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**\*\*\*\*NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING\*\*\*\***

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PLACE OF MEETING: **Churchill County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street,  
Conference Room #102, Fallon, NV**

DATE & TIME: **September 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**

TYPE OF MEETING: **Meeting of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife**

**Notes:**

- I. These meetings are subject to the provisions of Nevada Open Meeting Law (NRS Chapter 241). Except as otherwise provided for by law, these meetings are open and public.***
- II. Action will be taken on all agenda items, unless otherwise noted.***
- III. The agenda is a tentative schedule. The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may act upon agenda items in a different order than is stated in this notice – so as to affect the people's business in the most efficient manner possible.***
- IV. The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may combine two or more agenda items for consideration, remove an item from the agenda, or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.***
- V. In the interest of time, the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife reserves the right to impose uniform time limits of not more than three minutes upon matters devoted to public comment.***
- VI. Any statement made by a member of the Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife during the public meeting is absolutely privileged.***

**Agenda:**

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 3. Verification of the Posting of the Agenda.**
- 4. Review and Adoption of Agenda: Action to approve the agenda as submitted or revised.**
- 5. Review and Adoption of Minutes:  
Minutes of the Meeting of July 30, 2013.**
- 6. Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence.**
- 7. Public Comment: Comment upon matters not on agenda.**



*public meeting where the conduct of such persons is willfully disruptive to the people's business.*

*\*All supporting materials for this agenda are available by requesting a copy from the Deputy Clerk prior to the meeting. During the meeting, there will be one copy available for public inspection. Additional copies are available by making the request from the Deputy Clerk. You are entitled to one copy of the supporting materials free of charge.*

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**Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting**

Clark County Government Center  
Commission Chambers  
500 S. Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155  
**Final Agenda**

Public comment will be taken on every action item after discussion but before action on each item, and is limited to three minutes per person. The chairman, in his discretion, may allow persons representing groups to speak for six minutes. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers. Persons are invited to submit written comments on items or attend and make comment during the meeting and are asked to complete a speaker card and present it to the Recording Secretary. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments in order to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda.

Forum restrictions and orderly business: 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 that antagonize or incite others are examples of public comment that may be reasonably limited.

Please provide the Board of Wildlife Commissioners ("Commission") with the complete electronic or written copies of testimony and visual presentations to include as exhibits with the minutes. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format.

**NOTE: Public comment allowed on each action item and regulation workshop items and at the end of the meeting**

**Friday, September 20, 2013 – 10 a.m.**

- 1 **Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Robb**
- 2 **Boating Officer of the Year Award – Chief of Law Enforcement Rob Buonamici**
- 3 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Robb – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.
- 4 **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence – Chairman Robb - Informational**  
Commissioners may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. The Commission will review and may discuss correspondence sent or received by the Commission since the last regular meeting and may provide copies for the exhibit file (Commissioners may provide hard copies of their correspondence for the written record).



- 5     **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items – Informational**  
 CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.
- 6\*    **Approval of Minutes – Chairman Robb - For Possible Action**  
 Commission minutes from the August 2013 Commission meetings.
- 7\*    **Wildlife Damage Management Committee – Commissioner McBeath and Staff Specialist Pete Bradley**  
 The Commission will hear a report on the committee's recent meeting.
- A\*   **First Reading of a New Commission Policy, Entitled, #23 Predation Management – Commissioner McBeath – For Possible Action**  
 In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will conduct a first reading of new Commission Policy #23, Predation Management, and may incorporate changes as recommended by the Wildlife Damage Management Committee from their Sept. 20, 2013, meeting.
- B\*   **Draft Fiscal Year 2014 Predator Management Plan – Commissioner McBeath and Staff Specialist Pete Bradley – For Possible Action**  
 The Commission will review the draft Fiscal Year 14 Predator Management Plan and the Commission may take action to approve the plan and if needed, reallocate funds to projects previously approved at the August 2013 Commission meeting in Fallon.
- 8     **Bighorn Sheep Management Challenges – Game Division Staff Specialist Mike Cox – Informational**  
 A presentation will be made describing bighorn sheep management challenges and potential tools needed to address them.
- 9\*    **Cow Elk Management Strategies - Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox and Program Officer III Maureen Hullinger – Informational**  
 The Department will provide information regarding several cow elk hunt management strategies to meet the Department's elk management goals, to include information on any regulation changes to meet those management goals.
- 10\*   **Fiscal Year 2014 Heritage Project Modification – Deputy Director Cates – For Possible Action**  
 Pursuant to NAC 501.300, the Commission will consider and may take action on a request to transfer approved Heritage Project #14-13, Conservation Planning Tool for Greater Sage-grouse in the Mount Grant Population Management Unit from the management of the U.S. Geological Survey, Michael Casazza to the Nevada Chukar Foundation.

- 11\* **Memorandum of Understanding for Reciprocal Fishing and Watercraft Registration on the Waters of the Colorado River in Common to the States of Nevada and Arizona – Deputy Director Rich Haskins – For Possible Action**  
Arizona is in the process of restructuring their licenses and will require a fishing license for 10 year old children. Nevada does not require a license until age 12. This amended agreement which the Commission may take action to approve addresses that issue for Nevada youth fishing on those waters and the Aquatic Invasive Species decal issue.
- 12\* **Proposed Trail Camera Commission General Regulation – Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici – For Possible Action**  
The Commission may take action to direct the Department to promulgate a regulation relating to trail cameras and associated provisions.
- 13 **Bear Management – Chairman Robb – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will report on the letter authorized at the last meeting soliciting involvement of additional entities to assist with education on bear related issues and may take action to amend the letter to address other bear related issues.
- 14 **Comins Lake – Chairman Robb – For Possible Action**  
The Commission has been requested by White Pine County to support restoration of Comins Lake. The Commission may decide to take action to draft a letter of support.

**Commission Regulations - Workshop – Public Comment Allowed**

- 15\* **Commission General Regulation 426, Desert Tortoise, LCB File No. R004-13 – Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards - Workshop**  
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to desert tortoises; prohibiting a person from possessing more than one desert tortoise under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Wildlife Commission will consider taking action to restrict the number of pet desert tortoises for adoption/possession as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to *one* per person as of May 1, 2013. Pet desert tortoises in possession prior to enactment are not affected by the regulation (only new possessions of pet desert tortoise). The amendment is needed due to the over breeding of pet desert tortoises in captivity primarily in southern Nevada.
- 16\* **Commission General Regulation 424, Transportation Permit, LCB File No. R003-13 - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici - Workshop**  
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to wildlife; setting forth the manner in which a portion of the game tag may be used as a transportation permit; requiring certain signatures and information to be included on a tag or permit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
- 17\* **Commissioner General Regulation 427, Trapping Visitation Limit, LCB File No. R018-13 - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici – Workshop**  
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping; interpreting the phrase “visit or cause to be visited” for certain purposes relating to trapping; specifying the minimum period during which a person must visit or cause to be visited certain traps, snares or similar device; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

18\* **Commission General Regulation 429, Trapping Registration Number, LCB File No. R017-13- Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici – Workshop**

The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping; revising provisions governing the registration of a trap, snare or similar device; setting forth the requirements for affixing a registration number to the trap, snare or similar device; and the issuance of trap registration numbers and establish the manner of marking traps, snares, or other lawful devices.

19 **Public Comment Period**

Persons wishing to speak are requested to complete a speaker's card and present it to the recording secretary. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

**Saturday, September 21, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.**

20 **Call to Order, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Robb**

21 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Robb – For Possible Action**

The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.

22 **Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Robb - Informational**

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23 **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items - Informational**

CABMW members may present emergent items. No action may be taken by the Commission. Any item requiring Commission action will be scheduled on a future Commission agenda.

24 **Second Reading of Commission Policy #23, Predation Management – Commissioner McBeath – For Possible Action**

In accordance with Commission Policy #1, the Commission will conduct a second reading of Commission Policy #23, Predation Management, and may take action to adopt.



**Commission Regulations – For Possible Action**

- 25\* **Commission Regulation 14 – 01 Amendment #1, Migratory Waterfowl, Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Seasons and Special Regulations - Wildlife Staff Specialist Russell Woolstenhulme – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will consider changes to seasons and special regulations for the Special Youth Waterfowl hunt for the 2013 - 2014 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2013 - 2014 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 26\* **Commission Regulation 13 - 14 Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits for 2014 - 2016 - Chief of Fisheries Jon Sjoberg – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will establish fishing seasons, bag and possession limits for the period of March 1, 2014, through Feb. 29, 2016.
- 27\* **Commission General Regulation 426, Desert Tortoise, LCB File No. R004-13 – Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to desert tortoises; prohibiting a person from possessing more than one desert tortoise under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The Wildlife Commission will consider taking action to restrict the number of pet desert tortoises for adoption/possession as approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to *one* per person as of May 1, 2013. Pet desert tortoises in possession prior to enactment are not affected by the regulation (only new possessions of pet desert tortoise). The amendment is needed due to the over breeding of pet desert tortoises in captivity primarily in southern Nevada.  
Note: See support material for agenda item #15.
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- 30\* **Commission General Regulation 429, Trapping Registration Number, LCB FILE No. R017-13- Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici – For Possible Action**  
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping; revising provisions governing the registration of a trap, snare or similar device; setting forth the requirements for affixing a registration number to the trap, snare or similar device; and the issuance of trap registration numbers and establish the manner of marking traps, snares, or other lawful devices. Note: See support material for agenda item #18.



31 **Reports – Informational**

A **An Update on the Status of Wildlife Rehabilitation in Nevada - Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards**

An update will be provided on the status of the wildlife rehabilitation in Nevada.

B\* **Nevada Wildlife Action Plan 2012 Revision Update – Chief of Fisheries Jon Sjoberg and Chief of Wildlife Diversity Laura Richards**

A presentation will be provided on the status of the revised Nevada Wildlife Action Plan.

C **Sage-grouse and Sagebrush Ecosystem Council Update - Secretary Tony Wasley and Commissioner Drew**

An update on the status of the sage-grouse will be provided as well as an update on the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council.

D **Wildfire Update – Chief of Habitat Alan Jenne**

Chief Jenne will provide an update on wildfires that have occurred in Nevada this fire season.

E\* **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) - Commissioner Robb**

A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting.

F **Wild Horse Update - Chief of Habitat Alan Jenne**

A report will be provided on the status of wild horse issues pending in Nevada.

G\* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General David Newton**

H **Department Activity Report - Secretary Tony Wasley**

Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

32 **Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Mid-Winter and Annual Conference – Chairman Robb – For Possible Action**

The Commission may designate a Commissioner or Commissioners to attend WAFWA's 2014 mid-winter conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 2 – 5, 2014, and the annual conference in San Antonio, Texas, on July 17 – 23.

33 **Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments - Secretary Tony Wasley - For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for December 6 and 7, 2013, in Reno, and the Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the time and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments as necessary at this meeting.

34 **Public Comment Period**

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\*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website (ndow.org), and updates to support material will be posted at ndow.org. Support material for this meeting may be requested from Recording Secretary Suzanne Scourby at (775) 688-1599; supporting material for this meeting is available for the public at the Nevada Department of Wildlife, 4660 Kietzke Lane, Suite B-118, Reno, NV, 89502. In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting date and has been posted on the NDOW website at NDOW.org and at the following Department of Wildlife offices: 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV, 89512; 380 W. "B" Street, Fallon, NV, 89406; **815 E. Fourth Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445**; 60 Youth Center, Elko, NV, 89801; **1218 N. Alpha Street, Ely, NV 89301**; **744 S. Racetrack Road, Henderson, NV 89015**; and 4747 W. Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV, 89108. Notice to the Public: Nevada Department of Wildlife receives Federal Aid in Fish and/or Wildlife Restoration. The U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. Individuals with hearing impairment may contact the Department at 775-688-1500 via a text telephone (TTY) telecommunications device by first calling the State of Nevada Relay Operator at 1-800-326-6868. Disabled individuals in need of special services should contact the Department prior to the meeting at (775) 688-1599.