

# DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

## MEETING AGENDA

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER  
(CARSON VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ROOM)  
1329 WATERLOO LANE  
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA

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5:00 P.M.  
June 25, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS.

### PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action Can be Taken)

At this time, public comment will be allowed on those items not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction and control of the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife.

Public comment is limited to three minutes per speaker. If you are going to comment on a specific agenda item scheduled for discussion and action, please do so when that item is opened for public comment.

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Douglas County Wildlife Board reserves the right to take items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner; to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and; to remove items from the agenda or delay discussion relating to items on the agenda.

### FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **April 30, 2024**

The Administrative Agenda will be handled as follows:

- (1) The Chairman will read the agenda title into the public record.
- (2) The Presenter, if any, will provide a report.
- (3) The Board will then discuss the matter.
- (4) The public will then be allowed to comment on the item and comment will be limited to three minutes per speaker.
- (5) Once public comment is completed, the Board will then ask any follow-up questions and take action.

1. **DISCUSSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE MAY 3 & 4, 2024 NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETINGS.** There will be no action taken.
2. **DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS OF THE MULE DEER ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE.**
3. **The following items, 3a through 3n, are items that will be heard before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners at the next meetings June 28 & 29, 2024 at the Pershing County Community Center, 820 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lovelock, 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.**

**3a–3n. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WHETHER THE DOUGLAS COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD TAKE A POSITION ON:**

**3a. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS TO MANAGE WILDLIFE BUDGET REQUESTS.** The Commission will consider and may approve an amount to fund the County Advisory Boards to Management Wildlife for Fiscal Year 2025. The Finance Committee recommended to approve an allocation of \$36,526 at their meeting on May 22, 2024. The CABMW request was \$38,573. The Commission may discuss approving funding at either of the amounts requested. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 8B)*

**3b. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION POLICY 12 – PREDATOR FEE FOR HABITAT, RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT.** The Commission will review a new Commission Policy 12 for the second time and may take action to recommend revising or adopting the policy. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 9)*

**3c. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON APPROVAL FOR ELK DAMAGE PAYMENT EXCEEDING \$10,000.** An assessment of elk damage on Granite Peak Ranch in White Pine County, totaling \$13,318 was conducted by Department personnel and submitted for reimbursement by Bruce Hubbard, agent for the property. Per Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 504.421 Section 1(f), “A loss on one site must be limited to \$10,000 unless the Commission determines that a claimant may be paid more, and there is sufficient money to pay him or her.” The Commission is required to review and approve the payment for elk damage. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 10)*

**3d. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON HERITAGE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS.** The Commission will review recommendations and may approve extensions requests from projects approved in previous fiscal years. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 12)*

**3e. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON HERITAGE FUNDING REALLOCATION.** 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. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 13)*

**3f. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON FISCAL YEAR 2025 HERITAGE PROJECT PROPOSALS.** The Commission will hear recommendations from the Committee and may take action to approve up to \$1,840,130.76 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2025 from the annual year project funds. In addition, the Commission may take action to approve up to \$98,548.64 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2025 from the principal balance for a total of \$1,938,679.40. Funding requests are listed below and may be approved by the Commission. *(Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 14)*

- Memory Ranch Conservation Easement (\$200,000)
- FY25 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Restoration and Management (\$110,600)
- FY25 Wildfire-related Restoration and Seed Purchase (\$150,000)
- FY25 Nevada Spring Protection Project (\$100,000)
- FY25 Nevada Water Development Maintenance (\$50,000)
- FY25 Clover Valley Wildlife Passage Improvement Project (\$50,000)
- FY25 Cave Lake Habitat Improvement and Erosion Control (\$98,538.40)
- FY25 Rosencrans Habitat Restoration (\$50,000)
- FY25 Currant Summit PJ Removal (\$75,000)
- FY25 Warmwater Fisheries Enhancement (\$133,000)
- FY25 Lake Tahoe Fish Management Structure Phase 2 (\$100,000)
- FY25 Shoshone Bench Habitat Restoration (\$50,000)
- FY25 Corta Fire Habitat Improvement Phase III (\$75,000)
- FY25 Sheep Creek Mountains Habitat Improvement Project (\$72,500)
- FY25 Mule Deer Enhancement Project (\$100,000)
- FY25 Toe Jam Mountain Habitat Improvement Project (\$50,000)
- FY25 Statewide Elk Trace Mineral Profile and Population Demographic (\$149,999)
- FY25 Granite Range Bitterbrush Planting (\$45,000)
- FY25 Supplemental Oxygen for Gallagher Hatchery (\$25,000)
- FY25 Black Bear Monitoring (\$50,000)
- Leafy Spurge Eradication (\$70,652)
- Evaluation and Improvement of Springbox Restoration in the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge, Nevada (\$73,690)
- Mountain Lion Predation on Native and Feral Ungulates in Southeast Nevada (\$59,700)

**3g. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE BIENNIAL SMALL GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025, AMENDMENT #1.** The Commission will review and may take action to approve an amendment to the Department's proposed biennial upland game release plan for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 21*)

**3h. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON THE BIENNIAL BIG GAME RELEASE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025, AMENDMENT #1.** The Commission will review and may take action to approve an amendment to the Department's Biennial Big Game Release Plan for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 22*)

**3i. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON ENERGY AND SOLAR PROJECTS UPDATE.** A presentation will be provided on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. The Commission will discuss possibly providing a letter of comment on this project, as well as an overview of renewable energy across Nevada. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 23*)

**3j. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON DUCK STAMP REQUEST.** The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$90,750 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2025 funding from the Duck Stamp Account. The specific Duck Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 24*)

- FY25 Argenta WMA Improvement Project (\$15,000)
- FY25 Ducks Unlimited Wetlands Conservation Support (\$35,000)
- Carson Lake WMA Noxious Weed Treatment (\$25,000)

- FY25 Purchase Support for Airboat (\$13,750)
- FY25 Full Lifecycle Conservation of International Migratory Waterfowl and Other Avian Species (\$2,000)

**3k. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON UPLAND GAME BIRD STAMP REQUEST.** The Commission will review and may take action to approve up to \$262,230 for projects submitted for Fiscal Year 2025 funding from the Upland Game Bird Stamp Account. The specific Upland Game Bird Stamp projects that may be approved are listed below. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 25*)

- FY25 Gilbert Creek Habitat Restoration Project Phase II (\$15,000)
- FY25 Argenta WMA Improvement Project (\$20,000)
- FY25 Toe Jam Mountain Habitat Improvement Project (\$12,500)
- FY25 Greater Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$46,330)
- FY25 Mineral Development Effects on Greater Sage-grouse (\$60,000)
- FY25 Upland Game Translocation and Monitoring (\$13,400)
- FY25 Bi-State Sage-grouse Coordinator (\$10,000)
- FY25 Bi-State Sage-grouse Monitoring (\$30,000)
- FY25 Petersen Mountains Bitterbush Planting (\$15,000)
- FY25 Common Raven Modeling (\$40,000)

**3l. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 23-15, AMENDMENT #1, FISHING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS FOR JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.** The Commission will consider amending CR 23-15 to designate Smith Creek Reservoir as a closed water in Lander County. (*Commission Agenda Item 26A*)

**3m. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-05, AMENDMENT #1, 2025 HERITAGE TAG VENDORS.** The Commission will review the Wildlife Heritage Committee’s recommendations regarding Heritage Tag Vendor Proposals for 2025 and may take action on the proposals. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26B*)

**3n. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION REGULATION 24-13, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026 UPLAND GAME AND FURBEARER SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS.** The Commission will establish and may vote to adopt regulations for upland game birds and mammals, furbearers, and wild turkey for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 seasons. (*Wildlife Commission Agenda Item 26C*)

**4. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEMBERS HAVE RECEIVED.** This is an opportunity for Board members to discuss any correspondence or communication they may have received regarding matters over which the Board has jurisdiction and control. No action will be taken other than to possibly have an item placed on the next agenda.

**5. 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.**

6. **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. DISCUSSION TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT DOUGLAS COUNTY WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING.** The next Commission meeting is scheduled for August 16 and 17, 2024 in Elko. 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, August 13, 2024.

7. **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** This is an opportunity for Board members to request that items be placed on future agendas. There will be no deliberation or action taken other than to request the Chair to place the item on an agenda.

## **CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.**

## **ADJOURNMENT.**

**NOTICES: NOTICES:** The Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for any citizen who wishes to attend this meeting. If special arrangements are necessary, please contact Paul Howell, Chairman, at 775-720-4987, or, in writing, at P O Box 2207, Gardnerville, Nevada 89410, as soon as possible.

In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes 241, this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting day and has been posted before 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at the following locations: Douglas County Community & Senior Center (both entrances); Douglas County Historic Courthouse; USPS Gardnerville Post Office; USPS Minden Post Office Main Office; Nevada Public Notice website; and Douglas County Nevada website.

Copies of supporting material can be found at: <https://www.ndow.org/events/June-2024-commission-meeting/>

Copies of supporting material can be requested from Lorraine Kabat by calling 775-782-0029. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items prior to the meeting at [LAD615@yahoo.com](mailto:LAD615@yahoo.com) or attend and make comment during the meeting.

On some occasions, a quorum of this Advisory Board may be in attendance at the Nevada Wildlife Commissioners meetings. No action will be taken by the Douglas County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife on those occasions other than to have a spokesperson inform the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners of the recommendations that this Advisory Board has duly acted upon at previous meetings.