***NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING***

**PLEASE POST**

PLACE OF MEETING: Churchill County Administration Building, 155 North Taylor Street, Commission Chambers, Suite #145, Fallon, NV
DATE & TIME: August 11, 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 June 16, 2014.
6. Consideration and possible action re: Review of Correspondence.
7. Public Comment: Comment upon matters not on Agenda.
8. Appointments:
   A. Consideration and possible action re: Items listed on the Final Nevada Board of Wildlife Commission's Agenda for August 15 and 16, 2014 (copy of Draft Agenda attached and marked as Exhibit "A" but the final Agenda may or may not include additional items and the final Agenda will be the one considered for possible action).
   B. Consideration and possible action re: Setting the next meeting place and date.

10. Public Comment: Comment upon matters not on Agenda.
11. Adjournment.
12. Affidavit of Posting:

   State of Nevada 
   County of Churchill

I, Jacqueline A. Bauman, Deputy Clerk of the Board, do hereby affirm that I posted, or caused to be posted, a copy of this notice of public meeting, on or before the 5th day of August, 2014, at the following locations in Churchill County, Nevada:
   1. City Hall;
   2. County Administration Building;
   3. Public Library;
   4. Churchill County Law Enforcement Center;
   5. The Churchill County Website @ www.churchillcounty.org.

   [Signature]
   Deputy Clerk of the Board

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 5th day of August, 2014, Jacqueline A. Bauman.

   [Signature]
   Deputy County Clerk

Endnotes:
Disclosures:
*Churchill County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Accommodations:
*Churchill County will make all reasonable efforts to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons desiring to attend. Persons who are disabled and require special assistance may contact the
Churchill County Commission, in writing at 155 N. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada 89406, or by calling (775) 423-4092.

Procedures:
* The public meetings may be conducted according to rules of parliamentary procedure.
* 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.
* In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Churchill County is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability (not all prohibited bases apply to all programs). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Equal Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (800)795-3972 (voice), or (202)720-6382 (TDD).
Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners’ Meeting
Meeting Location:
Churchill County Chambers
155 N. Taylor St.
Fallon, NV 89406

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, August 15, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

1 Election of Officers – Vice Chairman Drew - For Possible Action
In accordance with Commission Policy #1 the Commission will elect a chairman and vice chairman.

2 Call to Order, Introduction and Roll Call of County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman

3 Approval of Agenda – Chairman – 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 - 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 may also be discussed.

Exhibit "A"
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 - For Possible Action
Commission minutes from the May and June 2014 Commission meetings.

7* Petition – Mr. John D. Potash – For Possible Action
John D. Potash of Get Rattled LLC has submitted a petition to change regulations “To expand their business into areas that have different species of venomous snakes, this change would allow for them to be permitted by the Department to possess those other species of non-indigenous venomous snakes that are currently prohibited under NAC 503 and to which their company does not meet any of the currently listed exemptions. They would also like to expand their services by providing skunk aversion training as well. Skunks are also prohibited under NAC 503.” The Commission may accept the petition and initiate regulatory action or deny the petition.

8* Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 NDOW Biennial Budget – Deputy Director Patrick Cates – For Possible Action
The Commission may make recommendations to the Department for the biennial budget request.

9 Reports – Informational
A Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Annual Conference – Secretary Tony Wasley and Commissioner David McNinch
A report from the annual conference will be provided.

B Overton Wildlife Management Area Conceptual Management Plan (CMP) – Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Zahradka
A draft CMP was released for public review on May 20, 2014. Public comments were due July 1, 2014, and an update on the plan’s status will be provided.

C Sage-grouse Update – Secretary Wasley
Secretary Wasley will provide an update on the status of sage-grouse.

D* A Report on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Division of Migratory Birds Region 8 Withdrawal from Waterfowl Related Activities – Secretary Wasley
Information will be provided regarding U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Division of Migratory Birds, Region 8’s withdrawal from participation in waterfowl related activities (survey and inventory, flyway processes) due to demands from energy development.

E Private Land Elk Programs and Special Incentive Elk Tag Arbitration Issues – Eastern Region Biologist Ken Gray
An overview of private land elk programs and discussion of issues and problems encountered with the special elk incentive tag arbitration process will be provided with the Department’s recommendations to improve the system.
F  **Department Activity Report – Secretary Wasley**
Secretary Wasley will provide a report on recent Department activities.


10  **Nevada Department of Wildlife Project Updates – Secretary Wasley – Informational**
The Commission may choose to have project updates from miscellaneous projects.

11  **Commission Regulations – Adoption/For Possible Action and Workshop**

A*  **Commission Regulation 14 - 11 Amendment #1 – Application Procedures/Dates – Turkey Hunts - Management Analyst 3 Maureen Hullinger - For Possible Action**
The Commission will be presented with an amendment to the regulation that will establish the 2015 – 2016 application procedures for the resident and nonresident turkey hunts.

B*  **Commission General Regulation 450, Trap Visitation, LCB File No. R087 - 14 – Acting Game Warden Chief Paul Dankowski - Workshop**
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to trapping; increasing the required frequency of visitation to certain traps, snares or similar devices used in the taking of wild mammals. The regulation will require a person who places a trap, snare or similar device in close proximity to one of the populated or heavily used areas which are set forth in regulation to visit a trap, snare or similar device at least once every second calendar day; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

C*  **Commission General Regulation 451, Demerit Points for Trespass and Trap Visitation Violations, LCB File No. R088 - 14 - Acting Game Warden Chief Paul Dankowski – Workshop**
The Commission will hear a regulation relating to increasing the number of demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for certain wildlife violations; expanding the wildlife violations for which the Department must assess demerit points. This regulation increases from three to 12 the demerit points that the Department of Wildlife must assess for a conviction for fishing in non-navigable waters on private property without permission; and from six to 12 demerit points for a conviction for hunting or trapping on private property without permission. The regulation also adds the imposition of six demerit points against a person for a failure to visit a trap, snare or similar device 48 or more hours after the prescribed period for visiting the trap, snare or similar device. Finally, this regulation requires the Department to double the demerit points assessed against a person if the person is convicted of committing the same violation within 60 months; providing other matters properly relating thereto.

12  **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.
Commission Tour – Informational
The Commission will depart from the meeting site to tour wood duck project locations in Churchill County to observe rocket net bird trapping, check floating traps, and tour the Department’s pre-season marsh duck banding project. The Game Division has been partnering with the Lahontan Valley Wood Duck Project (Nevada Waterfowl Association and University of Nevada, Reno) for nine years. Much has been learned from this project related to wood duck ecology and demographics. Currently the focus of the project is looking at effects of varying harvest levels. Two years of low (<10 percent) and moderate (10-20 percent) harvest levels and one year of high (20 - 30 percent) harvest levels are in the books and the project is looking to get one more year of high levels of harvest. Results of this study may have far reaching effects as it looks at a question long on the minds of managers related to impacts of harvest levels on populations. The public is invited to participate but is required to provide its own transportation.

Saturday, August 16, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

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

14 Approval of Agenda – Chairman – For Possible Action
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16 County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) Member Items - Informational
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17 Trapper Education – Conservation Education Division Administrator Teresa Moiola – For Possible Action
The Commission will hear a presentation regarding options for implementation of a trapper education program. Program items for consideration may include among others; statutory/regulatory authority, course content development and objectives, course delivery, and associated costs and budget. The Commission may take action to provide guidance on the development of related regulations.
Commission Regulations – Adoption/Workshop – For Possible Action – Public Comment Allowed

The Commission will consider recommendations for seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory waterfowl and webless game birds for the 2014-2015 season and adopt regulations that comply with the proposed regulations framework for the 2014-2015 late and early hunting seasons on certain migratory game birds established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Commission may also adopt changes to rules regulating public hunting on Wildlife Management Areas and designated state lands and may take action to change the current regulations for the Controlled Goose Hunting Zone within the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area.

B Commission General Regulation 450, Trap Visitation, LCB File No. R087 - 14 – Acting Game Warden Chief Paul Dankowski – For Possible Action
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Update on Bighorn Herd Status and Disease in Mineral and Esmeralda Counties and Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 Big Game Release Plan - Wildlife Staff Specialist Mike Cox – For Possible Action
A request to amend the Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 (through June 2015) Big Game Release Plan to add a desert bighorn augmentation for the Garfield Hills and Gillis Range in Mineral County.
20 **Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments - Secretary Tony Wasley and Chairman - For Possible Action**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 12 and 13, 2014, in Las Vegas, 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.

21 **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.*

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 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, Ely, NV, 89301; 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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