

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

MONDAY ~ May 4th, 2026 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Ryan Browne, Chair
Coby Rowe, Vice Chair
Kristie Marchese, Secretary
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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 March 9th, 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 March 2026 meeting of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners; and 3) WCABMW discussion of action items for NBWC
7. **First Reading – Commission Policies**
 - A. **Commission Policy 24 – Hunting Opportunities Among Weapons and Hunter Groups – Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will have a first reading of Commission Policy 24 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**
8. **Second Reading – Commission Policies**
 - A. **Commission Policy 1 – General Guidelines for the Commission – Management Analyst Alejandra Medina FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Commission will have a second reading of Commission Policy 1 and may take action to adopt the policy. **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 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

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C. Commission Policy 51 – Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award – Management Analyst Alejandra Medina FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

9. Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Predation Management Plan FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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*

10. Petition – Mr. Henry Evans – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

This petition requests the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners consider the removal of the compound bow let-off limit from NAC 503.144. *The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission*

11. Appeal – Mr. Braxton Bilbao – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer and Deputy Attorney General Nicole Ting as Department Counsel FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

12. Appeal – Mr. Paul Padilla – Game Warden Captain Jake Kreamer and Deputy Attorney General Nicole Ting as Department Counsel FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

13. Commission General Regulations – Adoption/Public Comment Allowed

A. Commission General Regulation 517 – Automatic Range Finding Scopes – Game

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Warden Captain Jake Kreamer

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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**

14. Commission Regulations – Public Comment Allowed

A. Commission Regulation 26-11, Big Game Quotas for the 2026-2027

Seasons – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Cody Schroeder and Cody McKee and Game Division Administrator Shawn Espinosa

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve setting regulations for the number of tags to be issued for mule deer, antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat for the 2026-2027 season. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

B. Commission Regulation 26-12, 2026 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Joe Bennett

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The Commission will consider adopting the 2026 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear. **The WCABMW may take action to provide a recommendation to the Commission**

15. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Informational only

Members may propose future topics for discussion.

- 16. 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.*

17. 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