

AGENDA

Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

Tuesday, June 22, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center
500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada

Members:

Shawn Fairbairn, Chair Dan Gildner
Tracy Hammond, Vice Chair Daniel Swanson
Cindy Alexander

<p>In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations.</p> <p>CC Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy. Las Vegas, NV (Principal Office)</p> <p>Nevada Department of Wildlife Region III Headquarters 4747 W. Vegas Drive Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>City of Henderson 200 Water Street Henderson, NV</p>	<p>City of Boulder 400 California Ave. Boulder City, NV</p> <p>Clark County Regional Government Center 101 Civic Way Laughlin, NV</p> <p>Moapa Valley Community Center 320 N. Moapa Valley Blvd. Overton, NV</p> <p>City of Mesquite 10 E. Mesquite Blvd. Mesquite, NV</p>
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Sec. 1 Call to Order

- I. This meeting has been properly noticed and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- J. Pledge of Allegiance.

Sec. 2 Election of Officers

A. Re-appointment of Board Member

The Clark County Board of Commissioners appointed Shawn Fairbairn to a three-year term expiring July 2007. Mr. Fairbairn will renew an Oath of Office and assume a seat on the board.

B. Election of Officers

The Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will elect from its members a chairperson and vice-chair to serve until July 2005.

Sec. 3 **Organizational Items**

- A. Approval of agenda for the June 22, 2004 meeting.
- B. Approval of minutes of the May 8, 2004 meeting.

Sec. 4 **Public Comment Period**

- A. Persons wanting to speak on items not on the agenda should complete a speaker's card and present it to the recording secretary. The CCABMW may not take action. Any items requiring action will be placed on future agenda of the CCABMW.

Sec. 5 **Action Items**

- A. **Elk Damage Payment Authorization**
NAC 504.421 limits compensation for elk damage at on e site to \$10,000 unless the Commission determines that a claimant may be paid more and there is adequate money in the damage compensation fund to pay the claimant. A claim recently submitted by Mr. Lee Pearson puts the total amount claimed for elk damage on his property in excess of \$10,000.
- B. **Central Nevada Elk Plan Coordination and Oversight (COT) Appointments**
The Central Nevada Elk Plan provides for an oversight team to monitor various aspects of elk management in central Nevada. The COT shall sit at the discretion of the Board of Wildlife Commissioners and be comprised of 10 individuals, five of which will be appointed by the Commission.
- C. **Chukar Partridge Transplant – Colorado Division of Wildlife**
The Colorado Division of Wildlife has requested 100 to 150 chukar from Nevada in 2004.
- D. **Commission General Regulation 325 (LCB File No. R080-04)**
Amends shooting preserve requirements to conform to recent regulation change.
- E. **Off-Highway Vehicles**
The Commission will hear a report on off-highway vehicle (OHV) regulations and programs in neighboring states and may vote to establish a committee to review OHV issues in Nevada.
- F. **Legislative Committee**
The Commission will receive a report on the agency and Commission proposed legislation and may take a position in support or opposition.
- G. **Duck Stamp Funds**
In conformance with NRS 502.322, the Department is requesting that the Commission approve the use of \$29,308 from duck stamp funds for wetlands enhancement on WMAs to control noxious weeds.
- H. **Nevada Elk Planning**
The Commission will review a proposal and signature petition to amend elk planning processes.

Sec. 6 Discussion Items

A. Advisory Board Meetings

Advisory Board will entertain discussion regarding scheduling of meetings for the remainder of 2004. Comments and concerns will be taken into account and meeting schedule may be adjusted at the board's discretion.

The tentative schedule for the remainder of the year is:

Tues., July 27 6:00 p.m. Commission Chambers

Tues., Sept. 7 7:00 p.m. ODC Training Room #3

Wed., Nov. 3, 7:00 p.m. ODC Training Room #3

Tues., Dec. 14 7:00 p.m. Commission Chambers

Sec. 7 Public Comment Period

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Sec. 8 Administrative Items

- A. Approval to pay normal expenses including secretarial and postage expenses.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

JUNE 22, 2004

7:00 p.m.

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

500 Grand Central Parkway

Las Vegas, NV 89155

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shawn Fairbairn, Chair
Dan Gildner

NDOW PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Patrick Cummings

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tracy Hammond, Vice-Chair
Dan Swanson
Cindy Alexander

WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chair Tommy Ford

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting was legally noted and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. The meeting commenced at approximately 7:20 p.m. due to personal reasons and unforeseen circumstances, a quorum does not currently exist, but is anticipated. In accordance to the Nevada Open Meeting Law and CCABMW by-laws no official action may be taken without a quorum, but public comment was solicited from those members of the public in attendance.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Approval of June 22, 2004 agenda, no action taken.
- B. Approval of May 8, 2004 minutes, no action taken.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Scott Melder spoke regarding the status of upland game birds in Clark County. Mr. Melder mentioned the recent request by the State of Colorado to receive a transplant of 100 to 150 chukar. He questioned what was being done to manage bird stock in Southern Nevada. Mr. Melder is concerned about Nevada's management plan of upland game birds, license fee increases, and the decrease in game bird hunters in Nevada.

The board received a brief status report from Patrick Cummings, NDOW. He reported that no game bird releases are planned for Southern Nevada. He also stated that there is limited habitat suitable for Chukar, this has been exacerbated by the ongoing drought conditions. Mr. Cummings stated that he will look into additional releases for habitat suitable for chukar propagation. Mr. Cummings also stated he is not resourced or directed to perform production surveys.

Wildlife Commission Chair Ford stated that the trading of wildlife is a good deal, and may result in the introduction of antelope, elk, and other species into Nevada. Mr. Melder agreed with this practice, and stated he is concerned with the lack of a comprehensive management plan.

Board members Gildner and Fairbairn requested that Mr. Cummings prepare a status report for the July advisory board meeting. The status report should address the management of upland game birds, current status of upland game birds in Southern Nevada, and guzzler upkeep.

- B. Dan Gildner introduced Steve Kimble, State Supervising Field Biologist for NDOW; Mr. Kimble thanked the board and those present.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Elk Damage Payment Authorization: No public comment, no action taken.
- B. Central Nevada Elk Plan Coordination and Oversight (COT) Appointments: Patrick Cummings, NDOW explained the membership of the committee. It is comprised of five ex officio members, and five appointed members. No public comment, no action taken.
- C. Chukar Partridge Transplant – Colorado Division of Wildlife: The Colorado Division of Wildlife has requested 100 to 150 chukar from Nevada in 2004. No public comment, no action taken.
- D. Commission General Regulation 325 (LCB File No. R080-04): Amends shoot preserve requirements to conform to recent regulation change. It was reported that the change relates to licensee requirements. No public comment, no action taken.
- E. Off-Highway Vehicles: Commission Chair Ford stated that a board will be formed; the exact size, representation and scope of the committee will be determined.
- F. Legislative Committee: Commission Chair Ford stated the legislative committee is considering legislation that would earmark a percentage of interest revenue from tag sales for Heritage Tags. No public comment, no action taken.

Chair Ford also reported that the Commission rejected the Taulman petition due to errors. NDOW performed a “fake draw” based on ratio of out-of-state applicants to determine possible. As an example, over 40% of the sheep tags would have gone to out-of-state hunters. Chairman Ford anticipates that a lawsuit will be filed in the near future.

- G. Duck Stamp Funds: In conformance with NRS 502.322, the Department is requesting that the Commission approve the use of \$29,308 from duck stamp funds for wetlands enhancement on WMAs to control noxious weeds. No public comment, no action taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Quorum was not achieved in a reasonable amount of time. In accordance to Nevada Open Meeting Law and CCABMW By-laws, the meeting was closed at approximately 8:30 p.m.