

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

TUESDAY ~ January 21ST, 2025 ~ 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 November 7th, 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: January 24th & 25th 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 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. **Petition – Mr. Donald Molde, Mr. Christopher Smith, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Ms. Caron Tayloe, Ms. Catherine Smith and Mr. Will Stolzenburg**

Mses. Tayloe and Smith and Messrs. Molde, Smith and Stolzenburg are petitioning the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners to approve several recommended changes to trapping regulations to reduce the effects of incidental trapping of mountain lions, require trapper education for new licensees, and improve collection of non-target trapping data.
 - 7b. **Legislation Committee Report – Committee Chairman Paul Young**

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A report will be presented on the committee’s recent meetings. The Commission may review bills of interest, consider legislative committee recommendations, and may take official positions on those bills. The Commission may also choose to develop platforms on bills by supporting or opposing general concepts contained within bills rather than specific language. The Commission will consider and may approve a spokesperson(s) who will relay Commission positions and platforms to the Legislature.

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7c. Requirements for Federal Land Permits FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Non-Resident Guided Deer Hunts - Captain Jake Kreamer

This presentation will provide an overview of the necessary changes to regulations concerning land permits for non-resident guided deer hunts. Additionally, the presentation will cover master guide agreements and propose expanding the requirement for submitting land permits to the Department for all master guides applying for or renewing their license.

7d. Contest Committee – Committee Chairman David McNinch FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A report will be presented on the committee's recent meetings. The Commission may decide to take action or provide direction to the Department on the issue of Wildlife Contests in Nevada.

7e. Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Predation Management Plan FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa

The draft fiscal year 2026 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 2025 meeting. The Commission will receive an update at the March 2025 meeting from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee and may provide additional direction at that time.

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

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

9. Commission General Regulation 524 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Bonus Points Associated with Junior Hunt Applications – Workshop Public Comment Allowed – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider a temporary regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would simplify the issuance, use and administrative management of bonus points associated with junior hunt applications.

10. Commission Regulations – Public Comment Allowed – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Commission Regulation 25-01, 2025 Application Deadlines, Draw Results and 2026 Spring Turkey – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2025 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

B. Commission Regulation 25-02, 2025 Game Tag Application Eligibility and Tag Limits – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will consider adopting regulation to set the 2025 game tag application eligibility and tag limits and related information.

C. Commission Regulation 25-03, 2025 Dream Tag Seasons and Quotas – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2025 Dream Tag species, seasons, and quota.

D. Commission Regulation 25-04, 2026 Heritage Tag Seasons and Quotas – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2026 Heritage Tag species, seasons, and quota.

E. Commission Regulation 25-05, 2025 Partnership in Wildlife Tag Seasons and Quotas – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2025 Partnership in Wildlife tags hunt species, seasons, and quota.

F. Commission Regulation 25-06, 2025 Silver State Tag Seasons and Quotas – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will consider adopting a regulation to set the 2025 Silver State tag species, seasons, and quota.

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G. Commission Regulation 25-07 – 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Big Game Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialists Cody Schroeder, Cody McKee, and Mike Cox

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the proposed big game seasons for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 hunting seasons and dates for mule deer, antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics, and hunt boundary restrictions.

H. Commission Regulation 25-08 – 2025 Black Bear Seasons – Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2025 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.

I. Commission Regulation 25-09 – 2025 Mountain Lion Seasons and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2025 hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours and special regulations for mountain lion.

J. Commission Regulation 25-10 – 2025-2026 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody Schroeder

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the 2025-2026 hunting season and quotas for restricted non-resident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

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