

**ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE  
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**\*\*\*\*NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING\*\*\*\***

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PLACE OF MEETING: **Churchill County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street,  
Commission Chambers, Suite #145, Fallon, NV**

DATE & TIME: **March 17, 2014 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 December 2, 2013 and  
Minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2014.
- 6. Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence.**



*\*Persons providing public comment will be asked to state their name for the record.*

*\*The Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife reserves the right to restrict participation by persons in the 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**

***Final Agenda***

Truckee Meadows Community College  
7000 Dandini Blvd  
Sierra Building - Room 108  
Reno, NV

***Videoconferencing Locations:***

College of Southern Nevada  
3200 E. Cheyenne Ave  
Main Building Room 2638  
Las Vegas, NV

Great Basin College  
1500 College Parkway  
High Tech Center Building Room 137  
Elko, NV

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, March 21, 2014 – 11 a.m.**

- 1 **Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Robb**
  - **Wayne E. Kirch Award Presentation – Chairman Robb**
- 2 **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.

- 3 **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). Correspondence sent or received by Secretary Wasley will also be discussed.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **Approval of Minutes – Chairman Robb - For Possible Action**  
Commission minutes from the Dec. 7 and 8, 2013, meeting.
- 6 **Mr. Clinton L. Felton License Revocation Appeal - For Possible Action**  
Mr. Felton is appealing revocation of his license.
- 7 **Mr. Rich Gibbons Sub-guide License Denial Appeal - For Possible Action**  
Mr. Gibbons is appealing denial of a sub-guide license.
- 8 **Reports – Informational**
- A **Traditional Ranching in Nevada – Boyd Spratling, DVM**  
Presentation on the benefits of traditional ranching to Nevada's wildlife.
- B\* **Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) – Chairman Robb**  
A report will be provided on the recent committee meeting, to include an update on the status of the Mule Deer Hunting survey being conducted by the University of Idaho on behalf of the Department.
- C **Overview of Wildlife Harassment Laws – Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici**  
The Department will provide a report pertaining to statutes and regulations regarding wildlife harassment including use of aircraft and drones.
- D **Drought Condition Update and Expected Impacts on Fisheries – Chief Jon Sjöberg**  
A report will be provided to the Commission regarding Nevada's ongoing drought conditions and potential impacts on northern and central Nevada fisheries this summer and fall.
- E **Sage-grouse Update – Secretary Wasley**  
Secretary Wasley will provide an update on the status of sage-grouse.
- F **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley**  
Director Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.

G\* **Trapping Committee Report – Commissioner David McNinch**  
A report will be provided on the recent Trapping Committee meetings.

H\* **Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward**

I **Bighorn Sheep Management Challenges – Game Division Staff Specialist Mike Cox and Dr. Peregrine Wolff**  
A report will be provided to the Commission identifying current bighorn sheep management challenges including population densities, impacts of drought on guzzlers, vegetation and water availability, and disease pathogen tracking and documentation and the potential implications for bighorn population management actions including the highly successful bighorn sheep transplanting program .

9 **Commission General Regulation - Workshop - Public Comment Allowed**

A\* **Commission General Regulation 416, Shed Antlers, LCB File No. R155-12 - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici – Workshop**  
The Commission will consider the adoption of a regulation relating to shed antlers; requiring a hunting license for the taking of shed antlers from the field; providing for a shed antler collection season; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The need for the shed antler regulation is to reduce disturbance of big game animals, by shed antler hunters, during the critical time of year when these animals' energy reserves are at a low. The need for such a regulation was initially expressed by the White Pine County Advisory Board with support from the Lincoln County Advisory Board.

B\* **Commission General Regulation 430, Guide License Changes, LCB File No. R053-13 – Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici - Workshop**  
The Commission will consider guides; revising provisions relating to the issuance and renewal of a license as a master guide or sub-guide; permitting a master guide to use the services of another master guide or a sub-guide licensed under another master guide in certain circumstances; removing territorial limitations imposed by the State on the operation of master guides; revising the grounds for denying an application for a license or for revoking or suspending a license; extending the period within which a master guide must notify the Department of Wildlife after terminating the employment of a sub-guide; revising provisions governing the licensure of habitual violators and the submission of records relating to the clients of a master guide; expanding the circumstances under which a client must physically accompany the master guide or sub-guide during the entire pursuit and taking of an animal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The need for the guide regulation is to update the existing guide regulations that were requested by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Association. The changes are designed to streamline the guide license application process and address other changes requested by the Nevada Outfitters and Guides Board.

10 **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, March 22, 2014 - 8:30 a. m.**

- 11 **Call to Order, Roll Call of Commission and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Robb**
- 12 **Approval of Agenda – Chairman Robb – For Possible Action**  
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- 14 **County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items - Informational**  
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- 15 **2015 Legislative Session Overview – Management Analyst 3 Kim Jolly – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**  
The Department will provide an overview of the various processes required of state agencies to develop and submit Bill Draft Requests, bill positions, and explain the Wildlife Commission and the Commission’s Legislative Committee involvement in preparation for the 2015 Nevada Legislative Session.
- 16\* **County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Budgets (CABMW) – Deputy Director Cates and Finance Committee Chairman Gil Yanuck – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**  
The Department will provide an overview of the process for submission of CAB budgets and discuss any other administrative issues related to the CABMWs.
- 17 **Fiscal Year 2016 and 2017 Budget Overview – Deputy Director Patrick Cates – Workshop/Public Comment Allowed**  
The Department will provide an overview on the processes required of state agencies to submit its budget request to the Department of Administration, the Governor, and the Legislature, in preparation for the 2015 Nevada Legislative Session.

- 18\* **Fiscal Year 2015 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft) – Commissioner McBeath – For Possible Action**  
 The second draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Predator Management Plan will be presented and the Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the second draft for the May Commission meeting.
- 19\* **Duck Stamp Committee Report and First Reading of Commission Policy #50, Duck Stamp Procedure – Commissioner McNinch and Conservation Education Chief Teresa Moiola – For Possible Action**  
 The Duck Stamp Committee chairman will report on the committee’s recent meeting and actions, and the Department will conduct a first reading of Commission Policy #50 with the proposed updates.
- 20 **Black Bear Committee Report – Commissioner McNinch – For Possible Action**  
 The Commission will hear a report from the Black Bear Committee meeting on February 21, 2014, and may take action relative to recommendations from the Committee.
- 21 **Commission Regulations – Adoption – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed**
- A **Commission General Regulation 416, Shed Antlers, LCB File No. R155-12 - Chief Game Warden Rob Buonamici – For Possible Action**  
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**22 Future Commission Meeting and Commission Committee Assignments - Secretary Tony Wasley - For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2014, 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.

**23 Public Comment Period**

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\*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website, and updates to support material will be posted at [ndow.org](http://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, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, NV, 89512. 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](http://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.

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