

DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE
Minutes of the January 23, 2024 Meeting

The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting was scheduled for 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, in the Douglas County Community Center, Carson Valley Medical Center Room, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, Nevada.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Burnside
Paul Howell
Kevin Kjer
Michael Xavier
Gerrit Buma

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Bernard, private citizen
Bob Rittenhouse, private citizen

CALL TO ORDER

Member Burnside called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and determined a quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Member Xavier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Member Burnside stated all members were present and introductions were made of all those in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard raised an issue with sheep grazing on the Jacks Valley Wildlife Management Area (WMA). That WMA has been a favorite hunting area for him for many, many years. Historically the area had abundant bitterbrush and deer and that area was a migration route from the Sierras to the lower hills by Hot Springs Mountain. The migration of the deer has been interrupted by Highway 395 as well as land exchange agreements orchestrated by the Forest Service. However, the current use of this WMA is of great concern to him. For some years a joint fire suppression study with the Forest Service and the University of Nevada, Reno is being conducted to determine the advantages of grazing off cheatgrass in the fall as opposed to critical springtime grazing resulting in 1400 sheep grazing in that area during November. This area is also used for hiking, walking, biking, and exercising dogs. While he continues to visit that area, he has noticed the impact of grazing sheep in November; deer have all but disappeared; the smell of the sheep is obvious, and fecal matter is everywhere.

Member Howell said his experience has been that deer do not like being where sheep have been. He added that he has noticed that sheep do not eat cheatgrass; they will eat native wildflowers and other greenery.

Mr. Bernard continued and said he has seen sheep grazed effectively in the springtime on the hills in Carson City. He believes grazing the sheep in November has severely impacted the mule deer. He has contacted the Forest Service about this issue, but they have been nonresponsive. He talked with the Washoe Tribe about this since they have land that abuts this WMA and they have noticed a steep decline in the number of deer on their property, which raises concerns for them.

He requested the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife get involved with this. He feels that this type of use should have gone through the Nevada Department of Wildlife before the sheep were allowed on the that WMA.

Member Burnside has discussed this with Mr. Bernard in the past and indicated he would like to be present if a meeting with the Forest Service ever comes to fruition. He indicated he had spoken with Carl Lackey, Nevada Department of Wildlife biologist, about this five-year joint study and was advised that there are two different project areas; one with fall sheep grazing and one with spring sheep grazing to determine if one is better than the other for suppression of fire fuels.

Mr. Bernard thought 40% of Nevada's mule deer habitat has burned and been replaced by cheatgrass so there are plenty of places, beside a WMA in needed deer habitat during the fall, to graze sheep and learn about fall grazing.

Public comment closed.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No public comment.

MOTION by Kjer/Howell to approve the agenda as presented; carried unanimously.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **October 31, 2023**

No public comment.

Due to the change in membership in the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife and the number of members qualified to vote on the previous minutes, the minutes were only verbally accepted and not formally approved.

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION AND ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR.

Member Burnside nominated Member Howell as Chairman for the 2024 calendar year.

Member Howell indicated his willingness to serve in that capacity if that was the desire of the members.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Kjer to appoint Paul Howell as Chairman of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife for the 2024 calendar year; carried unanimously.

MOTION by Howell/Burnside to appoint Kevin Kjer as Vice Chairman of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife for the 2024 calendar year; carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 2023 AND THE NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2023 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

There was no discussion or report.

3. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS OF THE MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE.

The group is hoping to meet in March.

4. The following items, 4a through 4s, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings, January 26 and 27, 2024 at the Sparks Legislative Building, 745 4th Street, Sparks, Nevada. The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may take the following action, or a variation thereof, on each item: support the item, not support the item or not take a position on the item. Public Comment will be allowed on each item.

4a–4s. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:

4a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY MR. JOSHUA JENNI. Mr. Jenni has submitted a petition to add a separate resident only archery hunt for Rocky Mountain Goats. The Commission may take action to deny or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8*)

Chairman Howell rejects this idea because it caters to one individual hunter's wish. This is an opportunity Mr. Jenni already has.

Member Xavier finds no scientific basis for this request.

Member Burnside added this will not add any tags; it will just split off tags from the any legal weapon. Mr. Jenni can already hunt with the archery tag and will likely not run into too many hunters since there are so few goat tags.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard agreed with the discussion.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Burnside/Xavier to recommend the Commission reject the petition submitted by Mr. Joshua Jenni; carried unanimously.

4b. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE THIRD READING OF COMMISSION POLICY 24 – HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AMONG VARIOUS WEAPONS AND HUNTER GROUPS. The Department made changes requested by the Commission. The Commission may make any necessary changes and may decide to repeal, revise or adopt the policy. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9*)

Chairman Howell pointed out that this has been before this Board multiple times and this is the final policy.

Member Xavier asked why they are moving away from the demand to a fixed structure when it comes to allocations by weapons class.

Member Burnside thinks the new formula is easier to understand. It is a simple, linear equation.

Chairman Howell feels this is more transparent to the public.

No public comment.

MOTION by Kjer/Burnside to recommend the Commission adopt Commission Policy 24 - Hunting Opportunities Among Various Weapons and Hunter Groups; carried unanimously.

4c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2025 PREDATION MANAGEMENT PLAN. The draft fiscal year 2025 Predation Management Plan will be presented to the Commission for initial review. Following this review, the draft plan will be updated and shared with the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC). All comments from the PARC, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW), and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Wildlife Damage Management Committee (WDMC) for their consideration at their March 2024 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2024 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10)*

Chairman Howell reviewed the plan and thinks it is a very thorough plan.

Member Burnside talked about the change in the way the predator fee is used. Sportsmen can now identify if the predator fee is used for predator control or habitat improvement. The unknown is how that fee will end up being split.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Xavier to recommend the Commission support the Draft Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan; carried unanimously.

4d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE BIENNIAL BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS FY2024 AND FY2025. The Commission will review and may take action to approve the Department's proposed biennial bighorn sheep and mountain goat release plan for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 11)*

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Kjer to recommend the Commission support the Biennial Big Game Release Plan for Fiscal Years FY2024 and FY2025; carried unanimously.

4e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 514 – MOOSE. The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Chapters 502 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for definitions, fees, and regulations concerning moose. This proposed regulation change is necessary to establish definitions for antlered and antlerless moose, eligibility requirements for a moose tag and fees for both resident and non-resident antlered and antlerless moose hunts and to establish requirements for maintaining physical characteristics of the harvested moose. *(This item is agendaized as a workshop of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Agenda) (Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 12A)*

Member Burnside is excited to see a possible moose hunt.

Chairman Howell thinks the sportsmen will support this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard asked how many moose are in Nevada.

Member Burnside thought there are 60 full time resident moose.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Howell/Kjer to recommend the Commission support Commission General Regulation 514 – Moose; carried unanimously.

4f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 512, FISHING REGULATIONS.

The Commission will hold an adoption hearing to consider amending Chapter 488 and 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would change vessel motor restrictions, amend tackle restrictions, and reclassify protected species classifications. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19A*)

Member Burnside talked with Kris Urquhart, Fisheries Biologist, who advised that this is the same proposed language that is already in the adopted Commission General Regulation. This adoption will change the Nevada Administrative Code.

No public comment.

MOTION by Kjer/Burnside to recommend the Commission adopt Commission General Regulation 512, Fishing Regulations; carried unanimously.

4g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 513, EXECUTIVE ORDER REGULATIONS.

The Commission will hold an adoption hearing to amend Chapters 488, 501, 502, 503 and 504 of the Nevada Administrative Code pursuant to Executive Order 2023-003. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 19B*)

Member Xavier said this will bring these chapters into compliance with the Governor's Order.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Howell to recommend the Commission adopt Commission General Regulation 513, Executive Order Regulations; carried unanimously.

4h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 514 – MOOSE.

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No public comment.

MOTION by Howell/Burnside to recommend the Commission adopt Commission General Regulation 514 – Moose; carried unanimously.

4i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 23-04, (AMENDMENT 2) – 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 BIG GAME SEASONS.

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve an amendment to the 2023- 2024 and 2024-2025 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and hunt boundary restrictions. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20A*)

Member Xavier supports the science but hates to see the junior tags chopped up.

Chairman Howell reviewed the reductions pointing out they were the result of winter kill, drought, and disease. Science supports these recommendations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard asked for more information on the changes to the youth tags.

Member Burnside identified the creation of the primitive weapon hunts and the buck only tag where there are bucks only for the youth. In those units where they have both buck and doe hunts, the youth tag is an either sex tag.

Mr. Bernard talked about the inception of the youth tag and how it was a “set aside hunt.” The youth hunt was meant to recruit and retain hunters and give the kids an opportunity. He is sad to see this happening.

Member Burnside added 25% of the tags are allocated to the youth hunt.

Member Xavier thought the alternative hunts will open more areas for juniors resulting in more selection and opportunity.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Burnside/Xavier to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 23-04, Amendment #2, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Big Game Hunting Seasons; carried unanimously.

4j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 23-10, (AMENDMENT 2) – 2024 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTA. The Commission will consider amending the regulation for the 2024 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota regulation to add a mandatory call-in number for all Specialty Bighorn Sheep tag holders to verify which units are closed to hunting. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20B*)

Member Xavier thought the changes were mostly clarifying language.

Vice Chairman Kjer referred to the new requirement to call in prior to hunting to determine if a unit has been closed due to harvest limits being reached. That is not a viable expectation given phone signal is not always available in many areas. After a full day of hunting, trying to find a phone that has signal to check in is too onerous. The Nevada Department of Wildlife should have to send out a text to the hunters that have specialty tags if an area has been closed.

Chairman Howell does not think this is realistic in Nevada or fair to the hunter. All these special tags are revenue generators, and they need to come up with a better system to manage them. Nevada is a remote state and a hunter should not be expected to search out a phone signal to make that call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard thinks the onus should be on the Department to alert hunters if an area or season has been closed.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Kjer/Burnside to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 23-10, Amendment #2 – 2024 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota ***with the exception of the mandatory call in requirement. The Department should be responsible for sending out text notifications to the specialty tag holders when an area or season has been closed;*** carried unanimously.

4k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-01, 2024 BIG GAME APPLICATION DEADLINES. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 big game tag application deadlines and related information. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20C*)

The members reviewed the regulation noting no significant changes.

No public comment.

MOTION by Xavier/Howell to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-01, 2024 Big Game Application Deadlines; carried unanimously.

4l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-02, 2024 BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY AND TAG LIMITS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 big game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20D)*

The members reviewed the regulation noting no significant changes.

No public comment.

MOTION by Kjer/Xavier to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-02, 2024 Big Game Tag Eligibility and Tag Limits; carried unanimously.

4m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-03, 2024 DREAM TAG. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quota. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20E)*

Member Burnside recalled the discussion at the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife that established a Dream Tag for bear. The number of tags have since been reduced to 37 (which matches the harvest objective) resulting in the elimination of a Dream Tag for a bear tag. He finds that disappointing.

Vice Chairman Kjer referred to the new requirement to call in prior to hunting to determine if a unit has been closed due to harvest limits being reached. That is not a viable expectation given phone signal is not always available in many areas. After a full day of hunting, trying to find a phone that has signal to check in is too onerous. The Nevada Department of Wildlife should have to send out a text to the hunters that have specialty tags if an area has been closed.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard thinks the onus should be on the Department to alert hunters if an area or season has been closed.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Kjer/Howell to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-03, 2024 Dream Tag ***with the exception of the mandatory call in requirement. The Department should be responsible for sending out text notifications to the specialty tag holders when an area or season has been closed;*** carried unanimously.

4n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-04, 2024 PARTNERSHIP IN WILDLIFE (PIW) TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) tags hunt species. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20F)*

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard thinks the onus should be on the Department to alert hunters if an area or season has been closed.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Kjer/Howell to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-04, 2024 Partnership in Wildlife (PIW) Tags with the exception of the mandatory call in requirement. The Department should be responsible for sending out text notifications to the specialty tag holders when an area or season has been closed; carried unanimously.

4o. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-05, 2025 HERITAGE TAG SEASONS AND QUOTA. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2025 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20G)*

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard the onus should be on the Department to alert hunters if an area or season has been closed.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Kjer/Howell to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-05, 2025 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quota with the exception of the mandatory call in requirement. The Department should be responsible for sending out text notifications to the specialty tag holders when an area or season has been closed; carried unanimously.

4p. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-06, 2024 SILVER STATE TAGS. The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2024 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quota. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20H)*

Member Xavier pointed out the California Bighorn Sheep tag was moved into this tag from the Heritage Tag.

Vice Chairman Kjer referred to the new requirement to call in prior to hunting to determine if a unit has been closed due to harvest limits being reached. That is not a viable expectation given phone signal is not always available in many areas. After a full day of hunting, trying to find a phone that has signal to check in is too onerous. The Nevada Department of Wildlife should have to send out a text to the hunters that have specialty tags if an area has been closed.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard the onus should be on the Department to alert hunters if an area or season has been closed.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Kjer/Xavier to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-06, 2024 Silver State Tags ***with the exception of the mandatory call in requirement. The Department should be responsible for sending out text notifications to the specialty tag holders when an area or season has been closed;*** carried unanimously.

4q. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-07, 2024 BLACK BEAR SEASONS. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2024 hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20I)*

Chairman Howell is glad to see no changes being made since the prior process was chaotic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard feels this is a better system than what was in place two years ago.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Kjer/Howell to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-07, 2024 Black Bear Seasons; carried unanimously.

4r. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-08, 2024 MOUNTAIN LION SEASON AND HARVEST LIMITS. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2024-2025 hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours and special regulations. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20J)*

Member Xavier discussed the call in requirement for mountain lions but felt it was not a similar issue to the specialty tags because these mountain lion hunts cover more area and the nature of the hunt is different.

Member Burnside added the mountain lion harvest limits have never been reached.

No public comment.

MOTION by Burnside/Howell to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-08, 2024 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits; carried unanimously.

4s. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-09, 2024-2025 RESTRICTED NONRESIDENT GUIDED MULE DEER SEASONS AND QUOTAS. The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2024-2025 hunting season and quotas for restricted non-resident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 20K)*

Member Xavier highlighted the proposed changes.

Member Burnside pointed out the numbers for the restricted nonresident guided mule deer hunts is set by statute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Bernard asked what happens if the mule deer population plummets since the numbers are set by statute.

Member Burnside answered it is based on the number of tags from the previous year. If the population declines, the number declines.

Public comment closed.

MOTION by Burnside/Xavier to recommend the Commission support Commission Regulation 24-09, 2025-2025 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas; carried unanimously.

5. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.

Member Burnside communicated with Kris Urquhart, NDOW; Carl Lackey, NDOW; and Matt Bernard.

Chairman Howell was contacted by a resident asking why muzzleloaders are not permitted in Smith and Mason Valley area deer hunts.

6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION REGARDING ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND UPCOMING WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS AND TO REPRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD. ONE MEMBER WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD.

Member Xavier will attend.

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for March 8 and 9, 2024 in Las Vegas. 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.

The next Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

8. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

No items were identified.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

Vice Chairman Kjer thanked Member Burnside for his many, many years serving as Chairman. He also thanked Paul Howell for agreeing to serve as Chairman for this year.

Chairman Howell thanked Kevin Kjer for agreeing to serve as Vice Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

The minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife are so approved this 27th day of February 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Howell, Chairman