

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday March 16, 2015 ● 4:00 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Doug Martin
Member – James Powell
Member – Gil Yanuck

Vice Chair – Stan Zuber
Member – John Valley

Staff

Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (4:02:10) – Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Doug Martin	Present	
Stan Zuber	Present	
James Powell	Present	
John Valley	Present	
Gil Yanuck	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(4:02:42) – C.K. Baily expressed support for proposed legislation SJR11, AB136 and urged supporters “to make their feelings known to the legislature”. Chairperson Martin noted a correction that the bill was SB163 not AB136. Mr. Baily also noted that he supported agenda item 6.

3. For Possible Action: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2015.

(4:05:30) – MOTION: I move to approve the February 2, 1015 meeting minutes.

(4:05:58) – Chairperson Martin clarified that during agenda item 3, he had called for the vote of either Member Martin or Member Zuber for the position of Chair. He also clarified that the letter in support of the improvements to the Carson City Rifle and Pistol Range would be written by the Chair of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CCABMW) and not the Parks and Recreation Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Powell
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

4. For Possible Action: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(4:07:40) – Chairperson Martin noted a correction to agenda item 10. The “agenda items above” section should read 9-A through 9-D and not 10-A though 10-J.

(4:08:19) – MOTION: I move to adopt the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

5. Informational Item: DISCLOSURES.

(4:08:43) – Member Powell disclosed that he and Chairperson Martin had visited Assemblyman P.K. O’Neill in his office to discuss the Colorado Model bill (SB163), for a 15-minute meeting. Member Valley noted contact with a member of the public who questioned the Nevada hunting hours for big game, one-half hour before sunrise and one-hour before sunset, and preferred the latter to be one-half hour after sunset, similar to California’s. Member Yanuck disclosed that he and several members had appeared before the various senate hearings on wildlife issues. Chairperson Martin noted that he had spoken on behalf of the Board in support of SB163 when it was in bill draft form.

6. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT ENDORSING PROPOSED CARSON CITY RIFLE RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

(4:11:50) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and gave background regarding the Board’s endorsement of the improvements in a previous meeting. He also read a letter of support, incorporated into the record, from the Board and signed by the Chair.

(4:13:53) – MOTION: I move to accept the letter written by the Chair and to forward it to Scott Fahrenbruch [Deputy Director, Carson City Parks and Recreation Department].

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(4:14:28) – Rob Boehmer, President of Nevada Operation Game Thief Citizens’ Board, supported the possible improvements of the Rifle and Pistol Range.

(4:16:35) – Mr. Baily thanked the Board for supporting the improvements.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Valley
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

7. Informational Item: PRESENTATION ON MANAGEMENT OF SCRIPPS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND WASHOE STATE PARK

(4:17:20) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and explained that he had invited both NDOW and Nevada State Parks representatives to understand how Scripps Park is managed and how to mitigate the drought with the possible use of the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) water. A State Parks representative, who did not identify herself, explained that the land between “Big Washoe [Lake]” and “Little Washoe [Lake]” was the Scripps Wildlife Management Area. She also noted that Washoe Lake State Park allowed waterfowl hunting seven days per week in the wetlands area, adding that hunting was not allowed in the campgrounds area. Mike Scott of NDOW noted that he was observing the meeting, because the appropriate NDOW representative was handling a family emergency.

(4:23:24) – Member Valley was informed that State Parks did not manage Scripps. He was also told that Washoe Lake State Parks did not allow off-road driving; however, since the lake has receded, many vehicles had been driving there, specifically on the west side. The State Parks representative also noted that many signs had been stolen. Discussion ensued regarding hunter and off roader interaction. Mr. Scott suggested contacting the local Operation Game Thief number if future interactions occur. Another State Parks representative noted that it was “nearly impossible” to manage the various uses of the park and “try to get them not to conflict”. He also encouraged to have the public contact them if they have issues “anywhere near the State Parks”.

(4:29:10) – Chairperson Martin inquired about the “constructed wetland” and was informed that solutions were being discussed which also included the presence of wild horses in the park. He also received confirmation that habitat and food source growth was also being discussed between State Parks, NDOW, and NDOT. Chairperson Martin encouraged the collaboration between the agencies and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

8. Informational Item: REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF POINTS OF INTEREST FROM THE MOST RECENT NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

(4:38:37) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and Member Yanuck updated the Board on the meeting he had attended on behalf of the Board. He also noted that the meeting minutes were included in the Department’s packets. Member Yanuck presented several highlights such as the approval of the Black Bear Subcommittee Report and the announcement of the Heritage Fund amount. He also announced that the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife’s summer meeting will take place on July 16, 2015 in Reno and those interested in helping could contact NDOW, calling it a good opportunity for local NGOs (non-governmental organizations) to participate. Member Yanuck noted that carrying a firearm during archery season was also approved, adding that he was still chair of the finance committee.

9. For Possible Action: NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS PROPOSED REGULATIONS CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(4:43:43) – **MOTION: I move to accept all the consent agenda items listed in agenda item 9 (9A, 9B, 9C and 9D).**

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Zuber
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

9-A. For Possible Action: COMMISSION REGULATION 15 - 09 - AMENDMENT #1 - EMERGENCY DEPREDAATION - BIG GAME SEASONS - WILDLIFE STAFF SPECIALIST MIKE COX. *The commission will consider amendment of 2015 - 2016 and 2016 – 2017 hunting seasons and dates for elk emergency depredation hunt structure and quotas.*

9-B. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 453 - LCB FILE NO. R113-14 - “FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED” BONUS POINT PROGRAM AMENDMENT - MANAGEMENT ANALYST 3 MAUREEN HULLINGER. *The commission will consider a regulation relating to wildlife; regarding an exception in the bonus point program to not have the loss of bonus points occur in the bonus point categories if the applicant is successful in the “first come, first served” draw for a tag; and providing other matters properly related thereto. The regulation was workshopped on February 6, 2015, with action deferred to the March 2015 commission meeting. Tags in the “first come, first served” draw are unissued, remaining tags following the big game tag draw, i.e., the main draw, and the subsequent remaining tag draw. Currently, bonus points are reverted to zero for those species categories when an applicant draws a tag in any of these draws. This regulation amendment would exclude an applicant from having their bonus points revert to zero on species categories if they draw a remaining tag in the “first come, first served” draw.*

9-C. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 457 T-15 (TEMPORARY LCB FILE) - AWARDS, ISSUANCE, AND USE OF TAGS – PROPOSED CHANGES TO NAC 502.42279 - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING. *The commission will hear a temporary regulation amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags. Elk incentive tags were designed to be issued in association with “bull” hunts and seasons. Subsequent to initial NRS and NAC adoption, “spike” hunts have been developed, and “antlered” tags do not clearly denote the appropriate quota or season for which the incentive tags are intended. The Department will propose language that clarifies the original intent of the legislation and rule promulgation to clearly articulate the association between the incentive tags and “bull” seasons, excluding any “spike,” “antlered,” or “antlerless” seasons.*

9-D. For Possible Action: COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 456 T-15 (TEMPORARY LCB FILE) - ELK ARBITRATION PROCESS - GAME DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN F. WAKELING. *The commission will hear proposed processes describing the newly amended arbitration NAC 502.42283 by which the commission may facilitate decisions should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary.*

10. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING NON-REGULATORY AGENDA ITEMS OF THE MARCH 20 AND 21, 2015 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS MEETING. *Other than items 9-A through 9-D, above, the remaining items on the attached March 20 and 21, 2015 Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners agenda typically require no action of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. Occasionally, one or more advisory board members may have a desire to discuss these items and such discussion may result in action in the form of advice or a recommendation by this advisory board to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. There will be no public comment unless action will be taken on an item.*

(4:45:31) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and noted that he and Member Powell would like to discuss Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners’ Meeting agenda (incorporated into the record) item 7. Chairperson Martin also wished to discuss two of the legislative packet items, SJR11 and AB136.

(7:47:20) – Chairperson Martin introduced agenda item 7, a proposed ban on the statewide coyote hunting contest. Member Powell expressed concern over the ban noting that it could result in additional bans to events such as fishing contests, suggesting that contests “be left alone”. Member Yanuck explained that coyotes are not game animals and are classified as unprotected species, adding that there were many testimonies to the damage

done by coyotes including the loss of pets and ranch animals. Member Valley expressed agreement with Members Powell and Yanuck. Vice Chairperson Zuber was informed by Mr. Lackey that coyotes were not considered “furbearers”, which led to his comment that a hunter safety course was not required to hunt them.

(4:58:50) – MOTION: I move not to support this petition [to ban the coyote hunting contest].

(5:00:01) – Member Powell gave anecdotal information on the damage done to pets by coyotes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:01:10) – Mr. Boehmer suggested noting the fiscal impact caused by coyotes, especially to ranchers who lose up to 30 lambs per year. Mr. Bailly also expressed his agreement to the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Yanuck
SECONDER:	Valley
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(5:05:46) – Chairperson Martin introduced AB136 and explained that as a hunter safety course instructor, he was concerned about the proposal not to require people with certain disabilities not to take the course. Discussion ensued regarding changes in “using firearms in different ways”. Member Yanuck was in favor of requiring the hunter safety course for all hunters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:15:45) – Mr. Boehmer explained that the Department of Wildlife had adopted the International Hunter Safety Education curriculum which included working with persons with disabilities. He also noted that in 13 years, he had failed 3 students who were not following his instruction and failed the written exam. Discussion ensued regarding public safety versus protecting the rights of disabled persons.

(5:24:00) – MOTION: I move not to support AB136 and encourage the Commission to look at the Montana model, and to seek another remedy besides the one proposed in this legislation.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Powell
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

(5:25:18) – Chairperson Martin introduced SJR11 that proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to preserve the right to hunt, trap, and fish in the State, adding that currently hunting was considered a privilege.

(5:27:35) – Member Yanuck stated that he had attended the legislative hearings for this resolution and noted that the opposing viewpoint regarded it as serving six percent of the State’s population. Member Powell was informed that a constitutional amendment required passage during two legislative sessions, then be voted upon by the voters.

(5:29:06) – MOTION: I move that this Board recommend to the Commission that we support wholeheartedly SJR11.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:29:50) –Mr. Baily questioned why those who do not fish or hunt wish to take away the rights of those who do. Mr. Boehmer also agreed with Mr. Powell’s comments.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Powell
SECONDER:	Yanuck
AYES:	Martin, Powell, Valley, Yanuck, Zuber
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

11. For Possible Action: DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS

(5:31:45) – Chairperson Martin introduced the item and noted that he would be attending the Friday meeting and Member Yanuck offered to attend on Saturday if no one else was able to attend.

12. Informational Item: NEXT CCABMW MEETING

(5:33:17) – Chairperson Martin announced that the next meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners was scheduled for May 15 and 16, 2015 in Reno. Therefore, the next meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife would tentatively be scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:34:02) – Member Valley wished to do further research for a discussion on changing the hunting hours.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:34:36) – Member Yanuck recused himself from the dais and addressed the Board as a member of the public. Mr. Yanuck announced a citizens’ group meeting to address the urban deer problem on the upcoming Wednesday, and invited everyone to attend. He also encouraged all County Wildlife Advisory Boards to attend the legislative lunch sponsored by Friends of Nevada Wildlife, of which he is the president. Chairperson Martin also reminded the Board about the upcoming Ethics and Open Meeting Law training, adding that if members could not attend, they would have the opportunity to watch the training online.

15. For Possible Action: ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (5:38:46) –Member Yanuck moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Powell. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

The minutes of the March 16, 2015 meeting of the Carson City Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are approved this 11th day of May, 2015.

DOUG MARTIN, Chairman