## A G E N D A NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION

Eagle View Group Lodge Niobrara State Park 89261 522 Ave. Niobrara, NE Friday, October 10, 2025 8:00 AM

- 1. Minutes of the special meeting held August 20, 2025
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held August 22
- 3. Financial vouchers for June and July
- 4. Director's Report
- 5. 8:15 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 1, entitled Regulations Wildlife, General Regulations Governing Wildlife Species to clarify rules for purchasing a preference or bonus point, allow the use of breech loading muzzleloaders during muzzleloading season, combine checking requirements for bobcat, gray fox, and river otters, and move language on incidentally caught river otters from a different chapter of wildlife regulations to this chapter.
- 6. 8:25 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 166 Chapter 3, entitled Regulations Wildlife, Antelope, Deer, Elk to change the date that a youth must be 15 to be eligible for a youth deer permit, and eliminate the requirement for participants in the Free-earned Landowner Elk Program to designate their earned permit for the following elk season from when they earn them.
- 7. 8:35 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 164, Fisheries Regulations, Chapter 6 entitled Sport Fishing Regulations. Changes include the deletion of redundant language, reorganizing paddlefish regulations for clarity, providing definitions for previously undefined terms, and adding newly constructed and newly renovated waterbodies to the list of waters where possession or use of live baitfish is unlawful.
- 8. 8:45 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 5, entitled Regulations, Wildlife Game Birds (not including turkey, coots and migratory waterfowl), Furbearers, and Cottontail Rabbit to delete the river otter checking and incidental take regulations and move them to Title 166 Wildlife Regulations in Chapter 1 General Regulations.
- 9. 8:55 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 7,entitled Regulations, Wildlife Nuisance Birds to specify what birds are defined as nuisance

- birds, clarify when a permit can be issued, and clarify which parts of the birds cannot be bought, sold or bartered that are taken with this permit, and non-substantive changes to style and updating citations.
- 10. 9:05 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 166, Chapter 18, entitled Regulations Wildlife, General Regulations Governing Administration and Use of Property to add and define a carriage to the list of vehicles not allowed on a wildlife management area except on roadways, parking areas, or trails designated for vehicle use.
- 11. 9:15 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Title 166, Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 19, entitled Regulations Wildlife, Area-Specific Regulations to change regulations on the following wildlife management areas: Catfish Run, Enders, Gifford Point, Kea West, Medicine Creek, Oak Glen, Randall W. Schilling, Red Willow, and Swanson. Changes include weapons allowed and restricted, non-toxic shot, camping, target shooting, use of motorized vehicles, updates to management area subdivisions, and additions of areas to the Appendix A.
- 12. 9:25 AM Public hearing to consider amendments to Fisheries Commission Order C06 Sportfishing regarding daily bag limits, possession limits, open areas, and to amend the title of this Commission Order to Commission Order C06-2.
- 13. Public Comment Period
- 14. Staff recommendations for commission approval of the Lease Agreement for 90 acres in Sioux County for the Bighorn Sheep Restoration Facility, contingent upon securing through federal aid grants and fundraising efforts. Lease start and renewal dates will be finalized once funding is confirmed.
- 15. Staff recommendation for commission approval of the 2026-2028 Focus on Education Plan "Education Strategy: Connecting Through Experience".
- 16. Staff recommendation for commission approval and adoption of the proposed fee increases for park lodging and rental facilities.
- 17. Staff recommendation for Commission approval of the 2026-2030 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) to maintain eligibility for Land and Water Conservation Fund Stateside Assistance Program through the National Park Service, Department of Interior.
- 18. Staff recommendation for Commission approval of the Recreational Road Program's 1-5 Year Plan. This plan is updated annually by NGPC and the Nebraska Department of Transportation and submitted in December to the Governor's Office.

- 19. Staff recommendation for Commission approval of the 2026 Nebraska Game and Parks meeting schedule.
- 20. Public Comment Period
- 21. Executive Session
- 22. Adjourn

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