

EUREKA COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Eureka County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.** at the Eureka County Administration Facility, 701 S. Main St., Eureka, Nevada. Persons may also participate by phone by calling 1-415-655-0003 and entering code 24967390360 ##.

AGENDA

Call to Order – Chairman will call the meeting to order and determine quorum.

Public Comment and Discussion – *No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item until the matter has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Public comment may be limited to (3) minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairman.*

Board Business

1. Approval of the agenda notice with addition of any emergency item and/or deletion of any item. **(For Possible Action)**
2. Review and approve the minutes from the February 29, 2024 meeting. **(For Possible Action)**
3. Review, approve or ratify SFY 2025 County Advisory Board Budget Request. **(For Possible Action)**
4. Correspondence and Member Reports. (Discussion)

Agency Reports

1. Reports and updates from various wildlife and land management agencies. (Discussion)

Current and Emerging Wildlife, Natural Resources and Public Land Issues

1. Report on and discuss current and emerging wildlife, natural resources and public land issues affecting Eureka County. (Discussion)

Wildlife Enhancement Projects

1. Discuss pinyon-juniper thinning projects, wildlife guzzlers installation, and other potential projects including fisheries and the Tonkin Reservoir Access Improvement Planning Initiative and consider further efforts to move forward for successful implementation of projects including potential funding requests for the County or other entities. **(For Possible Action)**

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners Meeting Agenda and Support Material— the Board may discuss and act upon any or all items on the Wildlife Commissioners Agenda for the May 3 – 4, 2024 meeting. **(For Possible Action)**

*****Notice: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meeting agenda is attached. Agenda and support material is available online at ndow.org*****

Next Meeting Date – Set next meeting date and consider items for agenda. **(For Possible Action)**

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Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Items on this agenda on which action may be taken are denoted as **(For Possible Action)**. Items on this agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other agenda items for consideration, removed from the agenda, or delayed for discussion at any time. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons attending the meeting. Please call (775) 237-6010 in advance so that arrangements may be made.

This agenda was posted on April 19, 2024 at the following locations: Eureka Post Office; Eureka County Administrative Facility; Eureka County Dept. of Natural Resources; Eureka County Courthouse; electronically posted to Nevada’s Public Notice Website (<https://notice.nv.gov>) and electronically mailed for posting to Crescent Valley Town Hall and the Eureka County website (<https://events.eurekacountynv.gov/meetings>).

For agenda support material, please call (775) 237-6010 or email hdechambeau@eurekacountynv.gov or visit the Natural Resources Department located in the Eureka County Administration Facility (Annex) at 701 S. Main St., Eureka, NV 89316.

Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' Meeting REVISED Agenda

Meeting Location *New agenda item #9
Washoe County Administrative Complex
Building A,
Commission Chambers
1001 E. Ninth Street
Reno, NV 89512

The meeting will be broadcast live at the NDOW Commission YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrFHgHLM0MZa2Hx7og8pFcQ>

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Friday, May 3, 2024:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89517228720?pwd=Q1dwTIM0cjIKVjBoQnc1ejM3VUY3UT09>
Passcode: 624875

If you wish to make public comment, please use this link for Saturday, May 4, 2024:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83186611342?pwd=d3o5cniBOExHZ055dTNQWDU5d0xjdz09>
Passcode: 428479

Public comment will be taken on each action item following Commission discussion and before any action is taken. **Persons attending virtually wishing to comment are invited to raise their virtual hands in the virtual meeting forum during the appropriate time; each person offering public comment during this period will be limited to not more than three minutes.** The Chair 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 prior to the meeting at wildlifecommission@ndow.org or attend and make comment during the meeting. Public comment will not be restricted based on viewpoint. To ensure the public has notice of all matters the Commission will consider, Commissioners may choose not to respond to public comments to avoid the appearance of deliberation on topics not listed for action on the agenda. Minutes of the meeting will be produced in summary format. All persons present are asked to sign-in, whether speaking or not.

In accordance with NRS 501.105 and Commission Policy 1, Adoption of Commission Policies, Resolutions, and Record Keeping: *“The Commission will have a minimum of two readings not on consecutive days of the revised or proposed policy in public meetings before the Commission takes action to adopt, amend, or repeal, or disapprove the policy. Exception: If the policy is declared an emergency the Commission may read, amend, and adopt the policy in two readings on two consecutive days.”*

In accordance with Attorney General Opinion No. 00-047, as restated in the Attorney General’s Open Meeting Law Manual, the Chair may prohibit comment if the content of that comment is a topic that is not relevant to, or within the authority of, the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, or if the content is willfully disruptive of the meeting by being irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers.

Friday, May 3, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission Members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Caviglia** **INFORMATIONAL**

- 2. Public Comment Period** **INFORMATIONAL**
 Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action can be taken by the Commission at this time; any item requiring Commission action may be scheduled on a future Commission agenda. Persons making comments are asked to begin by stating their name for the record.
- 3. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Caviglia** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda for May 3, 2024. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.
- 4*. Approval of Minutes – Chairman Caviglia** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 Commission minutes may be approved from the March 8 and 9, 2024 meeting.
- 5. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence** **INFORMATIONAL**
 - **Chairman Caviglia**
 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 Jenne may also be discussed.
- 6. County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife (CABMW)** **INFORMATIONAL**
Member Items
 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.
- 7. Reports** **INFORMATIONAL**
- A. Department Activity Report – Secretary Jenne and Division Administrators**
 A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife recent activities.
- B*. Litigation Report – Deputy Attorney General Craig Burkett**
 A report will be provided on Nevada Department of Wildlife litigation.
- C*. Habitat Status and Trend – Habitat Division Administrator Mark Freese**
 A presentation will be provided on the status and trend of Nevada’s wildlife habitat.
- D*. Wildlife Heritage Committee Report – Committee Chairman Tom Barnes**
 A report will be provided on the recent Wildlife Heritage Committee meeting.
- E. Black Bear Presentation – Game Biologist Rebecca Carniello**
 A presentation will be provided on the population status and distribution of Black Bears in Nevada.

- 8*.** **Heritage Account Principal Project** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- Habitat Division Administrator Mark Freese
The Commission will consider and may take action to approve the South Schell Land Acquisition Heritage Account Principal Project Proposal. The Department is seeking Heritage Account Principal Project funding to acquire 1,720 acres of wildlife habitat in the Schell Creek Range near Ely, NV.
- 9*.** **Request from the State of Utah for the Desert Bighorn Sheep -** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Game Administrator Shawn Espinosa
The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has requested desert bighorn sheep for translocation into the State of Utah. The Department will provide a briefing to the Commission of recent efforts with Utah and potential options for consideration. The Commission may consider this request for possible approval.
- 10*.** **New Commission Policy 12 – Fee for Habitat, Research and Management – APRP Committee Chairman David McNinch** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
The Commission will review a new Commission Policy 12 for the first time and may take action to recommend revising the policy.
- 11*.** **Fiscal Year 2025 Predation Management Plan** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson
The Commission will review the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2025 Draft Predation Management Plan with the Department. The Commission may take action to modify or endorse the plan.
- 12*.** **Commission General Regulations – Workshop - Public Comment Allowed** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- A*.** **Commission General Regulation 518 – Shed hunting and Big Game skull collecting - Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight**
The Department is proposing changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 503.172 that better identifies unlawful activity for shed hunting and provides provisions for big game mammal skull collection.
- B*.** **Commission General Regulation 519 – Waiting Periods for Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi**
The Commission will hold a workshop to consider amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.345 and 502.364 that would adjust the waiting periods for Nelson (Desert) bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, California bighorn sheep, moose and mountain goat to once in a customer’s lifetime.
- C*.** **Commission General Regulation 522 – E-tag Regulation – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi**
The Commission will review language amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would update the process related to use of game tags in the field and allow the Department to offer game tags in an electronic format.
- 13*.** **Law Enforcement Division Overview-** **INFORMATIONAL**
Chief Game Warden Kristy Knight, Captain Jake Kreamer, Lieutenant Chris Walther, Lieutenant John Anderson, Lieutenant Wes Coons, Ted Lienhard, Susan Carrillo
A presentation will be provided on the Law Enforcement Division Programs.

- 14. Public Comment Period** **INFORMATIONAL**
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- Saturday, May 4, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.**
- 15. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Commission members and County Advisory Board Members to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) – Chairman Caviglia** **INFORMATIONAL**
- 16. Public Comment Period** **INFORMATIONAL**
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- 17. Approval of Agenda – Chairman Caviglia** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
 The Commission will review the agenda and may take action to approve the agenda for May 4, 2024. The Commission may remove items from the agenda, continue items for consideration or take items out of order.
- 18. Member Items/Announcements and Correspondence - Chairman Caviglia** **INFORMATIONAL**
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- 19. 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.
- 20. Commission General Regulations – Adoption - Public Comment Allowed** **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- A*. Commission General Regulation 520 – Tag Deferral Extenuating Circumstances Revision – Management Analyst Megan Manfredi**
 The Commission will hold an adoption to amend Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code that would update the rules related to the timeframe and circumstances surrounding tag deferrals. If approved by the Commission, the Chairman will sign on behalf of the Commission approval of the Department’s standard operating procedure.

B*. Commission General Regulation 500, Subdivision Map Review – Wildlife Diversity Administrator Jasmine Kleiber

The Commission will need to re-adopt CGR 500 to amend Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 278 to provide for the Department review of tentative subdivision map(s) and inclusion of recommendations for methods to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife, mitigation measures, best management practices or design features, and provide for collection of associated fees to the Department.

21. Commission Regulations – Public Comment Allowed FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

A*. Commission Regulation 24-11, 2024 Black Bear Quotas and Harvest Limits – Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson

The Commission will consider adopting the 2024 hunting season quotas and harvest limits for black bear.

B*. Commission Regulation 24-12 – Big Game Quotas for the 2024-2025 Season – Wildlife Staff Specialists Mike Cox, Cody Schroeder, and Cody McKee

The Commission will consider and may take action to approve regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2024-2025 season.

22. Future Commission Meetings and Commission Committee Assignments – Secretary Jenne and Chairman Caviglia FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 28 and 29, 2024 in Lovelock. The Commission will review and discuss potential agenda items for that meeting. The Commission may change the date, time, and meeting location at this time. The chairman may designate and adjust committee assignments and add or dissolve committees, as necessary at this time. Any anticipated committee meetings that may occur prior to the next Commission meeting may be discussed.

23. Public Comment Period INFORMATIONAL

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*Support material provided and posted to the NDOW website, and updates to support material will be posted at [Commission Meeting May 2024 - NDOW](#). Support material for this meeting may be requested from the Recording Secretary at (775) 688-1599 or wildlifecommission@ndow.org. In accordance with NRS 241.020 this agenda closes three days prior to the meeting [Commission Meeting May 2024 - NDOW](#).

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