

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

THURSDAY ~ November 7th, 2024 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Coby Rowe, Chair
Ryan Browne, Vice-Chair
Matt Melarkey
Steven Robinson
Jim Rhea

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Time Limits – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. 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 speech that may be reasonably limited.

Responses to Public Comments – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel, and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider, the Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS”** [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **Approval of September 24th, 2024 minutes** [For possible action]
5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** [Non-action item] – Discussion and determination of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: November 15th & 16th in Reno, Nevada.
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the September 28th, 29th, 2024 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **CONSENT ITEMS – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - 7a. **Emerging Technology Report - Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A report will be provided on emerging technology as it results to wildlife. She will discuss hardware and software related technology advancements and the effects it has on harvesting of wildlife.
 - 7b. **Appeal – Mr James Curtis – Five Year License Revocation - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr Curtis is appealing the Revocation of his hunting, fishing, trapping license permit or privileges for a period of five years.
 - 7c. **Heritage Committee Meeting Report and Cave Creek Dam - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Rehabilitation Heritage Account Principal Proposal – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes and Deputy Director Caleb McAdoo

The Commission will hear a report from the Heritage Committee and consider the Cave Creek Dam

Rehabilitation Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal. The Department is seeking Heritage Account Principal Project funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to assist in the reconstruction of the Cave Creek Dam in White Pine County, Nevada.

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7d. FY 2024 Predator Management Report – Game Division - INFORMATIONAL

Administrator Shawn Espinosa

A presentation will be provided on the Department's Predation Management Status Report for fiscal year 2024. Additionally, a presentation will also be provided by USGS staff on Project 41 – "Understanding of Common Raven Densities and Space Use in Nevada".

8. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Consent item(s) removed from consent block will be heard.

9. Policy 67 - Wild Horse and Burro Update – Wildlife Staff Specialist - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - Amanda Gearhart

A draft report and presentation will be provided to the Commission on the status of Wild Horses and Burros in Nevada as referenced in Commission Policy 67.

10. Commission Regulations – Workshop/Adoption - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Public Comment Allowed

A*. Commission Regulation 24-14, Taking of Raptors for Falconry for 2025-2026 – Biodiversity Division Administrator Jasmine Kleiber

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2025-2026 season dates, species, quotas, limits, closed areas, application procedures and deadlines, and take of raptors for falconry.

B*. Commission Regulation 24-15, Non-commercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2025-2026 – Wildlife Biodiversity Administrator Jasmine Kleiber

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve 2025-2026 season and limits for non-commercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

11. Commission General Regulations – Adoption - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Public Comment Allowed

A* Commission General Regulation 522 – eTag Regulations – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples and Management Analyst Megan Manfredi

The Commission will hold an adoption to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This would update the process related to use of game tags in the field and allow the Department to offer game tags in an electronic format.

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B*. Commission General Regulation 523 – Heritage Revisions – Habitat Division

Administrator Mark Freese

The Commission will hold an adoption to amend Chapter 501 Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would change Heritage Project Awards from one to two years with the possibility for extension.

12. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only- Public Comment Allowed

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

13. Public Comment [Non-action item] – *Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.*

14. Adjournment [Non-action item]

IF THE MEETING GOES BEYOND 10:00 P.M., THE WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MAY POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION