into the record.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE TRI-COUNTY DEER HERD RESTORATION WORKING GROUP. (5:46:14) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item, Member Martin gave background and presented a report on the recent activities of the Tri-County Deer Herd Restoration Group, which is incorporated into the record. Member Martin also stated that the Group recommended an educational outreach, and no restrictions of archery on public lands. Member Davis noted that he was also present at the meeting and “liked the way it went”. **Member Martin moved not to recommend any changes to archery hunting on public lands, and recommended that the Department provide educational outreach to the public regarding urban interface hunting situations. The motion was seconded by member Davis.** Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Discussion ensued regarding the collared deer, and their survival rates. Member Martin noted that none of the collared deer in the Carson Range had crossed Highway 395. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE FEBRUARY 3 AND 4, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING. (6:03:44) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that after much discussion, the mandatory indoctrination of the bighorn sheep had been dropped. He added that the Silver State Tag and Dream Tag information was now online. Chairman Yanuck responded to a specific

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request from the previous meeting regarding the antelope request by the Yakima Nation in Washington, by explaining that the antelope would indeed be hunted. He stated that the bear hunt was also approved, but the unit designation would be determined in the March meeting, and that the Silver State tag was approved. He also noted that the Heritage Committee had announced the availability of \$500,000 for projects; however, the requests received were around \$800,000. He encouraged reading the online minutes and watching the video. In response to a question from an audience member, Chairman Yanuck confirmed that there had been discussion regarding posting indoctrination videos online. He clarified that language regarding the use of optics would be removed as well.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: DISCUSSION REGARDING INFORMATIONAL REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE MARCH 23 AND 24, 2012 WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING.

8-A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WILD HORSE UPDATE - CHIEF OF HABITAT ELMER BULL.

8-B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DREAM TAG PROGRAM REPORT - MANAGEMENT ANALYST III KIM JOLLY, PROGRAM OFFICER III MAUREEN HULLINGER, AND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NEVADA PRESIDENT CHRIS ASKIN.

8-C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: FISHERIES DIVISION ON THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (“AIS”) PROGRAM - WILDLIFE STAFF BIOLOGIST KEN VARGAS.

8-D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: BIG GAME HARVEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALISTS TONY WASLEY AND MIKE COX. (6:12:38) – Member Martin requested further information regarding this item. Mike Dobel, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Biologist, believed that this item was agendaized to educate the new commissioners on the process of generating tag numbers for various species.

8-E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: 2011 BLACK BEAR SEASON SUMMARY AND RELATED INFORMATION - GAME DIVISION BLACK BEAR BIOLOGIST CARL LACKEY.

8-F. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: SAGE GROUSE UPDATE - DIRECTOR KEN MAYER.

8-G. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES (“WAFWA”) MID-WINTER CONFERENCE UPDATE - VICE CHAIR ROBB, COMMISSIONER DREW, AND DIRECTOR KEN MAYER.

8-H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: OVERTON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA INTERPRETIVE CENTER - CONSERVATION EDUCATION CHIEF TERESA MOIOLA.

8-I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

8-J. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: DONATIONS REPORT - DEPUTY DIRECTOR PATRICK CATES.

8-K. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: LITIGATION REPORT - DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NHU NGUYEN.

9. ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE CONSENT AGENDA. (6:14:51) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item. Vice Chairman Zuber moved to remove agenda items 9A, 9B, and 9C from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Valley. Motion carried 5-0.

9-A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: BEAR COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER MCNINCH. (6:17:44) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the Committee had presented four alternative bear hunt area maps. Alternative one, per Chairman Yanuck, would leave the hunt area “just like it was originally”; alternative two would exclude hunting in the Tahoe Basin Management Unit; alternative three would exclude the “Rob Smith Map” area;

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and alternative four would exclude the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and the “Rob Smith Map” area. Member Martin pointed out that after reading this agenda item and item 9C, he concluded that “alternative 2 and the department’s recommendation are the same”. Mr. Dobel explained that the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit was more restrictive than the Tahoe Rim Trail. Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the NDOW recommendation. Chairman Yanuck solicited public comments. Tom Smith, Vice President of Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife, read a statement which is incorporated into the record, opposing the restriction of bear hunting in the Tahoe Basin. In response to Member Martin’s question, Mr. Smith explained that the Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife was a legislative watch group that represented a Political Action Group. Mr. Baily expressed his agreement with Mr. Smith. **Member Martin moved to have the Carson City Wildlife Advisory Board support alternative area one of the Black Bear Committee’s report, outlined in the packet, and not to support the Department’s recommendation outlined in item 13 of the packet, which is item 9C on this agenda. The motion was seconded by Member Davis.** Member Martin explained that a safety mechanism for congested areas was already in existence. Chairman Yanuck called for additional comments. Dale Ryan, a Carson City resident, suggested advising tag holders of the local ordinances and restrictions, such a discharging a firearm in congested areas. Member Martin noted that the restrictions would be covered in the mandatory class to be attended by hunters. Chairman Yanuck called for a vote. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

9-B. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TRAPPING REGULATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND REGULATION - COMMISSIONER MCNINCH. (6:45:18) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and noted that he had read the recommendations of the trapping committee which recommended traps to be set 1,000 yards away from residences. Member Martin believed that Washoe County had recommended traps to be set 1,000 feet away from a residence, adding that this regulation would only affect Washoe County and Clark County, and excluded private property. Mr. Smith suggested expanding the term “mice” because additional vermin should be added to the list of what can be trapped, and prior to the June deadline. Mr. Baily suggested that dog owners enroll their dogs in training to avoid rattlesnakes and have them on a leash. Member Davis noted that two of his dogs had been snared in a trap, but were not harmed. **Member Valley moved to amend the Trapping Regulation Committee draft to state that Section 2 reflect a distance of 1,000 feet versus a half-mile; to change Section 2.1d to indicate “Nothing in this section is intended to prevent a person from controlling unprotected species using a trap in or about their residence”; and to change section 2.2c to reflect “a trap means a device whose structure and function to indicate a device specifically designed for catching unprotected species”.** The motion was second by Member Martin. **Motion carried 5-0.**

9-C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: COMMISSION REGULATION 12 - 01, AMENDMENT #1 - 2012 BLACK BEAR SEASON RECOMMENDATION, OPEN UNITS - GAME DIVISION CHIEF LARRY GILBERTSON. – Discussed in item 9A.

9-D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DUCK STAMP CONTEST SPONSOR - CHIEF OF CONSERVATION EDUCATION TERESA MOIOLA.

9-E. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE REPORT - COMMISSIONER DREW.

9-F. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - CHAIRMAN MCBEATH.

9-G. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: 2013 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE - SECRETARY KEN MAYER.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON NEVADA SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION TEAM - GIL YANUCK. (7:13:50) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and informed the Board that a stakeholder meeting, including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, NDOW, and the Governor’s team, was held in the previous week. He noted that 183 projects had been completed over the past five years, and over 50 additional projects were in the planning stages. In response to a public comment, Chairman Yanuck noted that many deterrents had not stopped the Sage Grouse from nesting in certain areas, and that the BLM Sage Grouse conservation efforts had been moved to the forefront.

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11. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CARSON CITY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET.** (7:26:19) – Chairman Yanuck introduced the item and explained that the budget spreadsheet received from the Department contained several bugs which he was trying to resolve, adding that the budget was due on April 15, 2012. He also noted that he had hosted a workshop during the previous Commission meeting for other County Advisory Board members.
12. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** (7:27:13) – Chairman Yanuck stated he would attend the next Commission meeting on both Friday and Saturday.
13. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE NEXT CCABMW MEETING.** (7:27:38) – Chairman Yanuck noted that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners was scheduled for May 11-12, 2012; therefore the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife would be held on Monday May 7th , 2012.
14. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM: STATUS REPORTS FROM STAFF.** – There no reports from Staff.
15. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** (7:29:25) – There were no suggestions for future agenda items.
16. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (7:29:29) – Chairman Yanuck entertained public comments. Mr. Smith thanked the Board for the opportunity given to him to express his views.
17. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT** (7:29:49) – **Member Martin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

The minutes of the March 19, 2012 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 7th day of May, 2012.

GIL YANUCK, Chairman