

# AGENDA

## **Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife**

**Saturday, May 8, 2004, 10:00 a.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><b>In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations.</b></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**

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

### **Sec. 2            Organizational Items**

- A. Approval of agenda for the May 8, 2004 meeting.
- B. Approval of minutes of the April 7, 2004 meeting.

### **Sec. 3            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. 4      Action Items**

**A.      Wildlife Heritage Projects**

Nevada Wildlife Commission's Wildlife Heritage Committee will provide recommendations to the Commission for approval of game tag auction vendors for the 2005 hunt year.

1. **Commission Regulation 05-01 Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer Tag**
2. **Commission Regulation 05-02 Wildlife Heritage Mule Deer Tag**
3. **Commission Regulation 05-03 Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag**
4. **Commission Regulation 05-04 Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag**
5. **Commission Regulation 05-05 Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk Tag**
6. **Commission Regulation 05-06 Wildlife Heritage Rocky Mountain Elk Tag**
7. **Commission Regulation 05-07 Wildlife Heritage Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag**
8. **Commission Regulation 05-08 Wildlife Heritage Nelson Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag**
9. **Commission Regulation 05-09 Wildlife Heritage California Desert Bighorn Sheep Tag**
10. **Commission Regulation 05-10 Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag**
11. **Commission Regulation 05-11 Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag**
12. **Commission Regulation 05-12 Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag**
13. **Commission Regulation 05-13 Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag**
14. **Commission Regulation 05-14 Wildlife Heritage Turkey Tag**

**B.      Selection of Sponsoring Organization for the 2005–2006 and 2006–2007 Duck Stamp Contest**

The Commission will review formal proposals submitted by conservation organizations to select a sponsor for the Duck Stamp Contest for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.

**C.      County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife Budget**

The 17 counties have been polled regarding travel and operating funds needed from the state wildlife account for fiscal year 2005. In accordance with NRS 502.320 the Commission will vote to approve fund transfers to the County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife.

**D.      Legislative Proposals**

The Commission will receive a report on the agency's budget status and may vote to support legislative proposals as recommended by the Commission's Legislative Committee for the 2005 Legislative Session.

**E.      Mule Deer Species Policy Plan Committee**

The Commission will receive a report on the status of the mule deer bulletin and mule deer species management plan development.

F. **Commission Regulation 04-18**

The Commission will establish quotas for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat for the 2004 hunting season.

G. **Off-Highway Vehicle Committee**

The Commission is seeking input from the county advisory boards regarding the possible formation of a Commission committee to review the matter of OHV use. If such a committee is warranted, the Commission requests input regarding what should be the scope, and time of work for the committee.

**Sec. 5 Discussion Items**

A. **Advisory Board Appointment**

Advisory board members are appointed by the Clark County Board of Commissioners to staggered three-year terms. Qualified members are eligible for reappointment.

The CCABMW currently has one term set to expire in July 2004. Interested individuals must be residents of Clark County and be actively involved in sportsman, ranching, or farming interests. Those interested in being considered for appointment to the board, or wanting to comment on the appointment should contact Clark County Administrative Services.

**Sec. 6 Public Comment Period**

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**Sec. 7 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  
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2004  
10:00 a.m.  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
CLARK COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
500 Grand Central Parkway  
Las Vegas, NV 89155**

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### NDOW PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Patrick Cummings

### Wildlife Commissioners Present

Chair Tommy Ford  
Clint Bentley

## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. This meeting was legally noted and posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. by Shawn Fairbairn, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## II. ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

- A. The May 8, 2004 agenda was unanimously approved as written. Motion by Swanson; seconded by Gildner. Approved unanimously
- B. The minutes of the April 7, 2004 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as amended. Section IV B, page 3, should read: "reserve a percentage of tags for those with a *maximum* number of bonus points or unsuccessful draws." Motion by Swanson to approve as amended; seconded by Hammond. Approved unanimously.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Lanny Waite spoke in regards change in wildlife management focus from quantity to quality. Mr. Waite stated he enjoys the opportunity to occasionally harvest a trophy animal, but does not use guides and is not a "trophy hunter". Hunters not willing or able to go out of state, hire a guide, or trophy hunt make up the bread and butter of Nevada sportsmen. If Nevada loses the base of our hunters, the State runs the risk of becoming a state of non-resident trophy hunters. Mr. Waite asks that we not reduce the number of tags in order to grow more trophy animals.

Board Member Gildner asked whether a model similar to Arizona would be acceptable; for example, making trophy areas in Nevada and blanketing the rest of the state with a higher number of tags. Mr. Waite responded, that Nevada has done a better job of managing herds than other western states; and he would not be opposed to identifying trophy areas. Then a balance could be attained by increasing tags in other areas, without decimating herds. Mr. Waite acknowledged that the size of bucks could decrease in non-trophy areas, but it creates an opportunity for hunters not interested in trophy animals.

Mr. Waite is afraid that the move towards managing trophy herds by reducing tags, discourages resident hunters not interested in harvesting a trophy buck, and increases the number of out-of-

state guided trophy hunts. He is afraid that this plays into the hands of individuals like George Taulman, who introduced a petition before the Wildlife Commission last month.

In response, Board member Gildner requested that an item be placed on the next month's meeting to address the Taulman petition that was rejected by the NDOW Commission. Gildner is interesting in bringing this issue to the public's attention and demonstrate that the Board is going to stand-up for resident hunters.

Board Member Swanson asked wildlife Commission Chair Ford if some of these issues could be brought before the Wildlife Commission. Chair Ford stated the discussion regarding limits and herd management is ongoing, and the Commission responds to county advisory boards that wish to designate quantity areas and trophy areas. Member Hammond recommended that Mr. Waite submit a formal proposal with additional details so that they can be brought before the Wildlife Commission. Mr. Waite also expressed interest in serving on the Mule Deer Planning Committee.

- B. Chair Fairbairn announced that his seat is due to expire in July 2004, and members of the public interested in seeking appointment to the board may apply for appointment. Selection of officers for the board will occur after the appointment to seat by the Board of County of Commissioners.

#### IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Wildlife Heritage Projects: Commissioner Bentley reported on the Wildlife Heritage Committees recommendations that will go before the State Wildlife Commissions. The committee recommended that:

1. The first Mule Deer tag go to the Mule Deer Foundation for their banquet, and the second one go to Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Falon.
2. The first antelope tag go to Mule Deer Foundation, that the second antelope go the Pershing County Chukars Unlimited;
3. The first Rocky Mountain Elk go to Nevada Big Horns Unlimited, Reno; that the second Rocky Mountain Elk go to Ducks Unlimited, State Chapter;
4. The first Nelson Bighorn Sheep go to the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep; that the second Nelson Bighorn Sheep go to the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Reno Chapter;
5. The California Bighorn Sheep go to the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Reno Chapter;
6. The first Turkey Heritage Tag go to Pershing County Chukars Unlimited; that the second Turkey Heritage go to the Ducks Unlimited, Carson Chapter; that the third, fourth, and fifth Turkey Heritage Tags go to the Las Vegas Strutters.

Commissioner Bentley further recommended that the first antelope heritage tag go to the Ducks Unlimited, state chapter instead of Mule Deer Foundation; and that the elk tag go to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation instead of Ducks Unlimited.

Commissioner Bentley stated that Wildlife and Habitat Improvement of Nevada did not request a tag. The only requesting group that would not be getting one is the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, which is the reason for Commissioner Bentley's recommendation.

Board member Swanson asked if the State of Nevada has benefited from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Commissioner Bentley reported they have put back over 1.4 million of their own funding in projects totaling over \$5 Million. Additionally, this is the first non-waterfowl tag Ducks Unlimited would receive. Bentley would like to reserve the elk tag, one of the best sellers, for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and see what the response to big game tags through DU is before giving them one of the best selling tags.

Swanson moved to accept Heritage Committee Recommendations with the exception of 05-03 Wildlife Heritage Pronghorn Antelope Tag go to Ducks Unlimited, State Chapter instead of the Mule Deer Foundation; and that 05-05 Rocky Mountain Elk Tag go to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation instead of Ducks Unlimited; Gildner Seconded. Approved unanimously.

- B. Selection of Sponsoring Organizations for the 2005 – 2006 and 2006 – 2007 Duck Stamp Contest: Chair Fairbairn led a discussion regarding which organizations have been sponsoring organizations in the previous years. Ducks Unlimited held it in 2004-2005, therefore DU could have it in 2006 - 2007 and Nevada Waterfowl Association could get it in 2005 – 2006. Fairbairn solicited public comment, hearing none moved to award the 2005 – 2006 duck stamp contest to the Nevada Waterfowl Association, and that Ducks Unlimited, Humboldt Chapter be awarded the 2006 – 2007 duck stamp contest. Swanson seconded. Approved Unanimously
- C. County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife Budget: CCABMW has submitted the annual budget to the NDOW. Swanson moved to accept the budget as submitted, Fairbairn seconded. Approved unanimously.
- D. Legislative Proposals: Chair member Swanson addressed Mr. Waite regarding a reduction in the number of guide tags awarded, and stated this would be an appropriate place to address that. The deadline for Commission Legislative Committee to submit proposals has passed, however, individuals may still approach individual legislators. Fairbairn moved to accept legislative proposals submitted by the Commission; seconded by Swanson. Approved unanimously.
- E. Mule Deer Species Policy Plan Committee: Swanson moved that CCABMW recommend that Northeast Clark County be represented by Judge Lanny Waite from Moapa Valley – Mesquite area of Clark County; seconded by Gildner. Approved unanimously.
- F. Commission Regulation 04-18: Swanson moved that the advisory board go with a consent agenda and if there is no dissenting opinion from the board following NDOWs presentation of proposed quotas, the quotas will be approved as recommended; seconded by Hammond. Approved unanimously.

Patrick Cummings, NDOW presented the Commission recommendations for quotas on mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat for 2004 hunting season.

During the discussion, members Gildner and Swanson led a discussion regarding non-resident quotas. They questioned whether current state legislation required that ten percent of all tags go to non-residents. It was clarified that legislation states that up to ten percent go to non-residents. Gildner suggested that the Board request that one non-resident tag be made available in each applicable category and that the balance of the tags be added to resident quotas. Swanson recognized that such a recommendation will likely be unsuccessful, but it serves as a statement from Clark County that it supports resident hunters. Swanson moved that for all non-resident hunts, the State award one non-resident tag per unit, per species, per hunt, and that those tags saved be redistributed to resident hunts; seconded by Gildner. Approved unanimously

1. Resident Antelope – Horns longer than ears, any legal weapon 2151: the observation was made that generally antelope tags are higher. 1374 – 1284 (in 2003); no public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.
2. Resident Antelope horns longer than ears archery hunt 2161: (four fewer than last year); no comments, no dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.
3. Resident Antelope horns shorter than ears, any legal weapon 2181 (four more tags than last year); no comments, no dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.
4. Non-resident Antelope horns longer than ears, any legal weapon 2251 (six more tags available); recommend one non-resident tag be awarded and balance awarded to resident hunts.
5. Non-resident Antelope Horns longer than ears archery hunt 2261 (one more tag available); recommend one non-resident tag be awarded and balance awarded to resident hunts.
6. Resident Elk, Antlered, Any legal weapon, depredation hunt 4102: No dissent or public comment. Concur with recommended quotas.
7. Resident Elk, Antlered, Any legal weapon 4151: Area 111 had high jump in number of tags, Patrick Cummings stated that bull quota is substantially below commission recommendation, and that the quota is based on aerial surveys and population projections. The increase in tags is designed to bring the ratio of bulls to cows, and is justified by NDOW science. Concur with recommended quotas.
8. Resident Elk Antlered, Muzzleloader, 4156: four less than previous year – due to demand and success of previous hunts. The recommendation is higher than last year, but four less than those actually approved in 2003. Concur with recommended quotas.
9. Resident Elk Antlered, Archery, 4161: No change. Concur with recommended quotas.
10. Resident Elk, Antlerless, Archery 4144: Overall reduction of 22 tags (Primarily in area 11 early, and area 11 late) No public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.
11. Resident Elk Antlerless, Muzzleloader 4176: No public comments, no dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.
12. Resident Elk Antlerless, Any Legal Weapon 4181: @150 fewer tags, due to successful harvest in 2003, and undesirable bull to cow ratio. No public comments, no dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.
13. Non-Resident Elk Antlered, any legal weapon, 4251: recommend one non-resident tag be awarded and balance awarded to resident hunts.
14. Resident Nelson Bighorn Sheep, any ram any legal weapon, 3151: (Five tag increase). Swanson move to reduce tags issued in areas 243 & 271 by one (from three to two) the overall number of tags will be 119 instead of 120 in order to aid in the recovery of quality specimens in that area, seconded by Alexander. Approved unanimously.
15. Non-Resident Nelson Bighorn Sheep hunt 3251: recommend one non-resident tag be awarded and balance awarded to resident hunts.
16. Resident California Bighorn Sheep, any ram, any legal weapon 8151: Reduction of three tags – area 51 has lost about 1/3 of its population, possibly due to infection and a selenium deficiency. The loss has been confined to southern range. No dissent. Concur with recommended quotas.

17. Non-Resident California Bighorn Sheep 8251: recommend one non-resident tag be awarded and balance awarded to resident hunts.
18. Resident Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, any ram, any legal weapon 9151: Same as previous year, no comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
19. Resident Mountain Goat, any goat, any legal weapon, 7151: one additional tag – no public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
20. Non-resident Mountain Goat, any goat, any legal weapon 7251: recommend one non-resident tag be awarded and balance awarded to resident hunts.
21. Resident Junior mule deer, antlered or antlerless, archery, muzzleloader, or any legal weapon 1107: no public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
22. Resident Mule Deer Antlered, any legal weapon 1331: substantial increase from last year (8188 - 9124) No public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
23. Resident Mule Deer Antlered, Archery 1341: Statewide increase. Board entertained brief discussion regarding different quotas for archery, muzzleloader, and rifle. Mr. Cummings, NDOW, stated the recommended quotas are based on science and take into account number of hunters, success rates, etc. No dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
24. Resident Mule Deer Antlered Muzzleloader 1371: increase 147 – increase due partly to smaller increase than recommended previous year, and 40 fewer harvested than desired – no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
25. Resident Mule Deer Antlerless, any legal weapon 1181: Proposed quota is 146, Fairbairn recommended, zero. Over-hunting of does depletes future stock. Cummings commented that 146 is based on counts and include problem areas. Hammond recommended to drop doe hunt to zero and hold emergency depredation hunts. Gildner clarified that the quota must be at least one, because individuals have applied for the hunt. Hammond moved to drop hunt 1181 to one tag per unit and NDOW can hold emergency depredation hunts; Fairbairn seconded. Approved unanimously.
26. Resident Mule Deer, antlerless, any Legal weapon depredation hunt 1101: no public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
27. Resident Mule Deer antlerless private depredation 1120: no public comment, no dissent. Concur with recommended quota.
28. Resident/non-resident deer antelope land-owner compensation either sex hunts: NRS 502.145.6(B): Commission shall establish a maximum number of tags that must not exceed 1.5% total deer and antelope tags issued throughout the state. Recommend one tag per non-resident, apply remainder of recommended tags to resident applicants

- G. Off-Highway Vehicle Committee: Following brief discussion by the board and comments from the public, it was determined that there was sufficient interest in the issue to warrant the formation of an OHV Committee.

Swanson moved to recommend the formation of a committee to review OHV use, and County Advisory Boards will make recommendations on membership if such a committee is created; Hammond seconded. Approved unanimously.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Advisory Board Appointment: Chair Fairbairn reminded members of the Board and members of the public that individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the Advisory Board may submit applications and letters of interest to Clark County Administrative Services. Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 11.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Dan Hopkins, Overton, NV, spoke to water issues in Northeast Clark County. A windmill remains in the Granite Springs area, and the cattle have been moved. Mr. Hopkins is interested in knowing if the windmill may be used to provide water for wildlife.  
  
It was reported that the windmill is inoperable, and the guzzlers in that area are being maintained. Additionally, NDOW would need to acquire water rights in order to tap into underground water. However, Mr. Hopkins comments will be forwarded to NDOW Biologists.
- B. Mr. Waite stated he would like to see an action item addressing the Taulman petition (non-resident tags). Gildner stated he would like to hear discussion regarding a moratorium on non-resident hunting in state of Nevada, and would like to receive public comment.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Approval of Budget Items: Motion by Fairbairn to pay appropriate expenses including secretarial fees and postage; seconded by Swanson. Approved unanimously.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.