

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

REVISED AGENDA

TUESDAY ~ November 4th, 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
Kristie Marchese

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http://www.washoecounty.us/csd/all_boards_committees/nv_wildlife_commissioners/index.php

The NDOW (Nevada Department of Wildlife) website at: http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/County_Advisory_Boards/Washoe/

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Note: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order; combined with other items; removed from the agenda; moved to the agenda of another meeting; moved to or from the Consent section; or may be voted on in a block. Items voted on in a block are considered a single item for purposes of public comment on action items as provided below in the description of the parameters for "Public Comment" section, so that there will be only one period of public comment on the block vote; any public comment made during that period may pertain to any of the items being voted on in the block, but there will not be separate public comment periods for each item within the block. The Consent is a single agenda item and is considered as a block and will not be read aloud.

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 22nd, 2025 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 November 7th & 8th 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 2025 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **WCABMW ELECTIONS** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The CAB will select officers for the following year.
8. **Reports INFORMATIONAL**
 - A. **Division Activity Reports – Secretary Jenne and Division Administrators**
A report will be provided on highlights from the Nevada Department of Wildlife recent activities.
 - B. **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Richard Yien**
A report will be provided on the Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.
 - C. **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) Report – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia**
A report will be provided on the recent TAAHC meeting.

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E. Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Policy (APRP) Committee Report – Committee Chairman Eddie Booth

A report will be provided on the recent APRP meeting.

F. Emerging Technology Committee – Committee Chairman Tommy Caviglia

A report will be provided on the recent Emerging Technology Committee meeting.

G. 2025 Wildfire Report – Habitat Division Administrator Mark Freese

The Department will provide the Commission with an update of the 2025 wildfire season and Department activities.

H. Department Project Donation Guidance Update – Secretary Jenne

The Department will give an update on the status of the agencies project donation guidance. Consent item(s) removed from consent block will be heard.

9. Appeal – Five Year Loss of Hunting and Fishing License – Ms. Kirsten Cardin – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Ms. Cardin is appealing a five-year license revocation of her hunting, fishing and trapping licenses which was applied upon a conviction of a gross misdemeanor for a violation of NRS 501.376(4). **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

10. Adaptive Population Objectives – Addendum #2 to the Elk Species Management Plan – Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody McKee **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will be presented with and may act upon a process for revising elk population objectives associated with various Elk Management Sub-plans. The Commission may also consider renaming and expanding the Elk Damage and Incentive Committee. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

11. State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Biennial Big Game Release Plan Amendment #1 – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will be presented with an amendment to the Biennial Big Game Release Plan for State Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and may take action to adopt the plan. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

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12. Presentation on Regulatory Modifications to Link Master Guide FOR POSSIBLE ACTION and Subguide Accountability – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer

The Department will present potential modifications to existing regulatory language aimed at establishing a clearer connection between the actions of subguides and their master guides. The presentation will explore mechanisms to hold master guides accountable for misconduct or noncompliance by their subguides. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

13. Wayne E. Kirch 2024 Award Presentation – Chairman Rogers INFORMATIONAL

The Commission will present the 2024 Wayne E. Kirch award that acknowledges a deserving individual, nonprofit organization, outdoor sports club, or business who have achieved significant results toward the conservation, management, or enhancement of wildlife in the State of Nevada.

14. Service Recognition – Secretary Jenne INFORMATIONAL

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission and the Nevada Department of Wildlife would like to recognize David McNinch, Craig Burkett and Chris Vasey for their commitment to wildlife conservation and their public service to the State of Nevada.

15. Daily Harvest Questionnaire – Data and Technology Services Division INFORMATIONAL Administrator Matt Maples

A presentation will be provided to the Commission on the daily report tool for upland game, waterfowl, and fishing harvests.

16. Bighorn Sheep Management Plan Revision – INFORMATIONAL Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox

A presentation will be provided to the Commission on the progress of the Nevada Bighorn Sheep Management Plan Revision.

17. Predator Management Status Report INFORMATIONAL Wildlife Staff Specialist Joe Bennett

A presentation will be provided on the accomplishments of the Department's Predator Management Program complete with species, and areas of focus.

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18. Presentation on Disability Permit Program Modification FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Department will provide a presentation on potential regulation changes to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503 that would update business rules and requirements related to the archery, visual, and special assistance disability permits. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

19. Commission General Regulations – Adoption/Public FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Comment Allowed

A*. Commission General Regulation 528 – Motor Restrictions and Revisions Related to Fisheries – Wildlife Staff Specialist Kim Tisdale

The Commission will consider for adoption a regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to set motor restrictions on Battle Born Pond (NAC 488.470), establish a “mandatory catch and kill” regulation for Northern Pike (NAC 503.110), revise bait restrictions statewide (NAC 503.500 – 515), amend ice hole size restriction to allow for larger sized holes for spear/bow fishing at Comins Lake (NAC 503.583), and update scientific names in the classification of fish species (NAC 503.060 – 065). **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

B*. Commission General Regulation 525 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Coyote Hunting Contests – Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight

The Commission will consider for adoption a regulation amending Chapter 503 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) to provide for season and licensing requirements for participants of coyote hunting contests. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

20. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

21. 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.*

22. 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