

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

March 7, 2018, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/v9LSISJBrdM>

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. 2017 Book Cliffs – Wild Horse Bench Nine Mile Bison Hunt
- Dax Mangus, Regional Wildlife Program Manager | ACTION |
| 6. Other Business
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at www.wildlife.utah.gov

Wildlife Board Motions

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

Fall 2017 - Target Date – Antlerless Public Hunt Ending Dates

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division look at ending all Antlerless public hunts by December 31.

Motion made by: Byron Bateman
Assigned to: Justin Shannon
Action: Under Study
Status: Update September 28, 2017
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

Spring 2018 - Target Date – Big Game Baiting Issues

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log item a report in spring 2018 from DWR's big game coordinator on the review of big game baiting issues.

Motion made by: Kirk Woodward
Assigned to: Justin Shannon
Action: Under Study
Status: Scheduled for the April/May 2018 RAC and Board Tour
Placed on Action Log: August 31, 2017

Spring 2018 - Target Date – Conservation Permit Program Audit

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log item a review of the conservation permit audit process that could include a rule change.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Greg Hansen/Kenny Johnson
Action: Under Study
Status: Scheduled for the May/June 2018 RAC and Board Tour
Placed on Action Log: September 28, 2017

Spring 2018 - Target Date – Certificate of Registration – Power Scopes on Crossbows

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division review eliminating a second COR request for powered scopes on crossbows when obtaining an initial COR for use of a crossbow during the archery hunt. The Division will report its findings at the April 2018 Wildlife Board meeting.

Motion made by: Byron Bateman
Assigned to: Phil Gray
Action: Under Study
Status: Scheduled for the April 2018 Board Meeting
Placed on Action Log: January 11, 2018

Fall 2018 - Target Date – Archery Season Dates for Elk

MOTION: I move that we put on the action log a review of the season date change for archery elk hunting and add a survey concerning this issue prior to the next revision of the statewide deer management plan in 2022. The Division will report back next year to look at how season date changes would look with the requested change

Motion made by: Calvin Crandall

Assigned to: Covy Jones

Action: Under Study

Status: Scheduled for the November 2018 RAC and Board Tour

Placed on Action Log: September 28, 2017

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AGENDA

Thursday, January 11, 2018, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Deer Creek Reservoir
– Nathan Owens, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator | INFORMATION |
| 6. Flaming Gorge Management Plan
– Ryan Mosley, Regional Aquatics Biologist | INFORMATION |
| 7. 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments
- Darren Deblois, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments
- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Other Business
- Kirk Woodward, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division review eliminating a second COR request for powered scopes on crossbows when obtaining an initial COR for use of a crossbow during the archery hunt. The Division will report its findings at the April 2018 Wildlife Board meeting.

4) 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented by the Division including the proposal by the Utah Houndsman Association on the La Sal and San Juan units for fall season dates of August 6 – November 16 with hound hunting restrictions from August 18-24, September 8-25, and October, any weapon, general season elk and deer hunt dates.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we include the Book Cliffs in the original motion.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 5 to 1. Byron Bateman opposed.

MOTION: I move that we negate the previous two motions, but accept the Division's recommendations and amendments as presented.

5) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments as presented by the Division.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kirk Woodward – Chair
Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair
Mike Fowlks – Exec Sec
Kevin Albrecht
Calvin Crandall
Donnie Hunter
Karl Hirst
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs

Central – Jason Vernon
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – L. Kent Johnson
Northeastern – Dan Abeyta
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

Division Personnel

Mike Canning
Rory Reynolds
Bill Bates
Kevin Bunnell
Boyde Blackwell
Justin Dolling
Chris Wood
Kenny Johnson
Rick Olson
Drew Cushing
Justin Shannon
Tom Thompson
Mike Christensen
Paul Gedge
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Martin Bushman
Greg Hansen
Lindy Varney
Teresa Griffin
Guy Wallace
Riley Peck
Randy Wood
Dax Mangus
Darren DeBloois
Nathan Owens
Ryan Mosley
Steve Newren
Dennis Shumway
Vance Mumford
Mindi Cox
Mark Hadley

Public Present

Bryce Pilling
Allison Jones – Wild Utah Project
Ken Strong
Troy Justensen – SFW
Ben Lowder – UBA
Sadie Young – Wasatch CAPs
Bill Christensen – RMEF
Will Talbot – Piute County Commissioner
Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau
Bret Selman – UT Woolgrowers Association
Scott Chew – UT House of Representatives
Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy
Jason Binder
Bob Brister
Lynn Anderson
Jan Ellen Burton
Guy Webster – UHA
Chet Young
Chris Lamoureux
Mindy Talbot
Kevin Newman
Sierra Nelson
Christine Helfrich
Bryce Thurgood
Aaron Johnson – UHA
Dan Cockayne – UHA

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- 00:00:28** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.
- 00:02:01** 1) **Approval of Agenda** (Action)
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:02:24** 2) **Approval of Minutes** (Action)
The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:03:14** 3) **Old Business/Action Log** (Contingent)
Dave Black briefly explained an action log item brought up in the southern region about scopes on crossbows.
The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
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- 00:09:43** 4) **DWR Update** (Informational)
Winter is a busy season for DWR with ongoing transplants and captures, continuing work on the migration initiative, and preparing for the upcoming Legislative session. The weather is affecting planned projects and events. Farmington Bay construction continues with a projected finish date around June or July 2018. Byron Bateman summarized his attendance at the mid-winter WAFWA conference. Donnie Hunter expressed appreciation to Zion National Park for access to complete transplants.
- 00:20:43** 5) **Deer Creek Reservoir** (Informational)
Nathan Owens provided information on aquatic invasive species at Deer Creek Reservoir. The reservoir has been reclassified to “undetected”.
The board asked for clarification on procedures moving forward on contaminated water bodies to clear water bodies, triggers that affect growth and contamination, and future monitoring.

00:35:40 6) Flaming Gorge Management Plan (Informational)

Ryan Mosley provided information on the sportfish management plan for Flaming Gorge.

The Board and RAC asked about wind driven mixing, burbot reduction, fish stocking between agencies, and catfish stocking.

00:51:46 7) 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (Action)

Darren DeBlois presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

01:09:23 – 01:13:25 Sgt. Dennis Shumway provided background on the conflict faced in the field between archery hunters and bear hunters. The Board asked if permit reduction would alleviate the conflict.

01:23:58 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked for clarification on the minimum bear chart, restricted pursuit permit. RAC chair asked about nuisance bear according to the sport harvest/depredation mortality chart.

01:35:16 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

01:46:55 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

02:30:50 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the recommendations and rule amendments with several conditions.

02:41:01 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized and clarified the motions from each RAC. The Board further discussed the motions, namely the Houndsman's proposal on the Book Cliffs, San Juan, and the La Sal units. The Board also discussed hunter conflict and nuisance bear.

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03:35:06 8) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments (Action)

Justin Shannon presented the appointments.

03:38:00 Board Questions

The board asked about revoting for members already on the committee.

03:38:58 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments as presented by the Division.

03:40:06 9) Other Business (Contingent)

None.

03:40:56 Meeting adjourned.



GARY R. HERBERT
Governor

SPENCER J. COX
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER
Executive Director

Division of Wildlife Resources

MICHAEL D. FOWLKS
Division Director

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 26, 2018
To: Wildlife Board
From: Dax Magnus, Regional Wildlife Program Manager
SUBJECT: 2017 Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench/Nine Mile Bison Hunt

In the fall of 2017, approximately 275 bison were occupying the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon area. This caused substantial concern from local agricultural interests and generated numerous complaints. In an effort to address these complaints, DWR called individual bison hunters, in the order in which they drew their permit, and facilitated some directed bison hunting in this area. Although some bison were harvested, these efforts were unsuccessful in pushing the bison herd back across the river. The decision was made to haze bison off of Range Creek/Desolation Canyon, and DWR authorized the Ute Tribe to use helicopters to push bison back to tribal trust lands east of the Green River.

The herding effort was successful, and the majority of bison did not return to the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon area, but this action negatively affected a number of hunters using their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Many hunters conveyed frustration over the use of helicopters to herd bison off the hunt unit.

Due to this unfortunate circumstance, DWR recommends to the Wildlife Board that they grant a season extension for qualifying individuals. This would allow them to hunt bison next year under their 2017 permit. We are proposing that the hunting season from be extended to August 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 for those individuals that:

- (1) Had a valid 2017 Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench/Nine Mile Bison permit;
- (2) Failed to harvest a bison; and
- (3) Completed a timely harvest survey for their 2017 bison hunt.

Please take note that this circumstance has been corrected moving forward, and the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon portion of the unit has been removed from the Book Cliffs, Wildlife Horse Bench/Nine Mile bison hunt boundary for 2018. If there are bison in the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon area in the future, we may call hunters from the alternate draw list to harvest animals and provide hunting opportunities.