

**LYON COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

September 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM
Silver Springs Senior Center
2945 Fort Churchill, Silver Springs, NV 89429

1. Call to Order

Joe Crawford called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum

Present: Joe Crawford, Mike Osterman, Bob Arigoni, Walt Mandeville

Absent: Alan LaVoie (unexcused)

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation (no action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendaized) -

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None

5. Community Reports - none

a. Nevada Department of Wildlife Representative - Chris Urqhart - Nevada Department of Wildlife

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of agenda

Bob Arigoni moved that the CAB approve the agenda. Mike Osterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0

7. For Possible Action: Approve minutes of the meeting from August 2, 2023 Joe

Crawford moved to approve the minute from, June 13, 2023. Mike Osterman seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0

8. For Possible Action to Forward a Recommendation: Nevada Wildlife Commission Reports Review for Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) Meeting on September 22, 2023

Link to Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting information:

http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/Com/Agenda/

a. NBWC ITEM 10 Winecup Gamble Land Exchange Discussion – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION The Department will provide an update to the Commission on recent developments regarding the Winecup Gamble Land Exchange.

CAB discussion - looks like an exchange of BLM land. It does not seem like it is good for Nevada hunters and public lands. Losing public land and less hunting opportunities?? Could shut out public land hunters due to checkerboard land access points, concerns that it will further restrict public access to lands...

Mike Osterman made a motion that the Lyon County CAB oppose this land exchange. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

- b. NBWC 11.* Commission Policy 23 – Predation Management – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION Third Reading – Administrative Procedures, Regulations and Policy -The Commission will review Commission Policy 23 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.
- c. NBWC 12.* Commission Policy 65 – Designation of Wildlife FOR POSSIBLE ACTION Management Areas – Second Reading – The Commission will review Commission Policy 65 and may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise, or adopt the policy.

CAB Discussion regarding b and c - Not a lot of changes / added management areas into the list. Changes about reporting.

Joe Crawford motioned the the Lyon Wildlife CAB approve NBWC items 11 and 12. Mike Osterman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

- d. NBWC 19 -Commission General Regulations – Workshop/Public FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - i. 19.A.* Commission General Regulation 512, Fisheries – The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 48 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would change vessel motor restrictions, amend tackle restrictions, and reclassify protected species classifications.
 - ii. 19. B.* Commission General Regulation 511, Wildlife Management Area Designations The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapter 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This Regulation would update Wildlife Management Area (WMA) designations and restrictions.
 - iii. 19. C. * Commission General Regulation 509, License and Vessel Product Refunds, LCB File No. R037-23 – Data and Technology Services - The Commission will consider and may take action to approve amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 and 488 to allow the Department authority to provide refunds on licenses and vessel products.

CAB Discussion- Walt shared that he is not sure what the changes are; - look like administrative changes and are about reporting. 12 and 19 seemed to be intertwined and were worded similarly. Carson Lake and Pasture is now a management area. Adding to the list of management areas, - will be regulated and fall under management and regulations. Walt said he would have to through specifics to see what they wanted to change regarding 19b. What are they trying to change? What does designation mean? It is either a wildlife management area or it is not. How is it being regulated? Do they vote on it there and it is done, or is there a chance for more discussion? Maybe they are trying to say that management regulations apply to new management areas. Walt discussed concerns with Little Washoe Lake is a wildlife area or just a little lake? Chris shared that it is managed and that Carson Lake and Pasture will be different. There are a lot of department of wildlife lands that are designated Wildlife Management Areas and have a plan associated with them. Not all areas are the same - some are bigger than others, and some have more assets than others. This is more geared towards Carson Lake and Pasture, and other areas than Little Washoe Lake. This is a workshop for possible action. Sounds like it is just designation and then a plan will follow based on specific area.

Walt Mandeville made a motion to accept NBWC items #19a-c as presented. Mike Osterman seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

- E. NBWC 20. Commission General Regulations – Adoption/Public FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- iv. 20. A.* Commission General Regulation 510, FCFS Exchange to Obtain a Tag, LCB File No. R038-23 – The Commission will consider and may take action to approve amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would include any money, goods, or services exchanged for procurement of a tag through the First Come, First Serve (FCFS) program as grounds for suspension from the program. Commission General Regulation 510 is currently a temporary regulation that is set to expire on November 1, 2023.

Sounds like people are hiring people or bots to obtain tags.

Joe moved that Lyon Wildlife CAB accept NBWC 20a as presented. Bob Arigoni seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

- F. NBWC 21. Commission Regulations – Workshop/Public FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
- v. 21 A.* Commission Regulation 23-15, Fishing Seasons and Regulations for January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025 The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the Fishing Seasons and Regulations for 2024 and 2025.

CAB Discussion - approving seasons for the next couple years This is normal 2 year cycle.

Joe moved that Lyon Wildlife CAB accept NBWC 21a as presented. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0

9. Correspondence

None

10. Chair & Board Member Comments

Next Lyon CAB meeting will be held October 19,, 2023 in Silver Springs at 6pm

12. Public Participation (no action will be taken on any item until it is properly agendized) - It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action.

Luis Alvarado shared that being here and watching your work is a little scary, as I am the intrained eye. Judging from what you have done so far, it looks like you have given up a lot of control. It would first beg the question Who is the commission and who changes regulations? Because that is who you push your authority to. The commission carries a lot of weight because you give it a lot of weight. As of right now, you have allowed it to change regulations and apply restrictions to the things that you have approved so far. That is why I say it is a little scary - at first glance, that is how it looks to me. Based on the wording of the issues, you have given away control. That's a tough one for John Q, because I am John Q.

13. Adjourn

Joe Crawford adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm

Joe motioned to adjourn the meeting. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0