

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting

Agenda

Dyer Community Center
Highway 264 at Blue Bird Road
Between Mile Marker 11 and 12, West Side of Highway North of Dyer
Dyer, NV 89010

Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman, in his discretion, 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 or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda. 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 that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

NOTE: Public comment is allowed on each action item, each regulation workshop item, and at the end of the meeting.

Please provide the Board of Wildlife Commissioners ("Commission") with the complete electronic or 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, June 29, 2018 – 10 a.m.

- 1 **Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace**
- 2 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – 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.
- 3* **Approval of Minutes – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
Commission minutes from the May 4 and 5, 2018, meeting.
- 4 **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Wallace – 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.
- 5 **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.

6* **Duck Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman and Mike Zahradka For Possible Action**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$128,510 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Duck Stamp account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- Technician Support for Nevada Waterfowl Projects - Project # 384 (\$13,910)
- Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support - Project # 352 (\$10,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Moist Soil Food Plots - Project # 382 (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$2,600)
- Overton WMA Pipe Replacement Project - Phase 2 - Project # 360 (\$7,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control - Project # 349 (\$10,000)
- Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Pond Leveling - Project # 351 (\$60,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Saltcedar Treatment - Project # 381 (\$15,000)

7* **Upland Game Bird Stamp Request – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman and Shawn Espinosa – For Possible Action**

The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$252,234 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below.

- Greater Sage-grouse Statewide Monitoring – Project # 373 (\$55,000)
- Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring – Project # 368 (\$14,264)
- Dusky Grouse Ecology and Management in Nevada – Project # 365 (\$3,100)
- Monitoring the Effects of Landscape-Level Treatments on Greater Sage-grouse within the Desatoya Mountains – Project # 369 (\$15,000)
- Measuring Corticosterone Metabolites in Greater Sage-grouse - Project # 393 (\$25,000)
- Estimating Sage-grouse Vital Rates within Nevada’s Most Novel Habitats - Project # 367 (\$53,470)
- Effects of Conventional Raven Control and Wildfire on Greater Sage-grouse within the Virginia Mountains – Project # 370 (\$25,000)
- Mason Valley WMA Upland Food Plots – Project # 383 (\$10,000)
- Key Pittman WMA Food Plots - Project # 330 (\$3,900)
- Edwards Creek Lek Pinyon Juniper Hand Removal Project – Project # 282 (\$25,000)
- Eastern WMA Complex Weed Control – Project # 349 (\$10,000)
- Eastern Nevada Properties Restoration – Project # 390 (\$12,500)

8 **Wildlife Heritage Committee – Commissioner and Committee Chairman Wallace**

A **Heritage Committee Report – Chairman Wallace – Informational**

The Commission will hear a report on the Committee’s recent meeting.

B **Heritage Project Extension Requests – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**

Pursuant to NAC 501.340, the Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve extension requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years.

*Note: Support material will be provided one week in advance of the Commission meeting.

C **Heritage Funding Reallocation – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review Committee recommendations and may approve reallocation of any unused Heritage funds from previously approved projects to other previously approved projects from the same fiscal year.

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D* **Fiscal Year 2019 Heritage Project Proposals – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**

The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$887,474.01 for projects submitted for FY 2019 funding from the Wildlife Heritage account. The preliminary funding recommendations from the Committee are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. These recommendations may change at the 8am, June 29 Heritage Committee meeting.

- Bighorn Sheep Capture, Transplant and Monitoring – Project # 19-01 (\$75,000)
- NDOW Helicopter Acquisition – Project # 19-02 (\$200,000)
- Wildfire-Related Restoration and Seed Purchase – Project # 19-03 (\$100,000)
- Overton WMA Pintail and Wilson Ponds Leveling – Project # 19-04 (\$60,000)
- Willow Creek Reservoir Habitat Structures and Other Improvements – Project # 19-05 (\$21,500)
- South Steptoe Watershed Restoration – Project # 19-06 (\$35,000)
- Kern Mountain Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-07 (\$30,000)
- Izzenhood Basin Habitat Improvement Project – Project # 19-08 (\$30,000)
- Bighorn Sheep Gene Transcription Analysis – Project # 19-09 (\$84,500)
- Comins Lake Boat Ramp – Project # 19-10 (\$55,000)
- Rebuild of Last Chance #6 Hanging Basin Water Development – Project # 19-11 (\$25,100)
- Survey and Maintenance of Existing Big Game Water Developments – Project # 19-12 (\$36,700)
- Simkins/Doc Pass PJ Chaining Maintenance Project – Project # 19-13 (\$75,000)
- Cave Valley Ranch PJ Removal Project – Project # 19-14 (\$59,674.01)
- Delineation and Nutritional Value of Desert Bighorn Lambing Habitat – Project # 19-15 (not recommended for funding)

E **Heritage Project Completion Update – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mark Farman – Informational**

Department staff will provide a summary of Heritage projects that have been completed.

9* **Commission Regulation Workshop – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed**

Commission General Regulation 477, Landowner Deer and Antelope Compensation Tag Program, LCB File No. 096-18 – Game Division Administrator Brian F. Wakeling – For Possible Action

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would provide direction for equitably allocating landowner deer and antelope compensation tags if the statutory limit is reached.

10* **Commission General Regulation Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed**

Commission General Regulation 474, Trap Registration, LCB File No. R038-18 – Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed – For Possible Action

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.150. This regulation revises provisions relating to the registration of traps as mandated by Senate Bill (SB) 364 of the 79th Legislative Session. SB 364 states that with certain exceptions, each trap, snare, or similar device used by a person in the taking of wild mammals must be registered with the Department before it is used. It also states that for each trap, snare, or similar device registered with the Department, the person registering the device shall pay a registration fee of \$5. This proposed regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to register traps and charge \$5 per trap registered. The Commission held a workshop on May 4, 2018 and directed the Department to clarify the first sentence of the regulation as it relates to SB 364. The Commission also directed the Department to gain clarity on the transfer of trap registration numbers.

11 **Reports – Informational**

A **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley**

Secretary Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

B* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General**

12 **Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Director Wasley – Informational**

The Commission has requested that the Department provide regular project updates for ongoing projects and programs as appropriate based on geography and timing of meetings. These updates are intended to provide detail in addition to the summaries provided as part of the regular Department Report and are intended to inform the Commission and public as to the Department's ongoing duties and responsibilities.

13 **Public Comment Period**

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Friday, June 29, 2018 – Tour will begin at the Close of Agenda Item #13

Commission Tour – Informational

The Commission will tour an area in southwest Nevada with wildlife significance. Informational presentations will be made at several sites but no action will be taken by the Commission. The public is invited to participate but will be required to provide their transportation. The group will depart from the meeting location.

Saturday, June 30, 2018 – 8:30 a. m.

- 14 **Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Wallace**
- **Commissioner Appreciation – Secretary Wasley**
- 15 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**
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- *18 **Commission Policy 50, Duck Stamp Procedure, Second Reading – Commissioner and Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy Committee Chairman David McNinch – For Possible Action**
The Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy 50 and may take action to officially suspend the policy.

Commission Regulations – Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed

- 19* **Commission Regulation 18-01, Amendment #1 – Fishing Seasons and Regulations for the Two Year Period March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020 – Fisheries Division Administrator Jon Sjöberg – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider Amendment #1 of CR 18-01, the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for March 1, 2018 through February 29, 2020. The Department is proposing an amendment to the harvest limit for fish in that portion of the Upper Reese River and tributaries from the Arc Dome wilderness boundary south of the Yomba Shoshone Tribe Reservation to its headwaters, and Stewart Creek from its confluence with the Reese River to its headwaters, in Nye County, to remove harvest limits on trout species.
- 20* **Commission Regulation 18 - 12, 2018 - 2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialists Shawn Espinosa and Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider and may vote to establish regulations for upland game birds and mammals as well as furbearers for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. This regulation will also include fall wild turkey seasons for 2018 and 2019 and spring wild turkey seasons for 2019 and 2020.
- 21* **Commission Regulation 18 - 04 Amendment #1, 2018 Heritage Tag Organization/Vendor Selection and Special Regulations – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Chet Van Dellen – For Possible Action**
The Commission will consider selection of the 2018 Heritage Tag vendors/organization recommendations.
- 22 **Finance Committee – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck and Deputy Director Liz O’Brien**
- A **Finance Committee Report – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – Informational**
The Commission will hear a report on the committee’s recent meeting.
- B* **Fiscal Year 2019 County Advisory Board Budget Requests – Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – For Possible Action**
The Commission may approve an estimated amount of \$39,186.01 for County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife budgets for fiscal year 2019. Carson City estimate \$1,742.50; Clark estimate \$9,389.69; Douglas estimate \$2,127.02; Eureka estimate \$373.71; Humboldt estimate \$583.54; Lander estimate \$2,063.99; Lincoln estimate \$2,378.27; Lyon estimate \$1,347.17; Mineral estimate \$5,477.85; Pershing estimate \$4,982.56; Washoe estimate \$3,771.37; White Pine estimate \$4,948.34.
- 23* **Amendment to the Biennial Upland Game Release Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action**
The Commission will review and may take action to amend the Department’s biennial upland game release plan for fiscal year 2019 to include beavers.

24 **Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Tony Wasley and Chairman Wallace – For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 10 and 11, 2018, in Caliente. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting.

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