

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MONDAY ~ March 9th, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.

**Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada**

MEMBERS

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Coby Rowe, Vice Chair
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Steven Robinson

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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 January 20th, 2026 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 March 13th & 14th in Boulder City, Nevada.
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** [Non-action items] – 1) Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; 2) Overview of the November 2025 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **PRESENTATION FROM USFWS** **INFORMATIONAL**
Lahontan National Fish Hatchery Complex Briefing on Lahontan Cutthroat Trout management in the lower Truckee River-Pyramid Lake system. Roy Ulibarri Senior Fishery Biologist USFWS
8. **First Reading – Commission Policies** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 - A* **Commission Policy 1 – General Guidelines for the Commission – Management Analyst Alejandra Medina**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 1 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**
 - B*. **Commission Policy 4 – Petition Process and Adoption of Regulations – Management Analyst Alejandra Medina**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 4 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

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C*. Commission Policy 51 – Kirch Award – Management Analyst Alejandra Medina

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 51 and may take action to revise the policy and move to a second reading. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

9. Elk Management Committee Report and Recommendations – Desired Elk Herd Population Objective Adjustments – Committee Chair Casey Kiel and Wildlife Staff Specialist Cody McKee **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

A report will be provided on the recent Committee meeting. The Commission will consider adopting recommendations for adjustments to annual elk population objectives as outlined in Addendum 2 to the Elk Species Management Plan – Adaptive Population Objectives and as discussed at the Elk Management Committee meeting. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.**

10. Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Wildlife Staff Specialist Joe Bennett

The Commission will be presented with the second draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan. Comments and revisions from the State Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee (PARC), the Wildlife Damage Management Committee, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife and any other interested entity will be compiled and shared with the Commission for consideration. The Commission may take action to provide recommendations or modifications of the second draft. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

11*. Petition – Mr. Christian Reilly – Fisheries Division Administrator Christopher Crookshanks **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The petition requests the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners consider the removal of freshwater stingrays (*Potamotrygon* spp.) from Nevada’s Prohibited Aquatic Species List or reclassification of the species to a regulated/controlled species category. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

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**12*. Appeal – Mr. Daniel King – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Deputy Attorney General Richard Yien as Department counsel**

Mr. King is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

**13*. Appeal – Mr. Tyrel Hubbard – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer Deputy Attorney General Richard Yien as
Department counsel**

Mr. Hubbard is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

**14*. Appeal – Mr. Paul Padilla – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer, FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
Deputy Attorney General Richard Yien as Department counsel**

Mr. Padilla is appealing the denial of his sub-guide license. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

15. Commission Regulations – Public Comment Allowed FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**A*. Commission Regulation 26-10, Migratory Game Bird Seasons, Bag Limits, and Special
Regulations for Waterfowl and Webless Migratory Game Birds; Public Hunting
Limited on Wildlife Management Areas and Designated State Lands – 2026-2027
Season – Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa**

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds for the 2026-2027 season and adopt regulations consistent with the proposed regulation framework for the 2026-2027 hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission will also consider rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

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16. Commission General Regulations – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Workshop / Public Comment Allowed

A*. Commission General Regulation 516 – Boating Equipment and Operation Revisions – Game Warden Captain Buck Tingle

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that is mandated by the United States Coast Guard on the requirements of fire extinguishers and clean up language for operating at a flat wake. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

B*. Commission General Regulation 517 – Automatic Range Finding Scopes – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would prohibit the use of range finding scopes that automatically adjusts the sight reticle or aiming point while hunting certain species with a firearm, bow, or crossbow. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

C*. Commission General Regulation 526 – Thermal Imaging Equipment – Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that would amend dates and set location or possession restrictions when the use of thermal imaging equipment is unlawful. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

D*. Commission General Regulation 529 – Disability Permit Program Revisions – Data and Technology Services Division Administrator Matt Maples

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 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**

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E*. Commission General Regulation 530 – Master Guides – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that creates consistent guidelines for the Department to follow to deny, revoke or suspend a guides license for specified convictions, unethical conduct, or regulatory violations, and to establish clear penalty tiers based on offense type and demerit values. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

F*. Commission General Regulation 531 – Shed Antler Revisions – Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight

The Commission will hold a workshop to consider regulation language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) that creates different seasons for shed antler collection, adding certain private lands and definitions. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission.**

17. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

18. 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.*

19. 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