

## Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting August REVISED Agenda

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*Due to the ongoing challenges surrounding COVID-19 along with the increased desires for public participation, this meeting will be held virtually via Zoom in an effort to more safely and more effectively conduct the meeting.*

**The meeting will be broadcast live at the NDOW Commission YouTube page:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrFHgHLM0MZA2Hx7og8pFcQ>

**If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Friday, August 6, 2021.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81595050456?pwd=U2szN2c2bjVY21ZbkVKYW56T3NOZz09>

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Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. **Persons wishing to comment are invited to raise their virtual hands in the virtual meeting forum during the appropriate time; each person offering public comment during this period will be limited to not more than three minutes.** The Chair may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items prior to the meeting at [wildlifecommission@ndow.org](mailto:wildlifecommission@ndow.org) or make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

**FORUM RESTRICTIONS AND ORDERLY BUSINESS:** The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place, and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

Please provide the Board of Wildlife Commissioner ("Commission") with the complete electronic of written copies of testimony and visual presentations to include as exhibits with the minutes. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

### **Friday, August 6, 2021 – 8:00 a.m.**

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman**
- 2. Election of Officers – For Possible Action**  
In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.
- 3. Approval of Agenda – Chairman – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

- 4.\* **Approval of Minutes – Chairman – For Possible Action**  
Commission minutes may be approved from the June 25 and 26, 2021 meetings.
5. **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman – Informational**  
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Wasley may also be discussed.
6. **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items – Informational**  
CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.
7. **Reports – Informational**
- A. **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) 2021 Annual Conference – Secretary Wasley and Commissioner McNinch**  
Reports from the 2021 conference will be provided.
- B. **Department Website Update – Abbi Agency Representative and Conservation Education Division Administrator Chris Vasey**  
Conservation Education Division Administrator Chris Vasey and the Department's website developer, Abbi Agency, will give the Commission and the public its first look at the agency's new website to be launched this fall. The Abbi Agency explains the research and work behind the new website. The goal of the new website is to both reach new audiences and better serve or current users. This website is a resource for all Nevadans and will help promote wildlife conservation.
- C. **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley and Division Administrators**  
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife activities.
- D.\* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett**  
A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.
- E.\* **Public Works Contracts – Deputy Director Jack Robb**  
A report will be provided on public works contracts awarded by the Department in the previous year.
- F. **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia**  
A report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting. *Committee Webpage:* [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Committees/Tag\\_Allocation\\_and\\_Application\\_Hunt/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Committees/Tag_Allocation_and_Application_Hunt/)
- G. **Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy (APRP) Committee Report – Commissioner and Committee Chairman McNinch**  
A report will be provided on the recent APRP Committee Meeting. *Committee Webpage:* [http://www.ndow.org/Public\\_Meetings/Committees/Administrative\\_Procedures\\_Regulations\\_and\\_Policy/](http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Committees/Administrative_Procedures_Regulations_and_Policy/)

- H. **Mule Deer Enhancement Program Update – Committee Chairman Casey Kiel and Game division Administrator Mike Scott**  
A report will be provided on the Mule Deer Enhancement Program Oversight Committee and Subcommittees.
- I. **Wildlife Disease Update – Wildlife Health Staff Specialist Nate LaHue**  
A report will be provided on the various wildlife disease issues being investigated by the NDOW veterinarian.
- J. **Raven Research Update – Predator Staff Specialist Pat Jackson**  
A report will be provided on raven research being conducted by NDOW and USGS.
- K. **Initiating Bighorn Sheep Management Plan Revision – Big Game Staff Biologist Mike Cox**  
An overview of the proposed plan revision process will be provided including team members representing key groups and expertise; and principal issues, challenges, opportunities, and decisions that will be focused on in the plan.
- L. **The Draw Process – Kalkomey Representative Zack Lambert and Data and Technology Services Administrator Kim Munoz**  
A representative of the Department’s contracted licensing vendor will provide an overview of this year’s application and hunt statistics, the process of conducting the draw and provide a demonstration of the new First Come First Serve program’s functionality.

8. **Commission General Regulations – Adoption/Public Comment Allowed**

- A.\* **Commission General Regulation 489, NAC 503.172, Shed Antler Season, NAC 501.200 – Management Analyst Kailey Musso and Chief Game Warden Mike Maynard – For Possible Action**  
The Board of Wildlife Commissioners will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 501.200 and 503.172 to change the demerits for violation of the shed antler closure, increase the demerits for a violation of that regulation and require an online class in order to collect or possess shed antlers in the field.

9. **Commission Regulations – For Possible Action/Adoption – Public Comment Allowed**

- A.\* **Commission Regulation 21-04, Amendment #2, Black Bear Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider adopting the 2021 dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.
- B.\* **Commission Regulation 20-12, Amendment #2, 2021-2022 Upland Game and Furbearer Season and Bag Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will review and may take action to modify Commission Regulation 20-12 for upland game seasons and bag limits for certain upland game species.

10. **Wildlife Contests – Commissioner McNinch – For Possible Action**

The Commission may discuss Wildlife Contests. The Commission may provide direction to the Department regarding Wildlife Contests for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting.

**11. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Wasley and Chairman – For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 24 and 25, 2021. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the date, time, and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

**12. Public Comment Period**

Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

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