

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 30, 2021, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The meeting can be viewed live at <https://youtu.be/S5VYGrxlq4c>

Thursday, September 30, 2021 – 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
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| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Randy Dearth, Vice-Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Justin Shirley, DWR Director | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations
– Riley Peck, OIAL Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region
– Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager | ACTION |
| 7. Roundtail Chub
– Craig Walker, Aquatic Section Assistant Chief | INFORMATIONAL |
| 8. Conservation Permit Audit
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Conservation Permit Annual Report
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 10. Conservation Permit Allocation
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 11. 2022 RAC/Board Meeting Dates
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator | ACTION |
| 12. 1:00 p.m. Time Certain – Board Hearing (TENTATIVE)
Eskelsen Orchards LLC | ACTION |
| 13. Other Business
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

Wildlife Board Motions

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MOTION: I move that we ask the division to review the possibility of youth any weapon elk tags going to residents only and bring back the information next year. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to: Covy Jones/Lindy Varney
Action: Under Study
Status: To be presented November 2021
Placed on Action Log: December 3, 2020

Fall 2021 – Target Date – Bonus Point Application

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Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Lindy Varney
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Status: To be presented Nov/Dec 2021
Placed on Action Log: August 26, 2021

Spring 2022 – Target Date – Progress on changes to the 2023 Draw Application Dates

MOTION: I move that we track the division’s progress of the 2023 draw application date changes with an update to the Wildlife Board in 1 year. This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Kevin Albrecht
Assigned to: Lindy Varney
Action: Under Study
Status: To be presented April/May 2022
Placed on Action Log: April 29, 2021

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AGENDA

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| 5. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2021-2022
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
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| 7. Expo Permit Audit
– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 8. Expo Permit Allocation
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Drought Permit Recommendations
– Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Other Business
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2021-2022 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendations as presented by the Division.

4) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2021-2022 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed 5 in favor, and 1 opposed. (Bret Selman opposed.)

MOTION: I move that we prohibit the taking of collared lions with the use of hounds, excluding any depredation take, for a period of 3 years.

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Wade Heaton.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Cougar Recommendations as presented by the Division.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remaining recommendations as presented by the Division.

5) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented.

6) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented.

7) Drought Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the requested drought permits as presented.

8) Other Business – Trail Camera Survey

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the Division pull agenda items 5 and 6 from the September RAC meeting agenda, and that a survey on the use of trail cameras be conducted.

Action Log

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In-Person and Virtual Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kevin Albrecht – Chairman	Wade Heaton
Randy Dearth – Vice-Chairman	Karl Hirst
J. Shirley – Exec Secretary	Gary Nielson
	Bret Selman
	Bryce Thurgood

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Kent Johnson
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Kenny Johnson	Dax Mangus
Ashley Green	Justin Shannon	Guy Wallace
Robin Goodman	Covy Jones	Teresa Griffin
Greg Hansen	Darrin DeBloois	Torrey Christopherson
Kyle Maynard	Staci Coons	Matt Briggs
Riley Peck	Paige Wiren	Wyatt Bubak
Chris Wood	Paul Gedge	David Beveridge
Ben Nadolski	Mike Christensen	J.D. Abbott
Kevin Bunnell	Carmen McDonald	Paul Washburn
Jason Vernon		
Miles Hanberg		

Public Present

Cody Bassett	Wade Garrett	Allison Jones	Joni Wirts
Adrienne Bown	Garrick Hall	Amy Motta	
Mat Farnsworth	Sundays Hunt	Sierra Nelson	
Joan Gallegos	Cory Huntsman	Kirk Robinson	

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- 00:00:01** Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order, took roll call and introduced J. Shirley, the newly appointed Division Director. The Wildlife Board and RAC members introduced themselves.
- 00:03:03** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.
- 00:03:27** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 3, 2021 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:04:27** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
The Board asked the Division for a status update on a new technologies survey that the Board had requested the Division conduct, and whether or not the Division had conducted a stand-alone trail camera survey, separate from the full new technologies survey. The Board also asked that the Division investigate the equity between residents and non-residents in picking a Once in a Lifetime species bonus point. The Board added clarification to the request for a stand-alone trail camera survey.
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we direct the Division to investigate the playing field between non-residents and residents on picking species bonus points. This is to be placed on the Action Log.
- 00:10:15** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director J. Shirley introduced himself, thanked outgoing Department of Natural Resources Deputy Director Rory Reynolds for his service, and presented to the Board Aquatic, Habitat, Law Enforcement and Outreach Section updates. Northern Regional Manager Ben Nadolski gave the Board an update on the Division's purchase of the Jensen Property.
- 5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2021-2022 (Action)**
Darren DeBloois gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

00:17:55 Board/RAC Questions

The RAC asked a question about the Division's recommendation to remove the cap on bobcat permits.

00:18:59 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized public comments received from the online presentation. The Division further recognized the value in the full range of sentiments expressed in the public comments, and explained factors that affect public interest in bobcat harvest as well as trapping best practices.

00:22:54 Board Comments

The Board stressed that the function of the Wildlife Board is to manage all of Utah's protected wildlife species.

00:24:09 RAC Recommendations

The Northeastern, Central and Southern RACs unanimously passed the recommendations. The Northern and Southeastern RACs passed the recommendations with varying stipulations.

00:26:48 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

In response to the public comments, the Division noted that when the bobcat management plan was created, there was a concerted effort to involve individuals who represented the full stakeholder constituency.

00:38:46 Board Discussion

The Board reviewed the RAC summaries, and discussed the potential of requiring non-residents who trap non-protected species to obtain a trapping license to trap in the state of Utah. The Board also discussed creating new beaver trapping opportunities for the public when a nuisance beaver needs to be removed. The Board asked what bobcat management plan trigger had been realized that caused the Division to recommend removing the permit cap. The Board noted that increasing the overall bobcat harvest potential could help deer fawn survival.

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendations as presented by the Division

00:47:04 6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2021-2022 (Action)

Darren DeBlois gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website, and, in person, clarified a date error in the presentation.

00:48:28 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked about the annual maximum number of cougars an individual could take, and asked the Division to reiterate what authority HB 125 gives to the Division director and what factors may influence a director's implementing a predator

management plan. The Board asked questions about the harvesting of collared cougars.

01:00:55 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

01:02:01 RAC Recommendations

Each RAC passed the cougar recommendations and rule amendments with varying dissent and stipulations.

01:08:12 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

In response to the public comments, the Division noted that statewide deer unit management objectives had just been reevaluated.

01:38:47 Board Questions and Discussion

The Board asked about the thought process behind how particular elements of the predator management policy were drafted, asked for clarification on how the Division identifies which cougars to outfit with collars, and asked about when depredation permits could be issued.

The Board discussed how Utah's cougar management process involves the public in a way that makes annual harvest data transparent, as well as the general value of the public process. The Board stressed the importance of opposing sides working together.

The Board asked if the Division legally prohibits the taking of a collared animal of any other managed species, and also, if the motion to prohibit the taking of collared cougars were passed, if that would set a precedent for other species.

The Board discussed the need to impose an end date on a motion to prohibit the taking of collared cougars.

The Board asked about the total number of collared cougars in the state.

The Board discussed limiting the potential prohibition of taking collared cougars to a specific geographic area in which there currently are collared cougars rather than voting on a statewide prohibition. The Board also discussed the fact that putting collars on cougars to capture data is a recent practice compared to other species that are collared, and from which data has been collected for a longer total period of time. In addition the Board expressed interest in putting a time limit on a motion to prohibit the taking of collared cougars.

The Board commented on how the data collected from collared cougars could benefit groups that, in general, maintain opposing viewpoints on cougar management. The Board also noted that it would favor the taking of a collared cougar if the cougar were the cause of sheep depredation.

The Board emphasized factors other than cougar mortality that affect the overall health of a deer population, and that it is important to manage cougar populations when deer populations are struggling.

The Board discussed issues that were brought up at the RAC meetings, and asked the Division for clarification on guidebook terminology changes.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed 5 in favor, 1 opposed. Bret Selman opposed.

MOTION: I move that we prohibit the taking of collared lions with the use of hounds, excluding and depredation take, for a period of 3 years.

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Wade Heaton.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remaining recommendations as presented by the Division.

02:21:32 7) Expo Permit Audit (Action)

Administrative Services Section Chief Kenny Johnson gave an in-person presentation.

02:31:39 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked if the conservation expo were going to be hosted as an in-person event only. The RACs asked why this board meeting agenda item was not on the RAC meetings agenda.

02:36:07 Public Comments

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

02:37:41 Board Discussion

The Board asked for clarification on what the Board was voting on.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented.

02:39:39 8) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Justin Shannon gave an in-person presentation.

02:42:34 Board/RAC Questions

The RACs asked for an explanation of the proposed changes to expo permit allocations.

02:44:17 Board Discussion

There was no discussion among the board members.

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as

presented.

02:45:48 BREAK

03:03:44 9) Drought Permit Recommendations (Action)

Big Game Coordinator Covy Jones gave an in-person presentation.

03:11:33 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked for information on a specific unit. The RACs asked for clarification on the method used to distribute public lands permits. The Board ask about projected harvest data on the private lands hunts.

03:15:42 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

03:18:43 Board Questions and Discussion

The Board asked how hunters coordinate with landowners to take advantage of the opportunity to hunt on private lands.

The Board remarked that shared resources are shared by all. The Board expressed appreciation for the Division's strategic allocation of drought permit recommendations.

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the requested drought permits as presented.

03:23:21 10) Other Business (Contingent)

The Board explained their decision to strike agenda items from the September RAC meeting agenda.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the Division pull agenda items 5 and 6 from the September RAC meeting agenda, and that a survey on the use of trail cameras be conducted

03:27:06 Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

1) **Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations (Action)**

CR **MOTION: To eliminate the nonresident mountain goat hunt on the Chalk Creek, Kamas unit.**
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To not accept the Division's recommendation to end the OIAL mountain goat archery hunt on the Nebo unit to Saturday, October 1, 2022 and instead change the ending date to Friday, September 30th, 2022.
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To accept the balance of the motions as presented by the Division.
VOTE: Unanimous

NR **MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendation to eliminate the Nonresident Mount Goat permit on the Chalk Creek/Kamas Unit.**
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the presentation.
VOTE: Unanimous

SR **MOTION: I move that we eliminate the non-resident mountain goat permit on the Chalk Creek Kamas unit for the 2022 hunting season.**
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: I move that we accept the remaining items on the Once-in-a-Lifetime packet.
VOTE: Unanimous

SER **MOTION: MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented by Riley Peck at the RAC.**
VOTE: Unanimous

NER **MOTION: To adjust the Pine Valley Virgin River & Pine Valley Beaver Dam units for the Desert Bighorn Sheep season dates to Oct. 31 thru Dec 25, 2021**
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To move the North Slope Three Corners Unit Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep hunt back to historic date season date starting Oct. 19 thru Nov. 29, 2021.
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To change the season date of the North Slope Summit West Daggett Unit hunt to Sept. 1 thru Nov. 29, 2021.
VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To eliminate the nonresident goat tag on the Chalk Creek Kamas hunt.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: To accept the remainder of the packet as presented by the Division.

VOTE: Unanimous

2) 2022 Fishing Recommendations-Northern Region (**Action**)

All Regions

MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous

Central Region RAC Meeting

Video Conference

August 31, 2021

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/wVcHxDivdVI>

Tuesday August 31, 2021 6:00 pm

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| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Brock McMillan, RAC chair | ACTION |
| 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
– Brock McMillan, RAC chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. Regional Update
– Jason Vernon, Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations
- Riley Peck, OIAL Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region
- Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager | ACTION |

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

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Central Region RAC Meeting
August 31, 2021
Springville, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve to approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of July 27th Minutes

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 27th Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To eliminate the nonresident mountain goat hunt on the Chalk Creek, Kamas unit.

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Ken Strong and passes unanimously.

MOTION: To not accept the Division's recommendation to end the OIAL mountain goat archery hunt on the Nebo unit to Saturday, October 1, 2022 and instead change the ending date to Friday, September 30th, 2022.

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Jim Shuler and passes unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the balance of the motions as presented by the Division.

4) 2022 Fishing Recommendations - Northern Region

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Chase Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept the Division's recommendations as presented.

Central Region RAC Meeting
August 31, 2021
Online Attendance

RAC Members

Brock McMillan – RAC Chair	Absent
Chase Crandall	Jake Steele
Eric Reid	Luke Decker
Ken Strong	Danny Potts
AJ Mower (online)	Steve Lund
Scott Jensen	
Jim Shuler	
Michael Christensen	Excused
Josh Lenart (online)	Ben Lowder

Wildlife Board

Gary Nielsen
Karl Hurst

DWR Personnel

Jason Vernon	Scott Root
Chris Crockett	Kay Hurst
Riley Peck	Chris Penne
Casey Mickelsen	Rusty Robinson

Public invited to join online: <https://youtu.be/wVcHxDivdVI>

Central Region RAC Meeting
July 27, 2021
Springville, Utah
<https://youtu.be/wVcHxDivdVI>

06:00:00	RAC Chair Brock McMillan called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:03:01	<p>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.</p>
06:03:01	<p>2) Approval of Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Jim Shuler and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we approve the July 27th minutes as transcribed.</p>
06:03:32	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>RAC Chair Brock McMillan updated the RAC.</p>
06:05:09	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
06:09:55	<p>5) Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html.</p>
06:12:36	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>The RAC members asked about all species season dates inconsistency, Bighorn sheep hunts on the Zion, age class and quality, Bison Bitter Creek boundary change, Nebo archery Mountain Goat season overlap, OTC Bison permits and number of days available for online public comments.</p>
06:37:00	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p>
06:38:58	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>None</p>

RAC AGENDA-September 2021

Revised Aug 26, 2021

The meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/mheOreLQ10c>

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes ACTION
- RAC Chair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update INFORMATIONAL
- RAC Chair
4. Regional Update INFORMATIONAL
- DWR Regional Supervisor
- ~~5. Emerging Technologies Survey Results INFORMATIONAL
Wyatt Bubak, Law Enforcement Captain~~
- ~~6. Big Game R657-5 Rule Amendments ACTION
Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator~~
7. Once –in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations ACTION
- Riley Peck, OIAL Program Coordinator
8. 2022 Fishing Recommendations-Northern Region ACTION
- Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager

Regional Presentations Only

Roundtail Chub- NER, SER, and SR Only INFORMATIONAL
-Craig Walker, Aquatic Section Asst. Chief

Presentations can be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>

Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.

CR RAC – August 31, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/wVcHxDivdVI>

SER RAC – September 8th, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/RQD2XEFzIKY>

NR RAC – September 1, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington, Blvd. #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/mheOreLQ10c>

NER RAC – September 9th, 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Rm
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal
<https://youtu.be/yes5YSdxuM>

SR RAC – September 7th, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd. Richfield
<https://youtu.be/xWr2AcMpVuQ>

Board Meeting – September 30th, 9:00 AM
Dept. of Natural Resources
1594 W. North Temple, SLC
<https://youtu.be/S5VYGrxIq4c>

**Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Ryan Brown, seconded by Mike Laughter and passed Unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes

2) Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike Laughter, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed Unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendation to eliminate the nonresident Mount Goat permit on the Chalk Creek/Kamas Unit.

The following motion was made by Kevin McLeod, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed Unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the presentation.

3) 2022 Fishing Recommendations-Northern Region (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed Unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal as presented

4) Nomination of RAC Chair and Vice Chair (**Action**)

Nomination for Chair

Ryan Brown Nominated- Justin Oliver - Votes- 7
Darren Parry, Nominated Kevin McLeod -Votes-3

Justin Oliver remains as Chair of the Northern RAC

Nomination for Co-Chair

Emily Jensco, Nominated Matt Klar- Votes-3
Casey Snider, Nominated Kevin McLeod- Votes-8

Kevin McLeod is nominated as Co-Chair

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 1, 2021
Attendance

RAC Members

Justin Oliver – Chair
Mike Laughter – Vice-Chair
Ben Nadolski – Exec Secretary

Ryan Brown
Brad Buchanan
Jaimi Bulter
Paul Chase
David Earl

Emily Jensco
Kevin McLeod
Darren Parry
Casey Snider

Board Member

RAC Excused

Junior Goring
Randy Hutchison
Matt Klar
Nikki Wayment

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Hayley Smith
Jim Christensen
Riley Peck
Chris Penne
David Beveridge
Dave Rich

Paul Gedge
Mike Christensen
Jonathan Moser
Sydney Lamb
Randy Oplinger

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

September 1, 2021

Attendance

<https://youtu.be/mheOreLQI0c>

00:00:01 1) Chairman Justin Oliver called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the RAC members introduce themselves.

00:06:42 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**

The following motion was made by Ryan Brown, seconded by Mike Laughter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and the Minutes.

00:07:31 3) **Regional Update (Informational)**

-David Beveridge, Northern Region Lieutenant

Welcome to new RAC members. Big game archery hunts and upland game hunts. Fires on management areas and restrictions to recreational shooting, to be lifted Sept. 7th. Restoration projects. Chemical treatment to for rainbow trout. Biologists surveys with bats. GSL low water levels. Phragmite treatment. Voting on chair and vice chair today.

00:12:03 4) **Wildlife Board Meeting Update (Informational)**

-Justin Oliver, Chair

Furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations passed unanimously. Motion to prohibit taking of collared lions with the use of hounds excluding depredation take for a period of 3 years, passed 6 to 1. Motion to accept remainder of cougar recommendations and amendments which passed unanimously. Discussion on items regarding expo permit audit which passed unanimously. Allocation of expo permits passed unanimously. Presentation to discuss change of cow elk permits due to drought which passed unanimously. Motion to pull agenda items 5 and 6 from this September meeting and to have a survey conducted on the use of trail cameras.

00:00:00 ~~5) Emerging Technologies Survey Results (Informational)~~

00:00:00 ~~6) Big Game R657-5 Rule Amendments (Action)~~

00:15:01 7) Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations

Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

Different ways to keep all RAC's more consistent. Typically, these recommendations would be made in November. Still gathering data. Chalk Creek Kamas counts lower than hoped for. Remove non-resident permit option. Not making recommendations tonight. Would like this to be a separate motion. Name change in Bookcliffs bison hunt and slide shown regarding Bittercreek vs. Littlecreek south and clarification on dates.

00:19:30 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Level of concern with additional pressure to reservation side. How season dates and number of permits are managed and what is it based on. Whether the bison are the tribes or states. Goat hunt season dates and overlap on Nebo.

00:27:09 Electronic Public/Public Comment

7 online comments. 2 strongly agree, 2 strongly disagree, 2 somewhat agree, 1 agree nor disagree. Ethics course and Utah managing their own tags and not share with Nevada.

00:27:56 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

The following motion was made by Mike Laughter, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed Unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendation to eliminate the Nonresident Mount Goat permit on the Chalk Creek/Kamas Unit.

The following motion was made by Kevin McLeod, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed Unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the presentation.

00:32:12 8) 2020 Fishing Recommendations-Northern Region (Action)

Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

00:32:48 Questions from RAC Members/Public

No Questions.

00:33:23 Electronic Public/Public Comment

12 online comments. 4 strongly agree, 1 strongly disagree, 3 somewhat agree and 2 neither agree nor disagree. Size restriction on bass and closure when fish spawn. No change in rules at Bear Lake and cutthroat changes. Yearly personal limit for each water body. Northern pike control kill order recommendation on Utah Lake.

00:36:54 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Survey results online via Facebook. Email from SFW supporting recommendation.

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal as presented.

00:39:44 Nomination of RAC Chair and Vice Chair (Action)

Nomination for Chair

Ryan Brown, Nominated Justin Oliver - Votes- 7

Darren Parry, Nominated Kevin McLeod -Votes-3

Justin Oliver remains as Chair of the Northern RAC.

Nomination for Co-Chair

Emily Jensco, Nominated Matt Klar- Votes-3

Casey Snider, Nominated Kevin McLeod- Votes-8

Kevin McLeod voted in as Co-Chair

00:52:34 Meeting Adjourned. Motion to Adjourn: Made by Casey Snider.

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**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 7, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Attendance

RAC MEMBERS

Gene Boardman	Verland King
Tammy Pearson	Craig Laub
Dan Fletcher	Bart Battista
Chuck Chamberlain	

Division Personnel

Teresa Griffin	Phil Tuttle
Richard Hepworth	Alyssa Jackson
Levi Watkins	Kyle Christensen
Michael Wardle	Paul Washburn
Jason Nicholes	Randy Oplinger

Wildlife Board Members

Wade Heaton (virtual)

00:00:00 1) Welcome (Informational)

Chairman Tammy Pearson (in place of Brayden Richmond) called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the Board and RAC Members introduce themselves.

00:01:06 2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)

The following motion was made by Verland King, seconded by Chuck Chamberlain.

MOTION: I move that we accept the agenda and the minutes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gene Boardman: Before we approve the agenda I think that we should at least state that there were a couple of items deleted from the agenda after we had received the comment son those items. Apparently those have been deleted and will not be heard by or considered by anybody. This doesn't reflect good on the RAC and Board process. I just wanted to make that statement about the agenda.

Kevin Bunnell: Gene, that's correct. I'll put those in context a little bit in my Board update, so thank you.

Tammy Pearson: Call for a vote or any discussion, right?

**00:02:55 3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update by RAC Chair (Informational)
-Tammy Pearson**

Tammy Pearson: Okay, now we'll turn it over to Kevin. He'll do the wildlife board update.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay. Thank you, Tammy. At the last Wildlife Board meeting, if you remember we did the furbearer and trapping recommendations and the cougar recommendations were the two main agenda items. The Board had similar discussions to what we did here in the RAC. The trapping and furbearer recommendations passed without much discussion, there wasn't much controversy there. There was a fairly lengthy discussion on the cougar recommendations in regard to if we're going to allow people to harvest cougars that have been collared, which was similar to the discussion we had here, and it went in the same two directions. Are we going to allow cougars with collars to be harvested every place except for those six places in the Central region, or were they going to preclude the harvest of collared lions state wide? And the Board ultimately decide to... well let me read the motion. The motion was to prohibit the use of collared lions with the use of hounds excluding depredation takes, so if we have a lion that has been involved in depredation of livestock the rule doesn't apply, but they're prohibiting the take of collared lions with the take of hounds for a period of three years. And that's the period of the study we heard. So they went back and forth to discuss the pros and cons of doing it just on the units where the studies taking place vs. statewide, and ultimately decided to do the closure statewide but put a three-year limit on it.

Then at the end of the meeting, and this was after our agenda for this meeting had already been sent out, there was discussion about the upcoming RAC meeting and that was when the Board.. I think this is when there was some confusion between our Board Chairman and our previous Chairman. I think we had a little bit of confusion there on what level of survey the Board wanted to see prior to us issuing recommendations on regulating cameras as the legislature asked us to do. So we were ready to do that, based on a survey that we already had in this RAC meeting. The Board directed us to pull that back and conduct a more specific survey just on cameras. So Gene, although I think there is justifiably some frustration, in the end we will have a recommendation that has a lot more public input backing it, as there will have been a survey done that is more specific to that issue. That will be presented prior to whatever recommendations come with

regulating cameras. That's why we had to change a few of the items on our agenda after the agenda had been sent out. Any questions on the Board update? Ok, if there are no questions there I'll move into my regional update.

00:06:22 4) Regional Update

(Informational)

-Kevin Bunnell, SRO Regional Supervisor

Kevin Bunnell: First we have a new Director in the agency, Jay Shirley, who was announced as the Director maybe three weeks ago now. Jay is a good friend of mine, I'm really optimistic about the way he'll lead our agency. Jay is a second generation DWR employee, his dad was a law enforcement officer and a non-game manager in the Central region. He spent his career in the law enforcement part of our section in our agency, but he has a master's degree in Wildlife and Range Management from BYU, which is rare within our law enforcement ranks. So Jay is very well rounded that way. For instance he's a very avid birder, extremely avid birder, so he'll come with that sensibility as well to bringing in some of the more non-consumptive portions of our agency. I think Jay will be very good when it comes to that. To replace Jay, Wyatt Bubak has been named as our acting Wildlife Chief for the time being, and there will be the announcement to replace Jay will come out shortly and there will be an interview process to find another law enforcement chief. I'm admittedly biased towards Jay; he did his master's degree on the same project I did my PhD on while we were both at BYU so I know him really well. He's a good friend, and he's really a good person. Easy to talk to and tries to see things from all angles. I think he'll be good for us. Any questions on our new Director?

Verland King: He's the new director of what? Of DWR?

Kevin Bunnell: Yeah, he's the Director of our agency.

Verland King: Okay, alright. And what's a birder?

Kevin Bunnell: He enjoys going out and identifying birds and looking at birds. He does hunt them, he's a very avid hunter. In fact he's in Alaska right now on a moose hunt with his dad and his brothers. But he also enjoys that part of wildlife as well. Don't misconstrue that, he's very much a sportsman as well.

Tammy Pearson: I remember asking that same question about Herbert.

Kevin Bunnell: Yeah, let's not get into that one again. That one went south in a hurry when we were talking about that.

Just to continue are updates from the region; with our drought impacts, things look pretty good right now. We are lifting our campfire restrictions on our DWR lands. The vegetation has responded. If you remember last time I said the lower elevation still looked pretty rough, they've responded pretty good now. I think Wildlife will come off the mountain in pretty good shape this year. There is some forage in down in lower elevations now. I still want to emphasize that we don't reverse the affects of drought of

four to five years with one good summer of moisture. There is still a lot that needs to happen to get us back to where we should be with moisture. Again, I'd ask Dan and Chuck if they have anything to add to that from a land management standpoint?

Dan Fletcher: I think I'll just echo that, and it seems like we've had pretty widespread moisture overall, but a lot of places it came really fast and had significant run off and pretty extreme arose. And there are some places where the rain did a lot of good, and we have had a really good green up on some warm season grasses and some recovery there. But like you say we definitely need some more and we're really hopeful for a good winter.

Chuck Chamberlain: Yeah, same thing I would say. It's been good, but we need more. And we need a good winter. That's what we need.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay, I agree. Then from the agricultural side, Craig and Verland, is there anything you would add to that?

Craig Laub: I'll just say I talk to some of those people out north where the water run off washed away the rail road tracks and they said they got five to six inches of rain in about an hour or so, but it only went in about two inches. So that's the biggest problem is when it came, a lot of places it came too fast. Out in the valleys a lot of places it was ok, but up in the mountains a lot of it came too fast to soak in.

Verland King: Yeah and I'd probably mention that the drought was so severe early that as a veterinarian and a rancher I expect the conception pregnancy rate this fall is going to be lower than what we would want for sure. That's what I'm expecting. Even though we got some good grass now and the cow and calves are gaining, it's going to back the calving back probably two to three months at least.

Kevin Bunnell: So Verland that's a question, since we've got a light agenda if you don't mind a question that I've had, how long does it take an animal like a deer for instance who has been in nutritional deficit to make up that ground and get back to where they're at or above average when they're on good feed?

Verland King: Well, it won't take very long if they're on good feed. I've been surprised on the livestock end of it, how thin some of these moderate framed cows that we'll bring back even though they're pretty thin. It's a concern for all the ranchers this year. I expect instead of calving in March or April, I'll probably be calving more in May. I'll start checking a lot of herds from here on out and if they're a month a long which is as early as I can tell them with my ultrasound, they'll be calving the end of May/first of June. In Wayne county we have to have them bred up early before they go on the spring range, just because they're typically vast amount of acres it's hard to get the bulls where the cows are to breed and they're not typically real good forage at that time.

Kevin Bunnell: So, but with our deer herd where we're probably most concerned about right now, when breeding is going to take place in November, would you suspect

that the does would be able to make up that deficit and maybe be in pretty good body condition by the time breeding takes place in November, from what you've seen?

Verland King: Uhm, I'm sure. I expect your deer herd are going to be in good shape, the ones that are left.

Kevin Bunnell: The ones that are left is a good cavate there, because we are down, for sure.

Tammy Pearson: I'm just going to say on the ranges that we've cover a lot of county and spend a lot of time out there in the hills and I've seen very few fawns with the does that we see. We see groups of four or five does with not a single fawn with them. I think right now that the does are looking better, they seem to be perking up a little bit and hopefully they've got some good grass this fall until November and they'll be in better shape.

Kevin Bunnell: Just to wrap up that discussion and something I probably should have included in my Board update. We did additional cow elk tags in response to drought condition around the state. I think it was just over one thousand. Riley does that sound right? It was about a 10-15% increase if you look at it statewide in cow elk permits that we will be offering up to make sure that we're not damaging habitat.

So, moving on with my aquatics section. Probably the main thing to talk about, there is going to be a meeting up at Duck Creek Village at six o'clock to gather public input on a proposal we have to treat Navajo Reservoir with rotenone and kind of reset that system. It's been overcome with Utah Chubs and we need to reset Navajo Reservoir and go back in with a different suite of species there. Our fisheries in general, we've lost some both due to low water levels in some areas and due to flooding in our small streams or we've just gotten too much silt. So fisheries have been heavily impacted by the weather conditions on both ends. But places like Otter Creek and Minersville they're holding on ok. The additional harvest we've done there will make a difference in increased survival rates for what's left and help our recovery quicker. We were afraid we were going to completely loose the fisheries in those two reservoirs in particular. It looks like if things stay at least ok for the next six weeks we'll be able to pull some fish through. And those are our two larger fisheries. Panguitch has been ok throughout the summer, but Otter Creek and Minersville we're really concerned about and we'll be able to maintain some of the fish in both of those reservoirs which is what we're anticipating right now.

With the Wildlife section, we'll be doing CWD collection on the Monroe Mountain, Dutton, and Plateau units this summer. We'll be looking for all the help we can get from sportsmen there so we can continue to monitor and make sure that we don't have CWD in this part of the state. We'll have our condor checks taking place on the Zion unit. As mentioned our fawn survival is low across the southern region. Probably the lowest number we have is on the Beaver unit, which I believe is at 7% fawn survival, so we're just going to have a couple of age classes that are going to be missing in our deer herd, which will make things lean for a few years. Hopefully we can reverse that trend.

Gene Boardman: You're talking about the fawns of last spring? Or the fawns from this spring?

Kevin Bunnell: This is the fawns from last year, so this is the 18-month survival. So the ones that were collared in December coming back to the next December. Is that correct, Vance?

Vance Mumford: Yes.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay, we'll begin Chukar releases September 18-20th for the youth hunt, then we'll continue with some releases through the chukar hunt. There is a map on our website that shows the locations of when and where the chukar releases will take place.

From our law enforcement section the archery hunt is underway. Violations have been about average of what we've expected. Deer hunters have been, from the interactions with our law enforcement guys, have been pleasantly surprised with the quality of bucks. That's largely because we don't have a lot of yearling bucks, so if they're seeing a buck they're probably seeing a 2.5-3.5-year-old buck. Elk hunters are having some success but it varies across the different units. As I mentioned last time, we're short staffed in our law enforcement section, but despite that we've been able to keep up with the calls that have come in so far. We'll see if we maintain that through the any weapon hunts.

With our outreach section, Kokanee are starting to show up in Twin Creeks up at Fish Lake. There are two different spawning times up there, so we're planning an event that will probably be in late September or early October. It will come on quick when we know we have a lot of fish in the system there. We'll invite people to come up and get the word out on that on Facebook and other issues. We conducted our last drawing for the tagged perch that came out of Fish Lake. We gave away a fly rod and some gift certificates that came from the lodges up at Fish Lake this morning. Some people that turned in tagged perch from Fish Lake. Lastly, we had a mountain goat viewing event up on the Tushar's. It went well, we had about 70 people and found a fair number of goats.

So that's kind of what I had to report, any questions? Anything that I didn't cover that you'd like me to? Ok, if not...

Tammy Pearson: I would like a personal invite next time you go looking for goats.

Kevin Bunnell: Phil, did you catch that? There you go.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, so, our next agenda item is the once in a lifetime species recommendation. We'll turn the time over to Riley Peck the once in a lifetime program coordinator.

-Riley Peck, OIAL Program Coordinator

Riley Peck: Thank you, Madam Chair, I appreciate it. Just a couple of housekeeping items before we get going. The Division has made a commitment to the RACs and Board to try and balance our RAC and Board schedule as much as possible. In an effort to do that we have moved our once in a lifetime recommendations to September. Which is one of lighter agendas and pulled that from November which is usually one of our heavy agendas. The challenge or one of the consequences of that is we are still collecting data for our once in a lifetime species, specifically our goats in the northern region. We just wrapped up our flights with that and unfortunately had a smaller count that we expected or hoped for. As a result we had already made our recommendation and we'd like to adapt that and give you something else to consider. The northern region would like to recommend not having a non-resident hunt for the Chalk Creek, Kamas, Uinta goat area. It is on the RAC packet and it was described in the presentation as including a non-resident hunt. But after our counts came in we anticipate recommending a lower amount of permits than would allow in our plan. We would hope for that being a separate motion aside from the body of the Divisions recommendations.

On another note it was pointed out in the central region that I had made a clerical error. In the presentation we had described a bison change to hunt boundaries in the Book Cliffs, and in the presentation it is accurate and the map is accurate. But in the RAC packet I made the clerical error of calling it the Little Creek South vs. the Bitter Creek South and I've made a mistake there. I hope you can understand how easy that was for me as we have a Little Creek South and a Bitter Creek unit. The map is accurate in the RAC packet. The packet did have a couple name changes. So just to be clear if you are voting for the balance of the recommendation it would include this table. Map is accurate, but this is all the hunts that would be included in that. I hope that clarified the two housekeeping items and with that, Madam Chair, that is all that I have.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, thank you. Questions from the RAC?

00:24:10 Questions from the RAC

Gene Boardman: I've got a couple of questions. I see some of the mountain goat hunts are 80 days long. I see that days at field for goat hunters are about five days. Do we really need 80 days to take two goats off of Mount Dutton?

Riley Peck: That's a good question. Traditionally if we were to look at season dates with a lot of the species that we hunt across the state you'd see a much shorter season date. Once in a lifetime species get managed differently, they get managed for 100% success and therefore we try to give the most amount of time that we can. With mountain goats a lot of times the fur is the trophy or the desire and we don't get the longer hair in some of the elevations until later in the season. But sometimes later in the season you run the risk of running into weather and not being able to get into the areas that you most likely need to to harvest a goat. So in an effort to make them accessible and give everyone as good a chance as possible at harvesting them, we give as liberal a season as possibly can.

Gene Boardman: Okay, and another question on the Bitter Creek on the Book Cliffs and the Henry Mountains, it looks to me like the buffalo are being pursued for about over 60 days pretty much of straight hunting. What is your feelings on that with buffalo? Can there be too much straight hunting or are they pretty resilient to it or what?

Riley Peck: So, assuming, are you asking the question, does too much pressure have an impact on the buffalo in the Book Cliffs or the Henry Mountains? Did I get that question correct?

Gene Boardman: Oh no I'm not so much concerned with how much pressure at a time but pressure the length of time they're pressured.

Riley Peck: Okay, uh again, that is a good question. One of the challenges we have is our desires is to not negatively impact the animal or wildlife that we hunt. At the same time we have the obligation and challenge to try to manage to a population objective and try to manage to a herd size that is appropriate for the landscape and the management plan. Another reason for the length of our season dates and specifically the boundary change on this one is to allow us to put adequate pressure to get the harvest we need and not negatively affect the bison. So I guess the short answer is yes, we feel like we've reached that and we will continue to monitor that to make sure that we've done so.

Verland King: Uh, what meeting is it that we have where we talk about the numbers?

Riley Peck: Right now it's just trying to put hunts on the books and give us a place to apply. We will bring forth hunt permit recommendations in the Winter. The November RAC will still be boundary and season dates for deer and elk. It will be the winter that we do all of our permit numbers. I believe the March/April is when we'll do the permit numbers.

Verland King: Alright, you're working on the new Bison plan, when do you expect to bring that before the RAC?

Riley Peck: Uh, I hope sooner rather than later. I was able to participate in the meeting that we had just a few weeks back. I felt like we made really good progress with that and there was really good conversation. I still think there is some work to be done, but hopefully in the next few months we'll be bringing forth the bison plan for the Henry Mountains.

Kevin Bunnell: So are you hoping to have a plan in place before permit recommendations?

Riley Peck: That is the hope. That will largely depend on how quickly the committee moves and what we get done. But that is our goal at this point.

Tammy Pearson: Okay. Questions from the audience?

00:29:20 Questions from the public

Public Comment: On the herds that we're seeing out there, you guys brought it up that the fawns aren't there. There was a biologist up the other day that was putting a guzzler in that told us that they had lost 80% of the fawns this year. So we've got two years it's there. You know I'm a dedicated hunter, I'll give you my tag back if we can do something to help. We've got kids coming a lot that want to hunt. I've shot some deer; I'd give it back gladly if we could reduce the numbers and get something back for the kids.

Kevin Bunnell: So that's not specific to any of our agenda items tonight, but I'll respond just quickly. We're doing everything that we can. We've got our habitat projects, we've got water projects, we're more aggressive on predators right now that we ever have been. We've reduced deer tags by 25% over the last two years. What we need now is Mother Nature to cooperate, we need normal weather patterns, and moisture. And we will see our deer respond. We saw this cycle in the early 2000's then in 2013-14-15 we had a lot of deer. Now we're back in the lower end of the cycle. I hope that we come back out of it sooner rather than later. But in response to your question, we're doing everything we can. We need a more normal moisture regime and we'll be back into deer.

Tammy Pearson: I'll make a little comment there as well. We had this discussion with my family on our hunts. We teach the kids and grandkids and whoever that you don't have to fill your tag. Let's go have a family thing and do our thing and leave the deer on the mountain. I've got plenty of meat in the freezer, I don't need to do it just to say I did it. Bring the sportsmen out in you and raise your kids that way too. Comments from the RAC? Seeing no comments, I'll accept a motion.

Kevin Bunnell: Just a reminder, Riley is requesting two motions on this, one specifically to deal with the goat hunt on the Uinta's and then you can pass the balance of it after that if you agree with everything else.

00:32:16 The following motion was made by Craig Laub, seconded by Verland King.

MOTION: I move that we eliminate the non-resident mountain goat permit on the Chalk Creek Kamas unit for the 2022 hunting season.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bart Battista: Yes

Gene Boardman: Yes

Chuck Chamberlain: Yes

Verland King: Yes

Craig Laub: Yes

Dan Fletcher: Yes

Tammy Pearson: Okay, I don't need to vote. I don't get a vote. I would say that was unanimous, motion passes.

Kevin Bunnell: Now if we can get a motion on the remainder, unless there is anything else specific the RAC would like to address.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, I'll accept a motion.

00:35:08 The following motion was made by **Chuck Chamberlain**, seconded by **Craig Laub**.

MOTION: I move that we accept the remaining items on the **Once-In-A-Lifetime Packet**.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bart Battista: Yes

Gene Boardman: Yes

Chuck Chamberlain: Yes

Verland King: Yes

Craig Laub: Yes

Dan Fletcher: Yes

Tammy Pearson: Okay, motion passes unanimously.

Kevin Bunnell: So now we need to go into the fishing 2022 fishing recommendations.

Tammy Pearson: Are we having any type of presentation on that? Or Discussion?

Kevin Bunnell: Just the presentation that was online. I guess we'll begin with questions from the RAC. And we have Richard Hepworth online, and if we had any questions we'd address them to Richard.

**00:36:50 6) 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region (Action)
-Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager**

Tammy Pearson: Okay, so RAC members is there any questions for Richard on the fishing?

00:36:55 Questions from the RAC

Kevin Bunnell: Just a reminder that it was all to do with Bear Lake and a community fishery in the northern region.

Tammy Pearson: So, no questions?

Chuck Chamberlain: Yeah Richard, we can't let you off the hook too easy, so we've got to ask you at least one question. It said in the packet that 60% of the fish in Bear Lake, or at least the cutthroat are wild stock. Is that what I understand from that?

Richard Hepworth: I'll do my best here, I was hoping Randy would be on to address these, but yes, that's what I understood as well.

Chuck Chamberlain: Okay, so they're just comfortable being able to harvest those, they're not concerned that we could overharvest the wild brood, right?

Richard Hepworth: Exactly, they feel like the numbers are in good shape.

Chuck Chamberlain: Okay. And then there was the pond there and my understanding is they're asking for one more year to produce more blue gill and more bass, give them one more year to spawn, is that right?

Richard Hepworth: Exactly.

Chuck Chamberlain: Okay.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, any other questions? Any questions from the audience? Ok, any statements or comments?

Kevin Bunnell: Sorry, Madam Chairman, I missed a step, and that's the online public comments. We didn't have a lot, but on this agenda item we had 50% of the public that strongly agreed, and then we had about 50% that either strongly disagreed or neither agreed nor disagreed. We only had four comments, so it was pretty easy, it split it into 25 percentiles. And there were not any written comments on this agenda item or the previous one.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, so any comments from the RAC?

00:39:10 **Comments from the RAC**

Gene Boardman: Both these items seem to be pretty well thought out. I think we can go along with them.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, any comments from the public? Okay good, I will accept a motion then.

Kevin Bunnell: Come on don't be shy, we need a motion.

00:40:01 **The following motion was made by Bart Battista, seconded by Dan Fletcher.**

MOTION: I move that we recommend approval of the 2022 fishing recommendations as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bart Battista: Yes

Gene Boardman: Yes

Chuck Chamberlain: Yes

Verland King: Yes

Craig Laub: Yes

Dan Fletcher: Yes

Tammy Pearson: Okay, vote is unanimous.

Kevin Bunnell: Yes, that passed unanimously, then the last thing on the agenda is the Roundtail Chub informational item about the prospects of making that a sport fish. We do have somebody here from our native aquatics section who can answer any questions if you have any. We don't need to take a vote on that, but if anyone has any questions on that presentation we can address those.

00:41:17 **6) Roundtail Chub (Informational)**
 -Craig Walker, Aquatic Section Asst. Chief

Tammy Pearson: I do have a couple of questions on that one. In my travels the chub conversation comes up once in a while. How many varieties of chub do we have in Utah? And isn't a chub, a chub. It's not really a special fish?

Kevin Bunnell: Eric if you would introduce yourself first?

Eric Woodhouse: Yes, my name is Eric Woodhouse. I'm a native aquatics biologist for the southern region. One of my main responsibilities is I handle the three species conservation in the southern region and the roundtail chub is one of the three species. So they're an imperiled fish species that we've been managing under a conservation agreement since I think 2002. In the southern region really the only area where roundtail chub exist is the Escalante River drainage, it's a pretty remote area. I guess our job as fishery managers is to conserve and protect that population. But transitioning it into a sport fish is to also expand and increase opportunities for the public. That's kind of where we're going with this. As far as how many chub species there are in Utah, there are many endangered ones; there's humpback chub, browntail chub, Utah chub is one, there are probably a few others in the Colorado River drainage. You hear people call them trash fish, but they are a very unique species and they're native to the state. They play an important part of the ecosystem as well. I don't think I named all of the chub species, but there are several.

Kevin Bunnell: And Eric, another question from a non-aquatic's biologist. Are they all from the same genus?

Eric Woodhouse: They are from the Gila genus.

Bart Battista: When you said fisheries management is about conservation the species, isn't fisheries management about conserving the stock of what you're going to fish?

Eric Woodhouse: Yeah, it's about conserving and managing the stock as well. We step into manage the species to ensure they're around. They play an important part. With managing under conservation agreement, it really helps to keep the control of the species within the state. Our job is to mitigate any factors that would not have them be enlisted under the endangered species act. So that's where the status of the species is currently.

Chuck Chamberlain: So, if I were to go fishing for these roundtail chubs, where would I go?

Eric Woodhouse: In the southern region the Escalante River is the only population we have. The population is reproductive, we see recruitment in the species. In the Escalante River the population is doing quite well.

Chuck Chamberlain: Do they taste good?

Eric Woodhouse: I've never personally eaten one. They're already designated as a sport fish in Arizona. What I hear is they are a flaky white fish; they have an easily removable y bone and from what I hear they taste pretty well.

Chuck Chamberlain: Do they get big?

Eric Woodhouse: The ones in the Escalante River they can get up to 12-15 inches. The ones in the Colorado River, they can get a little bigger. The Escalante River is a smaller stream so the size of the fish in that drainage isn't huge. They do put up a good fight, they're similar to a trout. They like to hang out in eddies and pools adjacent to swift water, so when you do hook one they'll seek refuge in that swift water. From what I hear they put up a pretty good fight. They are a sporting species and people do like to catch them.

Kevin Bunnell: So Eric, if I'm not mistaken, you just spend 10 days in the Escalante drainage?

Eric Woodhouse: Yeah we've done some pretty extensive work, doing some distributional surveys in the Escalante River, so I don't know if you're familiar with that drainage, but it's really remote, very limited access. So to get in and monitor the lower section we had to do about a 50 mile back pack trip over an eight-day period. Going in with all our equipment and sampling downstream then going out Coyote Gulf. My job is really fun a lot times, we get to do some really cool things like that and see some really remote areas. We sampled some areas up Escalante River that had never been sampled before. So the UDWR has done the most extensive distributional work of roundtail chub to date, so it's been quite an accomplishment.

Kevin Bunnell: Thank you Eric.

Gene Boardman: What's their current status?

Eric Woodhouse: So they're currently a species with greatest conservation need. So they're managed under a conservation agreement. As far as sport fisher, it's a prohibited species; you're not allowed to catch them, or really even handle them. They're protected under that. They're not endangered, they're under what we call a conservation species. So moving them into a sport fish would open up and get rid of that prohibited species status where you could catch and harvest them.

Gene Boardman: So now you're not even supposed to throw a hook at them.

Eric Woodhouse: I mean, if you were out trout fishing and you caught one and you released it I think that's ok. As far as now, being prohibited you're not supposed to target them. I think their population has been dwindling over the last 50 or so years.

Kevin Bunnell: And Eric isn't part of the objective here of making them a sport fish to leverage the angling public... there are a lot of examples I'm familiar with on the terrestrial wildlife side, wild turkeys, white tail deer, swans, that have been brought back through the funding of sport hunting and I assume that this is a similar effort to try to

bring the angling public around the conservation efforts for roundtail chub and have a similar success story. Is that correct?

Eric Woodhouse: Yeah, that's correct. By moving this to a sport fish it will shed a spotlight on the species and visual aid in our conservation efforts and provide and increase opportunities for the public. It would be managed a lot like cutthroat trout are managed in the state. In some areas based on population you can manage where you can have catch and release in some areas, you can have take in other areas, and it just brings more funding to the table as well as a spotlight to the species to help aide in our conservation efforts and to provide another sporting species to the public. You really get people into these majestic desert streams and rugged canyon country where they otherwise might not venture. It gives the unique opportunity for sport fishing.

Kevin Bunnell: It looks like we do have Randy on now. Randy is there anything else you'd like to add to the conversation?

Randy Oplinger: No, I think that was covered pretty well. I apologize I thought the meeting was at seven. I think that's a pretty good summary of it.

Gene Boardman: So, the Escalante dumps into Lake Powell, are they in Lake Powell?

Eric Woodhouse: So yeah, they are in the main stem Colorado River, which connects to the Escalante or Lake Powell. So they range from the Escalante River upstream into the Green River, a lot of the major tributaries of the Colorado River. So in the Southern Region the only population we have is in the Escalante River.

Kevin Bunnell: Eric drove all the way up from Saint George so we had to get him on camera.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, is that the end of our agenda?

Kevin Bunnell: That is the end of our agenda.

Tammy Pearson: So, next meeting, right? Do we need to talk about that date?

Kevin Bunnell: The next meeting is scheduled for November 16th. This will be our regular large agenda. It's right now scheduled to be in Cedar City. We took a vote at our last meeting to have all of our meetings start at 6 o'clock, so that's what we're planning as of now. November 16th at the same location of the DNR building in Cedar City.

Tammy Pearson: So bring a midnight snack?

Kevin Bunnell: We can probably provide that if we need one.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, so we don't need a motion to adjourn, do we?

Kevin Bunnell: I don't think we technically need a motion to adjourn. Is everyone satisfied with our meeting? If so we can call it a night.

Tammy Pearson: Okay, meeting adjourned.

00:51:49 Meeting adjourned at 6:51.

**Southeast Region RAC Meeting
Hybrid Conference
September 8, 2021**

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/FH6nAFmZMnQ>

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 6:30 pm

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC ViceChair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC ViceChair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor
5. Emerging Technologies Survey Results
- Wyatt Bubak, Law Enforcement Captain
6. Big Game R657-5 Rule Amendments
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator
7. Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations
- Riley Peck, OIAL Program Coordinator
8. 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region
- Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager

Regional Presentations

9. Roundtail Chub – NER, SER, and SR only
- Craig Walker, Aquatics Section Asst. Chief

Hybrid Conference
September 8, 2021
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The following motion was made by Kirk Player, seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously, 10/10.

MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented.

2. Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations

The following motion was made by Kirk Player, and seconded by Charles Fisher, and passed unanimously, 10/10.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented by Riley Peck at the RAC.

The following motion was made by Todd Thorne and was seconded by Scoot Flannery, and passed unanimously, 10/10.

MOTION: To accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented by the DWR.

4) 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region

The following motion was made by Brad Richman and was seconded by Sunshine Brosi, and passed unanimously, 10/10.

MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented by the RAC.

Southeast Region RAC Meeting

September 8, 2021
Attendance

RAC Members Attending

Kent Johnson, Vice Chairman
Brad Richman
Joe Sacco
Charles Fisher
Dana Truman
Scot Flannery
Daren Olsen
Todd Thorne
Kirk Player
Steve Duke
Sunshine Brosi

18:30:00	RAC Vice chair Kent Johnson called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members to indicate who attended the broadcast.
18:40:18	<p>4) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Kirk Player, and seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously, 10/10.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes for the Southeast Region RAC meeting.</p>
18:43:00	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</p> <p>Chris Wood updated the RAC with Wildlife Board decisions.</p>
18:45:00	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Chris Wood updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
18:52:00	<p>1. Once in a Life Time information by Riley Peck (Action)</p>
19:02:00	Public Comments
19:03:00	RAC Comments and Questions
19:08:00	<p>The following motion was made by Kirk Player and was seconded by Charles Fisher, and passed unanimously, 10/10.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented by Riley Peck at the RAC.</p>
19:10:00	<p>The following motion was made by Todd Thorne and was seconded by Scoot Flannery, and passed unanimously, 10/10.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented by the DWR.</p>
19:12:00	<p>1. <u>2022 Fishing Recommendations</u> (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html</p>
19:13:00	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Chris Wood stated there were no online comments from the public.</p>
19:15:00	RAC Comments and Questions

19:16:00	RAC Discussion
19:17:00	The following motion was made by Brad Richman and was seconded by Sunshine Bosie, and passed unanimously, 10/10. MOTION: Accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.
20:07:00	The following motion was made by Brad Richman, and seconded by Charles Fisher and passed unanimously, 10/10 MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
19:19:00	Meeting adjourned.

Northeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Attendance

Division Personnel

Miles Hanberg	Dax Mangus
Riley Peck	Randall Thacker
Rose Fedelleck	Tory Mathis
Amy VandeVoort	Clint Sampson
Chris Penne	Torrey Christophersen
Randy Oplinger	Anthony Christianson
Trina Hedrick	

Wildlife Board Members

Randy Dearth

RAC Members Present

Brett Prevedel
Dan Abeyta
Rebekah Jones
Daniel Davis
Ritchie Anderson
Mike Smith
Dusty Carpenter
Joe Arnold
Jeff Taniguchi

Summary of Motions:

2) Approval of Agenda/Minutes
Presented by Chairman-Brett Prevedel
(Action)

Motion: To Accept Agenda- Jeff Taniguchi
2nd Dan Abeyta
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To Approve Minutes-Daniel Davis
2nd Jeff Taniguchi
Passed Unanimously.

7) Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations ACTION - Riley Peck, OIAL Program
Coordinator

(Action)

Motion: To adjust the Pine Valley Virgin River & Pine Valley Beaver Dam units for the Desert Big Horn Sheep season dates to: Oct. 31st thru Dec. 25th 2021.

Motion: Daniel Davis
2nd Ritchie Anderson
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: North Slope Three Corners Unit Rocky MNT Big Horn Sheep hunt go back to historic date season date starting Oct. 19 thru Nov. 29 2021.

Motion: Dan Abeyta
2nd Dusty Carpenter
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To change Season date of the North Slope Summit West Daggett Unit hunt to Sept.1 thru Nov. 29 2021.

Motion: Dan Abeyta
2nd Daniel Davis
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To eliminate the Non-Resident Goat tag on the Chalk Creek Kamas hunt.

Motion: Daniel Davis
2nd Joe Arnold
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To accept the remainder of the packet as presented by the Division.

Motion: Dan Abeyta
2nd Rebekah Jones
Passed Unanimously.

8) 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region - Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager
(Action)

Motion: To accept recommendations as presented by the DWR.

Motion: Dan Abeyta
2nd Jeff Taniguchi
Passed Unanimously.

Motion: To continue Dan Abeita's term as Vice Chair.

Motion: Rebekah Jones

2nd Dusty Carpenter
Passed 8-0.

Vote goes to Brett Prevedel to continue as RAC Chair.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Daniel Davis
2nd Rebekah Jones
Passed Unanimously.

00:00:00 1) Welcome (Informational)

Chairman Brett Prevedel called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the Board and RAC Members introduce themselves.

00:02:01 2) Approval of Agenda (Action)

The following motion was made by Jeff Taniguchi, seconded by Dan Abeyta.

MOTION: I move that we accept the agenda as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

00:02:48 2) Approval of Minutes (Action)

The following motion was made by Daniel Davis, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi.

MOTION: I move that we accept the minutes from the last RAC meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

**00:03:20 3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update by RAC Chair (Informational)
-Brett Prevedel**

Brett Prevedel: I will now give a brief update on the last Wildlife Board meeting. If you remember the topics were bobcat and cougar primarily. The bobcat recommendations that left this RAC with unanimous consent to go with the Divisions recommendations; that's also what the Wildlife Board did and they approved it as presented. When we got to the cougar issue there was a lot of discussion on the take of

collared lions. The end result of that the Board passed a motion to prohibit the take of collared lions with the use of hounds excluding depredation issues for a period of three years statewide. Then the remaining recommendations were approved as presented.

There was an expo permit audit that was presented and it passed unanimously. Then there was a request by the Division to increase several units of primarily cow elk tags, some pronghorn doe tags, for drought issues. So many of the units the proposal was just to increase the number of tags and those that were draw units would go to an alternate list which was the original individuals that applied and they were unsuccessful on the first draw but they would be notified and they would get a tag if it reached them on this additional permit. On the ones that were over the counter they were to go on sale on September 8th I believe, so that would have been yesterday, and the numbers would have just been upped on the units, and we had several in our region, primarily the private lands elk tags but there were some pronghorn doe tags. That request was approved by the Wildlife Board.

Then the final order of business was they put the technology issue on hold that was intended to be on this agenda, pending a survey of individuals regarding the use of trail cameras. I believe the other technology issues were hashed out but they still had some questions on the regulation of trail cams. That we expect to see in the near future, I'm not sure what month we'll see the technology issue come back. And with that I believe that's all we had on the Wildlife Board update. Miles, are you able to give a regional supervisor update?

00:06:38 4) Regional Update

(Informational)

-Miles Hanberg NER Regional Supervisor

Mile Hanberg: Yes I am. Good evening everyone, I apologize for not being there in person. I woke up with morning with a scratchy throat and a little bit of a stuffy nose, so I thought it would be best to not be there in person with you folks tonight. So I'm going to just discuss a few things with you virtually, then Dax Mangus, our Wildlife Manager, he is going to give a brief presentation with the Book Cliffs and what's going on with some of the populations out there. Previously Pat Rainbolt, our Habitat Manager, presented to the RAC about the habitat work that has been going on out there. We asked Dax to come on tonight and present more information about the Book Cliffs wildlife population.

But first I have a few highlights. It's been a really busy late summer for a lot of our folks, especially in our aquatics section. Just last week they finished up rotenone project on the west fork of Carter Creek on the North Slope. That's a large project to restore Colorado Cutthroat to their native range. So the first year was completed on that part of the project and they'll need to follow up with that next year. Just to ensure that the brookies are removed and then we'll build up Colorado Cutthroat back into that system. So that's been a big project and takes a lot of work. Just this week, actually finished up last night, we finished up with Daniel on Green River electro fishing below Flaming Gorge dam and at Little Hole. Between two nights there were just under a thousand fish were captured and those fish were processed for their weights and lengths and body conditions. So the fish are looking really good still on the Green River, some good growth on the stock fish as well. That effort has been completed. The Kokanee run is a

little bit slow getting started up on Sheep Creek this year. So we haven't had many fish, just a handful of fish trying to start running up the creek to this point. Originally we had a Kokanee viewing day scheduled for this Saturday, but that's been cancelled at this point with the reservoir levels dropping and at the time we don't know when fish will start showing up, so at this time that event is cancelled. We're still advising the public over the next few weeks to take the opportunity to go up to Sheep Creek and take a look, and they should be able to see some Kokanee once that run gets going a little bit better. In the meantime there will be a viewing event out in Strawberry at the Strawberry River inlet into Strawberry Reservoir and that's another good place to go see Kokanee spawning as well. That's coming up.

Our habitat folks are starting up into a lot of our large-scale restoration projects. One project they've been working on the last few weeks is a really large guzzler project out in the Book Cliffs. This guzzler is short of 10,000 gallons and it has a really large apron. So, it's taken a little bit of time to get that apron built, but it should be completed by the end of next week. That will be a great project to provide an ample supply of water in the area of winter ridge. We did have a fire restriction in place on WMAs across the state, and along with that fire restriction there was a target shooting ban as well, just because of the extreme fire conditions we've been seeing this year. That's been rescinded now, and WMAs are open except for those counties that have fire restrictions under state lands. For the most part many of our WMAs are now open for fires and recreational target shooting, but in our region Daggett county is still under a few state land fire restrictions. As those restrictions are lifted there will be more fire activities allowed on WMAs.

In our wildlife section they just completed mountain goat surveys in the Uinta's, that survey takes a few days, it's a helicopter survey, and mountain goats are slightly down this year. A part of that is we are planning on doing some collaring of mountain goats in the next couple of years to get a better idea of what's happening with populations in the Uinta's and get a better idea of their movements. Anyhow, that's kind of a synopsis of the recent work, it's been busy.

And I'll turn the remainder of the time over to Dax to have him talk a little about the Book Cliffs.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for Miles on the regional update? Ok, we will move to item five and item six on our agenda. Oh that's right, Dax, I'm sorry I forgot all about it already.

Dax Mangus: Thank you. I'm Dax Mangus, I'm the regional wildlife program manager. Pat Rainbolt the habitat manager gave an update on the efforts in the Book Cliffs I think a few months ago, and Pat's update was really encouraging with a lot of great habitat work and water development, a lot of really good things happening. And tonight I guess I'm giving maybe a less cherry update talking about current population status in the Book Cliffs. We'll run through a few things here, I'm going to focus primarily on mule deer, elk, and bison, those are the species where we've seen the most changes to populations recently. Those are the ones that have been of most concern at the top of the list recently.

Book Cliff unit, as many of us know, is facing some major challenges. We're seeing impacts across a variety of species and it's been a high priority for the Division, for the Wildlife Board, for the RAC, for sportsmen, a lot of users. There has been a lot of concern and a lot of effort has been put into that Book Cliffs working group and a lot of different partners have put a lot of effort into trying to stop some of this downward trend that we're observing.

I'll start with mule deer population trends over the last several years. In this table you can see the population objective for a long time was 15,000 deer. In 2020, the first part of 2020 we actually lowered the objective from 15,000 to 9,000 deer and that was based on looking at 20+ years of data, long-term vegetation changes and trying to set an objective that was optimistic and realistic. We haven't been at 9,000 deer in a really long time. If the stars align right I think that's a realistic goal, but it's still one we're going to have to work really hard to get towards. The second row there on this table shows the population estimate, and that's post-season population estimate, so for 2020 that population estimate was 4,500 deer after the 2020 hunting season was over. So for 2021 we don't have a final population estimate yet. We have kind of an estimate on what our estimate may be based on survival information we have from what are getting from some of the GPS collar studies in the Book Cliffs. And again predict a decline in the Book Cliffs population and it's looking to be somewhere around 3,300 deer. Were way down from where we've been recently. Our fawn to doe ratio in the Book Cliffs has been up and down. We'd love to see higher numbers there, but if we see numbers in the 40s or 50s that's pretty good. For 2020, so the classification that was done the end of last fall, the fawn to doe ratio looks pretty good for the Book Cliffs. You know, if we were talking about the Wasatch 50 fawns per 100 does is not very good, but on the Book Cliffs 50 fawns per 100 does is about as good as we've seen recently. You'll see there in 2018-2019 we were in the 20s and 30s, not really great. Adult doe survival in that 80% range is pretty standard for the Book Cliffs. You see we had a couple of bad years in 2018-2019. Fawn survival though is looking really low. At this point we're at 19% fawn survival and a lot of this is drought related. To a large extent we've got a lot of animals that aren't in great condition or great shape. So for this year we anticipate that our population estimate will decrease again based on really low fawn survival. This shows hunting permits and what we've done with buck hunting in the Book Cliffs and I guess I want to emphasize that the way we hunt buck in the Book Cliffs is done within biological side boards so the way we hunt bucks is not affecting the population growth. The data on pregnancy rate, timing of partition, so the timing of when the fawns are born in the spring. All this shows that we have plenty of bucks to make sure we have a successful rut. Buck to doe ratios are not what is driving this system, buck harvest isn't what's driving this system. But we do have a population that over a six-seven-year period declines from 7,000 deer to 3,300 deer, in order to stay at that buck to doe ratio objective, which is a post season objective of 25-35 bucks per 100 does, we know we're going to have to reduce buck tags to stay within that objective. I just want folks to know that the way we hunt bucks is not what is driving the population here, but we're having to adjust the way we hunt bucks because of the declines to the deer population. As you see 2021, we decreased buck permits, we're down to 264 where just a few years ago we were at 450ish. Pretty significant a couple hundred permit reduction, but when you look at a population going from 7,000 to 3,300 deer the reduction is pretty proportional. Based on survival rates we would then anticipate

that our buck to doe ratio coming in this fall will probably be in that 25 bucks to 100 doe range, so just barely within the objective. The population is in major decline, as I said earlier this is something that is on the radar and has been on the radar for several years. That's why we've put together this working group at direction of the Wildlife Board and had a lot of cooperation from partners. That's part of why we have this extensive GPS collar study looking at adults and neonates, so including the newborn fawns from survival from 0-6 month. Basically thrown just about everything at the deer population in the Book Cliffs that we can at this point. We've just got to be prepared and continue to do everything we can and then keep our fingers crossed that Mother Nature will cooperate and kind of meet us half way and maybe we can have a few years with a little bit better conditions.

For elk, the story with elk is perhaps not as extreme as with deer. Elk are a species that tend to live a little bit longer, have a little bit higher survival, lower reproductive rates compared to mule deer. Not as much of the boom-and-bust cycle, but just a chug chug chug along kind of species. I never thought I'd say that in a professional meeting, sorry. But our population objective for elk in the Book Cliffs is 7,500, or population estimate is around 5,500 so we're below that objective. One of the things that started as a result of this Book Cliffs working group was looking at, we observed really low pregnancy rates in our elk when we were capturing elk to insert the vaginal implant trackers to track calf birthing and survival of newborn calves. We noticed in 2018 that 53% of the cows that we captured were pregnant and that pregnancy rate, I think is perhaps the lowest ever documented in elk and was something of a surprise that was very dry year it was a drought year. Then in 2019 we had more normal precipit conditions and pregnancy rates on the elk were 87% which is within that normal range, usually 80-90% for healthy elk on normal habitat. Then again the fall of 2020 last fall after another drought year we caught elk again and observed a pregnancy rate of 52%. So we're seeing this bounce up and down of pregnancy rates and that's not being driven by available bulls, as the availability of bulls has not really changed much. This pregnancy rate is being driven by body condition. Another thing we noticed is we have really old elk. Most of the cows we caught seemed significantly older than the cows we caught on other units across the state; we have a lot of collar studies going on throughout the state. So we sent out tooth packets to all of the folks that drew cow elk permits last year and asked us to send in incisors so we can send them in to get them aged so we can look and see what's going on with our age structure out in the Book Cliffs. The Book Cliffs weren't super surprising, but for cows harvested on the Bitter Creek South portion of the Book Cliffs, the average age was seven. Cows harvest on the roadless area the average age was closer to 10-year-old cows. Then on all the other units we sampled in the state, we sampled units from the San Juan, the Manti, northern Utah, southern Utah, multiple units all around the state the average age was four and a half. So the average age of cows in the Book Cliffs was pretty much double what it was anywhere else in the state. That's been part of why we're harvesting more cow elk to see if we can remove some of those older less productive animals and then get a little jump start on that population if we can ever get weather conditions to turn around as well. For bull permits, in the Book Cliffs, I've got this split out by the Bitter Creek South portion of the Book Cliffs which would include the northern end, the Bitter Creek, and then the southern end the divide down by I-70, and then the Little Creek or Roadless portion of the Book Cliffs. The age objective

for harvested bulls on the Little Creek South is 6.5-7 and that age has been trending down a little bit over the last few years. We also have reduced permits pretty substantially, you can see back in 2018 160 permits, this year for 2021 100 permits. So over the last five years or so we've reduced permits by about a third. The roadless area is one where the age objective is higher in the roadless at 7.5-8 and despite pretty aggressive tag cuts the age wasn't changing at all. So for this year for 2021 we actually cut a lot of bull permits for the Little Creek down to just six permits and we're hoping we can turn a corner and start getting that age to go up in the Little Creek. We are seeing some collar data that indicates there perhaps isn't as much separation between elk in the Little Creek unit and elk in the other parts of the unit, there is a lot of movement back and forth between, and also on to tribal lands. It may take really extreme measures to manage that unit for a different age class because without the interchange between the units. For antlerless elk in the Book Cliffs, the last couple of years we've gotten more aggressive and given more permits because of some of the forage analysis work we've looked at and the drought conditions and the competition for forage on the summer range specifically. The Book Cliffs is an awesome unit, I love the Book Cliffs, but it has a really limited amount of summer range and it is really susceptible to drought impacts because you have such a limited amount of summer range there. For 2020 we gave more antlerless elk permits than normal, then this year we were going to recommend the same numbers but after seeing continued severe drought conditions we made adjustments and increased permits when the Wildlife Board looked at that last month due to drought. Some folks have said why on earth are you harvesting elk on a unit that is under objective and the reason we are is because of concerns with range condition, competition for forage, and some of this super old age structure we're seeing in the elk. We want to grow more elk in the Book Cliffs, we want to do it in a way where both the animals and the habitat can be healthy and it can be sustainable. We don't feel like it's responsible to carry an elk population that exceeds the forage supply so at this point we are trying to harvest a few more elk and see if we can get some of this habitat work to kick in and reduce the age class on the population and be poised and ready to bounce back when the population is right and when it's the right time to do that.

Bison numbers, this is some interesting stuff and we'll talk a little bit more later tonight related to bison numbers and distribution. On the Bitter Creek or the northern portion of Book Cliffs, and this is the data from our arial flights from our helicopter surveys. We did a survey in 2016, 2018, and 2020, so post season for those years, we actually did it in the spring of 2021 but it's after the 2020 hunts were over so post season. So you can see those numbers have declined pretty substantially on the north unit from 258 to 157 to 87 that were counted on the Bitter Creek North. We've been really aggressive and harvested a bunch of bison on the Bitter Creek North. Our objective for bison on the Book Cliffs is 450 adults, and these numbers I'm showing you include calves, so these are total gross numbers, not just the adults. So if those look way higher than the objective, don't get too concerned yet. And if you need data split out by adults and calves I can get you that. On the South Book Cliffs didn't find any bison there in 2016, 2018, we did find some Cottonwood Diamond canyons in 2020 and we know they're have been bison in the south on Cottonwood, Diamond, Thompson, on the Rattlesnake, there are some bison that hang out in those areas and spend time there. The roadless is the one that kind of stands out the most to us as we see 226, 435, 515 we are

seeing more and more bison in the roadless area. As we try to harvest more bison in the roadless area that can be a little tricky because it can feel real big when you are in there but it's actually a relatively small area. To have too many hunters in there at once can be concerning. We want to manage these numbers and find a way for folks to find a way to enjoy their once in a lifetime bison experience and that can be a hard balance to find sometimes. Clint has been out doing some classification of bison on the ground, so this is ground counts/classifications that have been done this summer, so this is not aerial counts or anything. Just from the ground Clint has counted an even 100 bison on the north end, bull/cow ratio 50/100, cow/calf ratio 55/100, those are both relatively high ratios for both bull/cow and calf/cow. The calf/cow ratio that's encouraging, that's higher than what we typically see in the Henry Mountains. That bull/cow ratio is fairly high and that's part of why we're still harvesting some bulls fairly aggressively. We have been ramping down on cow harvest on this north end, just because we have seen numbers decline.

So in summary, some of this news isn't very happy. For big game, these species, the population decline it's real and it's fairly significant in the Book Cliffs. A lot of the research that we've done has shown that the drivers are really weather patterns and long-term drought. Predation is compounding that in some regards, but it doesn't seem to be the driving factor. The predation kind of kick the population while their down. The weather puts them down and then the predators can kind of kick them while they're down. Again these population declines are not being driven by buck and bull ratios or ages, that doesn't seem to be the limiting factor, and what we plan to do is just keep doing what we are doing. Working together with partners, the recommendations and action plan put together by that Book Cliffs working group. Habitat improvement, water development, predator management, working on feral horse issues, working together with our livestock grazing partners, mitigating wildlife vehicle collisions, and energy development activities that might occur on critical habitats in the Book Cliffs. The update I'm sharing isn't super positive, but we want to be transparent and tell you where were at and we're hoping that with continued efforts we can turn the corner on some of these things. So, that's what I had to share. Thank you.

Brett Prevedel: Thanks Dax. I'd like to open it up to question from the RAC to Dax.

Dusty Carpenter: Is camp crowding or camp condition in the Book Cliffs roadless area, is that a worry right now for the condition that some of the campers are leaving the camps down in the roadless. Are we increasing patrols? Or what is kind of a solution to crowding hunters in the roadless?

Dax Mangus: So we cut a lot of elk permits, which reduces the number of elk hunters in there, but with the added bison permits that can be a real thing. We've seen sometimes in these really dry years when some of the more popular camping areas kind of get beat out, there is not much feed in there. A lot of the folks that contact us and ask for information we advise them to bring hay cubes in with them to plan on something for their horses, that they might not necessarily be able to find all the feed they need at a camp. I don't know, Tory, if we're doing any more patrol other than that? But some of those concerns are why we're recommending tonight to change the bison boundary for

the roadless bison hunts to include more country while we continue to get some additional harvest on bison on the roadless, we want there to be other options for folks too, if they feel like it's too crowded in there. And the roadless area is a popular spot. I don't know that we have a great solution for people loving it to death. So it's a great question.

Tory Christopherson: Good point. One thing that we've done is teamed up with Back Country Horsemen Association, it's been a few years now where we went into places like Three Spring where it gets so beat down in the bottom of Little Creek and tried to clean up those camp sites. Actually take some of the existing pole structures, things that have been there for years and years and years and encouraged people to come right to that area. We've gone in there and cleaned up some of that, a lot of litter taken out of those areas. As far as increased patrols, there are only so many places... Like Dax said, it seems big when you're in there, but bottom line is it's not very big in geography. We have put patrols down there and we will continue to do so. There are only so many places for the people to go.

Dusty Carpenter: Is there an option for increasing the educational aspect to the folks that draw in the roadless? The last time I was in the roadless I just.. it was disheartening to see the litter, the impacts, it's kind of changing the whole character of it.

Tory Christopherson: One of the things we tried to do is doing camp checks and talking with people. It's a good point, it's something that we could probably work with our conservation outreach people on and try to get something out and ever possibly through licensing something could go out if you draw that permit. Hey just be aware of this, you know whether it be the hay cubes and wheat free designation going in there, or the amount of forage being down. We could certainly look at that, there are some avenues that could be addressed. Anything else from any of you guys?

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. Dax, I had a few questions. What would be an optimum fawn/doe ratio that you'd like to see? For a sustainable population of deer anywhere.

Dax Mangus: 80. I don't know if that's going to happen in the Book Cliffs, just because it's such an arid unit, but that's what I'd like to see.

Brett Prevedel: Then that estimated population this fall with a significant reduction, is that because it has fawns in it and the fawn's survival is so low primarily?

Dax Mangus: Yes. Adult survival looks ok. We have a handful of collared bucks and survival on collared bucks looks alright as well. Just that super low fawn survival is what's going to drive that.

Brett Prevedel: Then I have one final question, you mentioned inter species competition, and I know there has been a lot of effort on the stray horses, which thanks to a lot of partners we've been able to have a lot of impact. The grazing rights for the cattle

is pretty much set. The AUMs. So the only other control we have on reducing the demand on forage is the elk and bison, so has there been any discussion about maybe reducing the elk herd significantly to hopefully rebound the deer herd.

Diet overlap on summer range isn't typically as high on summer range as diet overlap might be during a really bad winter. But there is definitely potential for interspecies competition there. Some of the study work that BYU did looked at that a little bit and that is one that is kind of controversial, it depends on the unit and there are some things that are really hard to quantify and measure. There are definitely times where elk can displace deer from an area, even if they're not necessarily eating the same things, it's just elk are big and loud and smelly and if the elk decide they are camping in an Aspen patch, sometimes the deer decide they're not going to camp in that Aspen patch. Then sometimes you go out and you see deer and elk right on top of each other and everybody is eating and looks happy. So some of those things are really hard to document. A permanent significant reduction in elk population hasn't been something that we've really pursued, but we have been really open to more aggressive harvest in a short-term manner until we can get on top of things and some of these habitat projects can start taking affect and start providing benefit, and maybe fingers crossed, it can rain once in a while and we won't be extreme drought every other year. Those are some hard questions and some things that the Book Cliffs working group could start some discussions about that. But that's a hard one for some folks, a lot of folks that really like elk and want to see that the elk population do better in the Book Cliffs. Those are good questions and hard questions.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you, are there any other questions for Dax?

Dax Mangus: Thanks for giving me the time to give you an update. I know that took a little longer...

Brett Prevedel: You're welcome, that was very informative and well done. Thank you. Ok, we will move to item five and item six have been delayed on our agenda for a future meeting. That puts us to item seven, once in a lifetime species recommendation, and Riley Peck is here to give us just a brief summary and also let us know what's happened in the other RACs.

**00:37:36 5) Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations
-Riley Peck, OIAL Program Coordinator**

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Riley Peck: Thank you. Along with the other RACs, if you're alright Mr. Chair, I have a couple of house cleaning items. (you bet) The Division has committed to the RACs and to the Board to try and balance and keep our RAC and Board schedule as

balanced as possible. If a lot of you have been on the RACs you know that is very difficult. Today we have a very light agenda, and in November and in the winter when we do permit recommendation it can get very heavy and long RACs. In an effort to shorten and balance them, this once in a lifetime has been pulled from the November schedule and moved to now. The consequence of that is we're still collecting data for our once in a lifetime species and we ran into a conflict. We made the recommendations and predicted the hunts as best as we could and we just barely finished flying goats in the northern region. Specifically on the Chalk Creek, Kamas unit we saw a much lower count than we anticipated, to the point where if we are looking forward to how many permits we expect to recommend when we do that in the late winter/spring, we would recommend a low enough number that it would not qualify according to the plan to recommend a non-resident permit. So today we are, and we have done this in every other RAC for kind of some house cleaning, is making a second recommendation that for the Chalk Creek, Kamas, Uinta goat hunt that we do not offer a non-resident permit. If the RAC so agrees with that, we would appreciate a second motion from the balance of the permit recommendations, or not permit recommendations but hunt recommendations.

Brett Prevedel: For 2022?

Riley Peck: For 2022, yes. 2021 have already gone through. On a different clerical issue that I've had, and Mike is going to help me out. I made a mistake while I was putting this packet together. The presentation and the power point, if you guys viewed that, we were able to complete and get all the bison recommendation for the boundary changes in the Book Cliffs accurate with the map. In the RAC packet that I sent you, I made mistakes and sent on previous hunt names. As part of the boundary of the recommendation I've created this slide just so it matches the presentation that went out. So if somebody was looking at the RAC packet vs the video presentation these should now match each other. I apologize, this was completely on me and an oversight. We were lucky and caught it early enough. Not so early to fix it before the packet went out. But early enough to fix it before it went to the RACs, so this is what you'll be voting on with the balance. So, if you have any questions on that, I'd be happy to answer those.

As far as the RAC updates, Mr. Chair, most of the RAC conversation is around the units that they are specific to. We have not had a motion outside of one in the central region there is one date overlap that is unique. Outside of that it's been pretty standard, all the RACs have voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to accept the non-resident hunt and unanimously with the balance of the rest of the recommendations.

Brett Prevedel: Could you take a moment and just highlight some of the changes you're making this year? I know you standardized hunting seasons.

Riley Peck: Absolutely. So one of them is in the Zion unit because of overcrowding in the past, or perceived overcrowding it split the entire big horn hunt on the Zion unit into two. Essentially taking all the hunt dates and putting them into two separate hunts. With the population the way it is, we anticipate recommending a low enough permit number that we would like to combine that back into one hunt and make the season dates the full extension of the dates. That is one of them. Another one on the

archery only for the San Rafael, there was some desire to move the dates a little bit sooner, not so much in the rut or to overlap with the any weapon hunt, but to overlap with late December into January and more into early December to late December and keep it all one month. That was another significant date change. Outside of that, I think the biggest issue has come with our change in the bison for the Book Cliffs. We'd be happy to answer any questions on as well. Those are perhaps the biggest issues that are to mention. Very little change with other mountain goats or moose.

Brett Prevedel: There is one I know we're going to have some discussion on, so I wanted to get your input on. There was some standardization of Rocky Mountain Bighorn opening days statewide.

Riley Peck: Yeah, and this is one that was brought to my attention not too long ago, and I do see the value of leaving those dates the same. Essentially what we are doing, I believe it's the Three Creek area if I'm accurate. The Three Corners, sorry, as a standardization of the date was moved back to October. Traditionally that has started in September and once in a lifetime species are unique. We try to manage those for 100% success, so we try to give as liberal a season that is absolutely possible. Typically we do not have issue with these dates in any other region, nor do we have any overlap, but with the weather events that can take place on the Uinta's and the higher elevation that might take place for this, traditionally this takes place in September. As this was brought to my attention I see that even standardizing the date may not be a good idea in this one and we'd be open to a favorable recommendation to the Division if we moved back to the normal dates, which I believe is September 17th maybe. I can double check on those. (19th) 19th, September 19th. But we'd find that as a favorable recommendation as we want to give hunters the greatest chance possible and we recognize that there could be weather events that could cause an issue there.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. I would now open up question for the RAC for Riley.

00:44:53 **Questions from the RAC**

Daniel Davis: I have a couple of questions if I may. What we've been contacted for, some conflicting dates overlaps from other hunts, species, strategies. Has there been any feedback for the Rocky Mountain Bighorns on overlap, or are those units, I mean are they're primarily hunting separate areas of the unit when it comes to, say, general season deer and the Rocky Mountain Bighorns?

Riley Peck: Generally, speaking, no. We don't get too many people that call and complain about that. When I say generally speaking there may be somebody that calls and complains, but it is rare. I have not fielded very many of those. That is largely because if there is an overlap, it's not with another once in a lifetime species, it would be with deer or elk which is more of a general season type of a hunt. The once in a lifetime species permit numbers are so few, that to add a few once in a lifetime species hunters on top of an already existing general season deer, the general season deer hunters would not notice a few extra permits on top of that. The one area where we have received some

information and it was discussed with the Board last year was in Southern Utah and Beaver Dam, not specifically Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep, but the deserts down there. We did receive some feedback because the hunt starts on a Saturday, and the general season deer hunt ends that Sunday, so there are two days that overlap. This is a social issue; this one is tough. It's unique in that sheep hunters are coming and asking for shorter dates. As I mentioned before we are trying hard to manage this for 100% success. The complaints that we hear most often down there, and there are only one to two that I have received, come from guides and outfitters and the issue that we see mostly from them is they have a different hunt and they don't want to start the next one until that one ends. That's one possible reason why they don't love that hunt. We always have the option to not hunt, leave the dates as they are for the one or two permits who are there and not hunt until the deer season is over. But it is a social issue. As I mentioned today to those I have talked to about it, it is not something that the Division will dig in their heels and worry about it. It is a social issue and I think the majority of hunters would argue why not given an option to hunt longer. But if there are valid reasons that I'm not aware of, it's not a biological issue, there is still plenty of time and plenty of animals to harvest. But what the public wants on these dates is an acceptable answer. It's not something that we're drastically worried about.

Daniel Davis: Thank you. That was all I had Mr. Chair.

Brett Prevedel: Any other questions for the RAC? RAC members online, do you have any questions? Dan, do you want to lead a discussion on the units on the North Slope Rocky Mountain?

Dan Abeyta: Sure, you bet. So we kind of already talked a little bit about the NS Three Corners, so I was going to go ahead and make a motion when the time is right to deviate from what is being proposed, what is it October 29-November 29th to the historic dates of September 19th.

Riley Peck: We'd find that to be a fair recommendation. Complete candidness as well, that probably should have been something I recommended or noticed. Being a new coordinator and not noticing the once in a lifetime dates or even realizing the historic purpose behind some of them as we tried to standardize things makes it a little easier. This is one that just slipped me. To be completely frank and honest, we'd find it to be a favorable recommendation. It would be something that if you recommended and the RAC found favorable we would adjust our recommendation when we took it to the Board and adopt it as our own.

Brett Prevedel: So, is there only one unit I guess. What about Daggett West and the unit that's in the higher country in the northern region? (It's the same as it's been.

Riley Peck: We left those the same as they have been historically. The only one hunt that was adapted to try and standardize things that we would like to go back to historic dates, there was only one.

Brett Prevedel: Miles, did you have any public comment on this issue?

**00:50:23 Electronic Public Comment Report (Informational)
Miles Hanberg, NERO Regional Supervisor**

Miles Hanberg: You know, there were only three comments that came in for the once in a lifetime. Two of those were strongly in support of the Divisions recommendation, and one of them disagreed with the recommendation. A very small number of people provided input on this topic.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. Now I'll open it up for comments from the RAC. We don't have any public present tonight. So it will just be the RAC commenting.

00:50:57 Comments from the RAC

Dan Abeyta: Mr. Chair, I did have another recommendation, and when the time comes I'll make this motion, but for information for the RAC to think about and maybe have some discussion on is another unit on the North Slope, the NS Summit West Daggett unit for Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep. We feel like, this is a discussion I've had internally within my agency, that the proposed dates for that hunt are October 29-the end of November essentially. What we would like to see, is we would like to see that date bumped up to even September 1st. The reason for that recommendation for that is we have an issue up there with overlap with the domestic sheep that are grazing in the high Uinta's up in those wilderness allotments. The issue is with bighorn sheep being in that area. We have overlap there and I guess to better implement the bighorn sheep management plan, we make this recommendation that the season be bumped up to September 1st, go through the end of November as it currently is. That way it gives opportunity for those hunters to get up in that area and put some pressure on those bighorn sheep. Primarily we're talking about the Hoop Lake herd. Again like I say to reduce the potential for interaction between wild sheep and domestic sheep and disease transmissions. That was the other recommendation that I planned to make a motion on.

Brett Prevedel: Does that cover all the units on the Uinta's?

Dan Abeyta: Yes, that's it. It's just the two.

Brett Prevedel: The two sheep units, the Three Corners and the Daggett West is combined with the others?

Dan Abeyta: I believe so.

Brett Prevedel: Ok. Thank you. Any other comments on this topic?

Daniel Davis: I would, Mr. chair. I would like to talk a little bit about that desert unit, and as Riley pointed out, it is social. I do sympathize with the one in a lifetime hunters who strive for 100% success, also for an animal representative for their wait and

effort. Some of the concerns and issue that have been brought up. Everyone has received an email letter that was sent to us that had some further in-depth discussion about it. And with how general season hunts are that time of year, most of the public waits until the last few days to hopefully find a migration or some pre-ruts to start with the mule deer. And increase their activity on the mountain. there is a pretty good high potential, and it's been identified for a few years now, the conflicts that have come up. It's not success related it, it's that quality hunt for the time they've waited. And to have these folks that have waited a lifetime to draw these permits to come and offer up a few of their days and opportunity to kind of get that quality hunt, or quality opportunity without the increased pressure and the chaos. It's a pretty well-known unit, a lot of decent access and trails and things of that nature. I just wanted to discuss that and bring up a few additional items of why that's been a concern over the years.

Brett Prevedel: Are you going to make a motion to that? Ok, we'll go to that then. Is there any other comments prior to motions? Ok, we will break out whatever motions are desired, and then we'll address the rest of the packet in a motion following that. Daniel, would you like to start?

Daniel Davis: Yes. I'd like to make a motion that on the Pine Valley/Virgin River, Pine Valley/Beaver Dam units for the desert bighorn season dates to be October 31st-December 25, 2022.

Brett Prevedel: Could you repeat the dates please?

Daniel Davis: October 31st to December 25th.

Brett Prevedel: And currently it's the 29th, is that correct? A two-day adjustment on the front end?

Daniel Davis: Yes.

Dan Abeyta: Mr. Chair, I have a question. Daniel, is that adding another month to that hunt?

Daniel Davis: No, it's leaving the end date as it's presented. So it's just reducing it by two days.

Dan Abeyta: Ok, thank you.

Brett Prevedel: I guess the intent is to not overlap with the deer hunt. So if there was some calendar when Sunday came up or something on that date, that's the intent behind this recommendation. Ok, we will call for a vote. Those present will raise hands and then I will query the three online individuals.

The following motion was made by Daniel Davis, seconded by Ritchie Anderson.

MOTION: To adjust the Pine Valley Virgin River & Pine Valley Beaver Dam units for the Desert Big Horn Sheep season dates to: Oct. 31st thru Dec. 25th 2021.

Motion passed unanimously.

Brett Prevedel: I will now open it up to any more motions that deviate from the Divisions recommendations.

Dan Abeyta: Yes, I'll make two motions. The first is the North Slope/Three Corners unit for Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep to go back to the historic date of September 19th to the end of November, November 29th. That motion would be to go back to the historic date of September 19-November 28th on the North Slope/Three Corners unit.

The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta, seconded by Dusty Carpenter.

MOTION: North Slope Three Corners Unit Rocky MNT Big Horn Sheep hunt go back to historic date season date starting Oct. 19 thru Nov. 29 2021.

Motion passed unanimously.

Brett Prevedel: Are there any other motions other than the remainder of the packet?

Dan Abeyta: Yes, Mr. Chair, I do have another motion I'd like to make and that is for the North Slope/Summit/West Daggett unit. I would make a motion that the unit start September 1st and run through November 29th for the reasons I mentioned earlier.

Brett Prevedel: Ok, the same ending date with an earlier start.

Dan Abeyta: Correct, yes.

Dusty Carpenter: Mr. Chair can I ask Dax for his opinion?

Dax Mangus: I had a little text exchange with Amy VandeVoort who is the biologist of the North Slope. Amy said based on her observations and movements of the sheep. Most of the sheep are coming down during the rut to you know the areas where folks are hunting typically in. So I don't know if it will necessarily accomplish anything different. There has been some discussion from public and folks talking about season dates on some of these hunts; and as Riley mentioned though we try to set the season dates up so the folks that draw these permits have a really good opportunity for success. I don't know that it's necessarily going to make a giant change but I don't necessarily think it's going to be a negative thing either. I don't know that the Division has a strong opinion about that, unless Riley does as the bigger picture of season date length and timing for once in a lifetime hunts.

Dan Abeyta: Mr. Chair, if I could? Just to kind of respond to Dusty's question for Dax and his opinion, again this is something that we're having overlap in season use up there in the high country. And while Dax says that most of the sheep are coming down earlier, there is good hard evidence, satellite data, that shows there are some bighorn sheep that are staying up high. That's the issue we're concerned about and that's why I'm making this motion is that it only takes one or two for that disease transmission to take place. Just to reiterate that's why I'm making this motion.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. We have a motion to change the start date on the NS/Summit/West Daggett to move it forward to minimized interaction with domestic sheep on the allotment and put some pressure on the sheep. Do we have a second?

The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta, seconded by Daniel Davis.

**MOTION: To change Season date of the North Slope Summit West Daggett Unit hunt to Sept.1 thru Nov. 29 2021.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Brett Prevedel: Are there any other motions? I hear none, so I would entertain a motion to do the remainder of the packet.

Riley Peck: Mr. Chair, if I may? Be the prerogative of the RAC, we did bring up the northern region non-resident permit. And it would be up to you if you wanted to make that motion or not. I only bring it up in case it was forgotten about. But it is your prerogative whether or not you want to make a motion or even vote for or against it. I just wanted to bring it up.

Brett Prevedel: It was to eliminate the non-resident goat tag on the Chalk Creek/Kamas. Do I hear a motion?

The following motion was made by Daniel Davis, seconded by Joe Arnold.

**MOTION: To eliminate the Non-Resident Goat tag on the Chalk Creek Kamas hunt.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Brett Prevedel: We're getting a long tonight; everybody is agreeing on everything. Now if there are not other motions, thank you Riley for bringing that to our attention, are there any other motions other than the remainder of the packet? Ok, I would entertain a motion for remainder of the packet.

The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta, seconded by Rebekah Jones.

MOTION: To accept the remainder of the packet as presented by the Division.

Motion passed unanimously.

Brett Prevedel: Ok, that concludes our item seven, once in a lifetime species recommendation. Thank you for coming clear to Vernal and talking to us, Riley.

We'll now move to item number eight which is the 2022 fishing recommendations. Chris Penne from the Northern Region, he's the aquatics manager in the northern region. He's going to give us a quick overview and then we're going to ask him questions. Hello Chris.

**01:05:36 8) 2022 Fishing Recommendations – Northern Region (Action)
-Chris Penne, NR Aquatics Manager**

Chris Penne: Hello, thanks for having me. So we've got two regulation recommendations that we're putting forth this year. Normally we make our recommendation on even years such as 2022, but this year we have two that are time sensitive that we are looking to fit in. First one is located at Bear Lake which is a blue-ribbon fishery that straddles the Utah/Idaho border. And the reason we're making this recommendation this year is so that we can move and lock step with Idaho who is making the same recommendation. That way if it passes regulations will be consistent across the lake when they go into effect in 2022. And the next one would be to set the harvest limits and time of opening of fishing to a new pond developed just north of Willard Bay State Park for the region. Just given a quick overview of the two recommendations that are coming from DWR this year; for Bear Lake what we're proposing is to remove the fin clip stipulation to our regulation. Right now the regulation is worded that you can keep two trout and that includes cutthroat trout or lake trout, however any cutthroat trout that is kept must have its adipose fin clipped and that signifies that it was stock from the hatchery. Because of all the success we've had with getting naturally reproduced fish at a larger component of that population, in fact in recent years it's made up to 60% of that population in the lake. Because of that success we're suggesting removing that stipulation.

For Willard Bay State Park Pond, I'm sorry, it's called the Pond at Willard Bay; the recommendation we're making for an opening date of September 1, 2022. This is to give time for largemouth bass and bluegill fingerlings that were stocked in the pond to reproduce and grow and establish. This is kind of just par for the course whenever we establish a new fishery. And along with that when that opens to the public, we're suggesting a regulation of five blue gill, one bass, and one channel catfish that can be harvested per day. And that's a good summary.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. Are there any questions from the RAC?

01:07:53 Questions from the RAC

Jeff Taniguchi: I was going to ask a question about the... so this was all done at Bear Lake with creel samples and data?

Chris Penne: That's a good question, Jeff. So we've had three creel surveys that are usually about five years apart that have shown that the number of fish caught by anglers has actually been going up at Bear Lake and our cutthroat trout population has been increasing. In fact we've been hovering near record levels for about three years now. In spite of that number of cutthroat trout's harvested is going down. We've actually heard from anglers they're catching a lot of cutthroat, but they haven't had the opportunity to harvest those fish, or as much as they would like to, they just keep catching these naturally recruited or naturally reproduced fish. In addition to that Idaho actually funded a study that was done out of the University of Idaho where what they looked at was whether or not the population could handle the additional harvest that would be incurred if we removed this fin clip regulation, and the answer that came back was yes it can. So we've got a University study, and we've got three creel surveys on top of that, plus the Facebook survey that we distributed basically to get the feel of the public for this recommendation. And in addition to that our most recent creel survey we're asking this question as well. So, we've got quite a bit of momentum behind this one in support for it.

Jeff Taniguchi: Sweet, that sounds good. On a related topic, and I know it's not on the agenda, but if you could bring this back to maybe Drew and the aquatics managers. I've got a question from constituents on guiding, particularly on the Provo River. It seems like anybody who wants to can guide, and I'm not sure if the state needs to regulate who guides, because it should be from an outfitter, they should be versed in CPR, they should be covered under some sort of liability issues. But if you look at what's going on, particularly on the Provo River, it's just tons of guides and it kind of squeezes out the outfitters. I'm just wondering if that has been a discussion item?

Chris Penne: It has not that I'm aware of, Jeff, and I might bring in Randy Oplinger our cold-water sport fish coordinator on here. One bit that I can provide, and maybe Randy can correct me if I'm wrong, as far as I'm aware there are no requirements on being a guide, especially on waiting rivers right now. There is one stipulation though I believe when you're on a reservoir or lake, particularly one that is operated as a State Park, you do have to have a captain's license.

Jeff Taniguchi: I think you're correct there.

Chris Penne: So there has not been a discussion at this point, but it's a good discussion, probably one that should be brought forward. Randy, do you have anything to bring in?

Randy Oplinger: I don't really have much to add. I think what Chris said is correct, this is really sort of a land management issue in some way, since it's kind of regulating angular access to some point in who guides vs a biological issue, that's usually in the wheelhouse of the Division of Wildlife. But we do get this question from time to time, and I think we're looking into it a little bit. I think probably the appropriate agency

would be the Division of Licensing in the state who would be ultimately responsible for this issue in the state vs the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Jeff Taniguchi: Another quick issue that I've had some people ask me about, and that's the youth license. I mean is it really worth it for you guys to do the youth license? It seems like with all the paper work and everything I'm just questioning that youth license that the state has, and that's from my outfitter and he asked me to bring this to your attention. He just doesn't think it's probably worth the time to even worry about that youth license permit. Any comment on that?

Randy Oplinger: I could provide a little bit of a comment on it. I mean children under age 12 are not required to have a license. When they get to age 12 that's when it kicks in, and then there are some age cutoffs when there are increases in the license fee. Obviously the first one from age 12-13 the license is \$5, so it's not a huge fee. You're right in a lot of ways, the revenue generated from a \$5 license really isn't substantial. I think really our logic behind it is we looked nation wide we're so steeped in tradition, where people have a fishing license and fishing licenses really fund a lot of our fisheries. And the same with hunting licenses throughout the country because it really funds a lot of the work that we do on the ground to provide the resource for people. I think some of the logic for it is to start off with kind of a low license fee to introduce people to the concept of having a license as they start to get to that age.

Jeff Taniguchi: That makes sense.

Brett Prevedel: It also lets them keep the limit of fish that they don't have to include into the adult's creel, correct?

Chris Penne: That is correct.

Jeff Taniguchi: Ok. Just a question. Thank you.

Brett Prevedel: Thanks Jeff, for your input. Miles, were there any public comment summary on this item?

**01:14:19 Electronic Public Comment Report (Informational)
Miles Hanberg, NERO Regional Supervisor**

Miles Hanberg: Just one person from the public commented and they strongly agreed with the Divisions recommendation.

Brett Prevedel: Ok. That's why when you're a biologist, you need to be a fish biologist. Everybody is happy. Randall, you didn't do well. Ok if there is no other discussion I would entertain a motion.

Jeff Taniguchi: Can I talk to one other issue? And that's that I hear that the Division is entertaining the idea of roundtail chubs as a sportfish. Is that a possibility?

Randy Oplinger: Yes that is a possibility. I think in your RAC packet there was a presentation by Craig Walker who is the warm water sport coordinators who kind of goes into kind of our logic behind it and what we're thinking. We're not making a specific proposal right now, but you're right we are thinking there is some opportunity for roundtail as a sportfish, it provides additional opportunity for anglers particularly in your part of the state where there's maybe fewer opportunities than in other parts of the state, you have some of the large rivers like the Green River flowing through the Colorado River. It provides kind of a different opportunity and they are a species that is kind of a fun fish to catch, they fight hard and go for different baits and lures. I think there is an opportunity there for us to provide something. Again, we're providing an informational now so Craigs presentation goes into some of the background and logic behind it. But we're not making a specific recommendation at this time.

Jeff Taniguchi: I personally think it's a great idea. It will help kind of promote that native species kind of thing and provide opportunity, like you said, in these desert rivers. I am 100% in favor. For what it's worth when it comes up, I'm on board.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. Any other discussion? Ok, I would entertain a motion.

The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi.

**MOTION: To accept recommendations as presented by the DWR.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Brett Prevedel: Are there any other comments or business related to the agenda? Ok, we have some leadership discussion that we need to have for our RAC and it needs to be during the live meeting, so I will not adjourn, but I will turn it over to Miles to handle that.

Dan Abeyta: Mr. Chair, I have a question. I though we were going to have a presentation on the roundtail concept. I know we discussed it a little bit, but is there anything more formal?

Brett Prevedel: That was regional, and I don't know exactly why but it wasn't proposed to be out here.

Jeff Taniguchi: I just ran into Trina the aquatics manager of the northeast region and she mentioned it to me, and that's how I kind of got wind of it. But I thought she was going to present here too.

Dan Abeyta: Trina if you maybe want to speak to this. I don't want to put you on the spot.

Trina Hedrick: I couldn't find it either. On the website you have to go into, and I apologize if this wasn't clear, but you're supposed to go into provide feedback and then the list of regions pops up and you click northeastern region and there would be an additional presentation there for roundtails. So, perhaps, I don't know how easy it would be to show it now, since no one watched it. I don't think it's very long, but it's there on the website if there is time for that?

Jeff Taniguchi: Let's give fisheries a spotlight. Do it Trina.

Trina Hedrick: We'll I'm not going to present since Craig already did it. You just need to pull it up.

Chris Penne: If anybody needs it, I put a link to the YouTube video on the messages.

Jeff Taniguchi: Do we need a motion on this?

Brett Prevedel: No, we're good, this is informational.

Paul from Salt Lake: Chairman, this is Paul, from Salt Lake, if you could give me a minute or two I would be happy to rig up and play that presentation into our virtual hybrid gathering and on to YouTube.

Brett Prevedel: Sounds good, we'll take a five-minute break and be back in five minutes. How does that sound?

Paul: Thank you, Chairman.

Roundtail Chub presentation presented by the Division was played to RAC and public.

Presentations could be viewed at
<http://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>

Jeff Taniguchi: So I would like to tell the aquatics manager that this is really thinking outside the box. I applaud that we're really taking fishing in different directions, and I think it's a wonderful plan and a wonderful addition to sport fishing.

Brett Prevedel: Thank you. And thank you for getting the presentation up with no notice, staff. Good job. Any other topics related to the agenda? Ok, I'm going to turn the time over to Miles for discussion on RAC leadership.

01:35:44 Other RAC business

Miles Hanberg: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So the code for the RAC basically says that the Chair and Co-Chair will serve a two-year term. At the end of the two-year term

they can be reupped for a second two-year term, or a new Chair and Vice-Chair could be elected at that time. So both Brett Prevedel as our Chair and Dan Abeyta as our Vice Chair just completed their first term, and they would be eligible for a second term if the RAC choose to do so. As I reached out to the RAC through emails to ask for any potential nominations of other folks, and for the Chair it ended up being Brett Prevedel nominated as well as Daniel Davis. Now with that being said, I would like to ask the RAC tonight if there are any other nominations for the Chair? If not, then what I would suggest is that we do a vote. I think Trina Hedrick has provided a piece of paper to all the RAC members, and if you would indicate your vote for either Brett or Daniel for the Chair position. Those of you online, the three members online, if you would like to text Trina Hedrick your vote, we can take care of that. She's volunteered to tally the votes. We can take care of this business first, and then we can move on to the vice chair.

Brett Prevedel: Miles, while Trina is doing that, could you move on to Vice Chair?

Miles Hanberg: So, for the Vice Chair who I received was Dan Abeyta. I didn't see any other nominations, unless the RAC has an additional nomination.

Brett Prevedel: I hear none, so do you want that in motion form? Or how do you do that, Miles?

Miles Hanberg: Yes, that can be done in a motion form.

Brett Prevedel: I hear no other nominations for Vice Chair. I would entertain a motion regarding continuing Dan Abeyta's term.

The following motion was made by Rebekah Jones, seconded by Dusty Carpenter.

**MOTION: To continue Dan Abeita's term as Vice Chair.
Motion passed 8-0.**

01:41:07 Vote goes to Brett Prevedel to continue as RAC Chair.

Trina Hedrick: I've heard from everyone in attendance tonight and the vote goes to Brett Prevedel.

Miles Hanberg: Thank you everyone. I think that takes care of our leadership business for tonight. Brett and Dan will be able to continue for the next two years, at which point a new Chair and Vice Chair will need to be selected.

The following motion was made by Daniel Davis, seconded by Rebekah Jones.

**MOTION: To adjourn.
Motion passed unanimously.**

01:42:09 Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

2021 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2021	Interest & Donations	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	Adjustment for 2020 Cougar Permit Refund(s)	Remaining Funds Verified Bank Balance
UWSF	\$653,808.38	\$512,040.00	\$0.00	\$1,165,848.38	\$434,368.60		\$731,479.78
MDF	\$555,047.77	\$1,096,320.00	\$0.00	\$1,651,367.77	\$809,650.00	\$11,400.00	\$830,317.77
NWTF	\$161,059.75	\$120,006.00	\$0.00	\$281,065.75	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$276,265.75
RMEF	\$190,598.72	\$380,040.00	\$0.00	\$570,638.72	\$315,597.60		\$255,041.12
SCI	\$174,023.69	\$213,960.00	\$19,889.90	\$407,873.59	\$193,908.40		\$213,965.19
SFW	\$1,331,460.07	\$1,359,635.40	\$607.28	\$2,691,702.75	\$451,000.00	\$1,320.00	\$2,239,382.75
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$3,065,998.38</i>	<i>\$3,682,001.40</i>	<i>\$20,497.18</i>	<i>\$6,768,496.96</i>	<i>\$2,204,524.60</i>		<i>\$4,563,972.36</i>

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY19 Revenue	\$978,264.00
4990 Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$39,291.50
4928 Northern Region WMA Browse and Water Enhancements	2020	\$33,000.00
4789 Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 3	2020	\$6,475.00
4907 Dry Wash Units 4, 5, 9	2020	\$20,000.00
4961 SR Mule Deer Winter Range Bitterbrush Enhancement FY20	2020	\$3,625.00
4892 Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald M	2020	\$2,500.00
4825 Cedar Mountains Big Game and Chukar Guzzlers	2020	\$4,200.00
4966 Bookcliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,500.00
4965 Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$1,600.00
4842 Newfoundland Mtns Water Improvement FY20	2020	\$4,125.00
5038 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$7,000.00
5013 Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$58,250.00
4334 Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$10,000.00
5029 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$64,408.44
5159 Regional Long Range Rifles	2020	\$29,000.00
5119 2019 Book Cliffs aerial estray horse count and habitat assessment survey	2020	\$30,000.00
5030 FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$5,500.00
5231 Crab Creek Guzzlers	2020	\$6,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2020	\$20,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY21	2021	\$9,000.00
5367 South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$2,800.00
5179 Circle Springs Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$4,750.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$6,000.00
4920 Bighorn Sheep Quarantine Site FY21	2021	\$6,250.00
5364 Little Pigeon Mtn Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$7,750.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$10,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$10,000.00
5379 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$10,000.00
5330 Marshall Draw WMA Spring Developments	2021	\$10,500.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$12,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$12,000.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$12,500.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$15,000.00
5197 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$15,000.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$15,000.00
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$15,000.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$15,000.00
5385 Annabella WMA Upland Habitat Improvement Project Phase III	2021	\$16,046.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$19,211.67
5229 Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$20,000.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$20,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$20,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$21,000.00
5411 FY21 Mountain Goat Captures	2021	\$23,250.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$12,209.02
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$30,000.00
5191 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$34,224.03
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$215,298.34
		\$978,264.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY20 Revenue	\$1,113,450.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$39,701.66
5597 Bookcliffs Stray Livestock Management	2021	\$180,000.00
4808 Bison Fencing on Book Cliffs	2021	\$7,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$7,000.99
		<u>\$233,702.65</u>
Remaining 2020 Revenue		\$879,747.35

FY21 Revenue \$1,359,635.40

Remaining Balance	\$2,239,382.75
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Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY19 Revenue	\$377,520.00
4819 Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$9,263.43
4836 South Bookcliffs Phase 7 (Nash)	2020	\$3,000.00
4882 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4990 Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$2,000.00
4958 Sevy Bench Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4807 Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$2,000.00
5041 FY20 Bighorn Sheep Specialist	2020	\$32,500.00
5151 Bighorn Protective Fence Black Rock Rd (N Mineral Mtns)	2020	\$13,860.00
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$6,200.00
4920 Bighorn Sheep Quarantine Site FY21	2021	\$6,250.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$7,500.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY21	2021	\$10,050.00
5411 FY21 Mountain Goat Captures	2021	\$20,000.00
5409 FY21 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Biologist	2021	\$31,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$98,000.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$118,896.57
		\$377,520.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

	FY20 Revenue	\$445,560.00
5471 Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$136,103.43
5835 Wild Sheep Guzzler Maintenance	2021	\$25,000.00
5836 Blakes Lambing Grounds Water Project	2021	\$7,000.00
5312 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$11,536.60
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2021	\$2,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$44,480.19
		\$226,120.22

Remaining 2020 Revenue \$219,439.78

FY21 Revenue \$512,040.00

Remaining Balance \$731,479.78
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Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY19 Revenue	\$822,030.00
5033 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$9,171.49
4473 Left Fork Stewardship Project Phase II	2020	\$34,010.00
5029 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$52,250.00
4982 Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$8,642.77
4807 Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$10,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$125,000.00
5233 Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$10,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$10,000.00
5370 Lost Spring Guzzler	2021	\$10,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$25,000.00
5352 Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance (SEA) Coordinator FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$5,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$5,000.00
5274 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$10,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Redu	2021	\$15,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$15,000.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$19,211.68
5191 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$20,000.00
5196 New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$20,000.00
5310 Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase II	2021	\$20,000.00
5180 Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation	2021	\$25,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$19,265.50
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$25,000.00
5208 Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$30,000.00
5234 Southeastern Utah Sagebrush and Shrub Planting	2021	\$30,000.00
5379 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$30,000.00
5406 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$30,000.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$35,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$40,000.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$40,000.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$40,000.00
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$40,000.00
5198 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$9,478.56
		\$822,030.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

	FY20 Revenue	\$967,110.00
5198 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$45,521.44
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$55,000.00
5270 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$117,325.00
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$400,000.00
5373 MDF Stewardship Position FY21	2021	\$80,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$2,250.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2022	\$4,550.00
5525 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$5,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2022	\$5,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2022	\$5,000.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2022	\$5,411.50
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$6,500.00
5634 Mount Pleasant Twin Creek Habitat Improvement Project	2022	\$8,000.00
5187 Mud Springs Phase III - Powell Ranger District	2022	\$10,000.00

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5204 Deer Springs wildlife habitat and fuels reduction	2022	\$10,000.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2022	\$10,000.00
5685 Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 2	2022	\$10,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$10,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2022	\$15,000.00
5448 Glenwood Collaborative Project Phase 1	2022	\$13,444.83
5448 Glenwood Collaborative Project Phase 1	2022	\$1,555.17
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2022	\$15,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2022	\$15,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2022	\$15,000.00
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2022	\$15,000.00
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2022	\$15,589.50
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$16,962.56
		\$967,110.00

All 2020 Funds Expended

	FY21 Revenue	\$1,096,320.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$1,887.44
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$26,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$33,500.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2022	\$34,614.79
		\$266,002.23

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$830,317.77

Remaining Balance	\$830,317.77
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National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY19 Revenue	\$115,860.00
5038 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$573.62
4072 Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$10,000.00
4334 Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4625 Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4840 Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal Aspen Regeneration Phase VI	2020	\$3,000.00
4860 Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$2,000.00
4881 Cedar Mtn (Mormon Peak Phase I) Habitat Protection	2020	\$2,000.00
4882 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$4,000.00
4888 Dolores River Restoration 3.0 - Utah	2020	\$3,000.00
4917 Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$3,000.00
4932 Lower Diamond Fork Post Fire Riparian Rehabilitation Phase I	2020	\$15,000.00
4952 Colorado River Restoration 3.0	2020	\$3,000.00
4959 Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$3,000.00
5018 East Pockets Stewardship	2020	\$19,298.90
4781 Hogs Heaven Watershed Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5199 Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$2,716.53
		\$89,589.05
Remaining 2019 Revenue	\$26,270.95	
	FY20 Revenue	\$129,988.80
	FY21 Revenue	\$120,006.00

Remaining Balance	\$276,265.75
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Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY19 Revenue	\$272,772.00
5030 FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$16,975.67
4818 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$4,237.13
4959 Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4958 Sevy Bench Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4072 Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$2,019.00
4892 Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald Mtn fire	2020	\$6,000.00
4803 McPherson Water Development Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4966 Bookcliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,000.00
4965 Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$3,000.00
5013 Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$5,000.00
4334 Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
5029 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$7,037.89
5045 Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021	\$4,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5162 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$25,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$25,000.00
5179 Circle Springs Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$2,000.00
5191 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5196 New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5197 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$1,100.00
5198 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$35,207.81
5199 Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$10,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	2021	\$10,000.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$10,000.00
5208 Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$5,000.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5220 Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$10,000.00
5231 Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021	\$3,500.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$8,100.00
5233 Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$5,000.00
5237 Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$10,594.50
		\$272,772.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

	FY20 Revenue	\$315,597.60
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$14,405.50
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$20,000.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$1,000.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$15,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$12,500.00
5274 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$10,000.00
5278 Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,200.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$5,000.00
5310 Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase II	2021	\$3,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$10,000.00
5325 Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$2,398.75
5364 Little Pigeon Mtn Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$2,000.00
5367 South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$1,000.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$5,000.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5406 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$15,750.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$10,000.00

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2022	\$20,000.00
5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$3,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5449 Gooseberry East Phase 2	2022	\$15,000.00
5525 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$7,500.00
5187 Mud Springs Phase III - Powell Ranger District	2022	\$2,500.00
5727 East Fork Fire Seeding FY2022	2022	\$10,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$2,500.00
5621 Mill Hollow Aspen Restoration Phase II	2022	\$5,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2022	\$5,000.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5636 Petty Mountain Restoration Project	2022	\$5,000.00
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2022	\$10,000.00
5669 Blawn Mountain Wildlife Habitat and Watershed Enhancement Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5688 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement - CRI	2022	\$7,500.00
5631 Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$4,343.35
		<u>\$315,597.60</u>

All 2020 Funds Expended

	FY21 Revenue	\$380,040.00
5631 Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$5,656.65
5455 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$7,500.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$10,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,254.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stew	2022	\$6,809.28
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2022	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2022	\$5,000.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2022	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$4,778.95
		<u>\$124,998.88</u>
	Remaining 2021 Revenue	\$255,041.12

Remaining Balance	\$255,041.12
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Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	FY19 Revenue	\$118,275.00
5029 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$4,323.87
5030 FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$5,000.00
5031 FY20 Mountain Goat Captures	2020	\$6,750.00
5033 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$5,000.00
5034 FY20 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2020	\$3,000.00
4982 Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$20,000.00
4804 Dairy Fork Bullhog	2020	\$10,000.00
4809 Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$5,000.00
4812 Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$10,000.00
4917 Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$5,000.00
4856 South Slope Vegetation Restoration Phase 2	2020	\$5,000.00
4799 Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4846 Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$3,000.00
4819 Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4816 UWC FS North Zone Juniper Lop and Scatter FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4966 Bookcliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$4,000.00
4965 Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$3,000.00
5013 Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$5,000.00
5197 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2020	\$2,500.00
5206 Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2020	\$2,500.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$4,201.13
		\$118,275.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

	FY20 Revenue	\$166,207.20
5045 Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021 \$	5,000.00
5122 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021 \$	5,000.00
5161 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021 \$	5,000.00
5162 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021 \$	5,000.00
5173 Paunsaugunt-Petrified Wash Wildlife Drinkers	2021 \$	5,000.00
5175 Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021 \$	22,000.00
5177 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021 \$	10,000.00
5191 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021 \$	10,000.00
5196 New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021 \$	5,000.00
5198 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021 \$	5,000.00
5202 Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	2021 \$	3,500.00
5208 Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021 \$	5,000.00
5218 La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021 \$	5,000.00
5220 Miller Creek 3.0	2021 \$	3,500.00
5223 Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021 \$	5,000.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stewar	2021 \$	5,000.00
5229 Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021 \$	5,000.00
5231 Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021 \$	5,000.00
5232 Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021 \$	5,000.00
5233 Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021 \$	5,000.00
5237 Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021 \$	5,000.00
5241 Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021 \$	22,000.00
5248 Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021 \$	10,000.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021 \$	4,000.00
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021 \$	1,202.01
		\$ 166,202.01

Remaining 2020 Revenue \$5.19

FY21 Revenue \$213,960.00

Remaining Balance \$213,965.19
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September 30, 2021

To: Kevin Albrecht, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Randy Dearth, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2021 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for UWSF was Travis Jenson. All information requested was promptly provided. UWSF was given 16 of the 293 permits for 2021. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 12 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$853,400.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$85,340.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$256,020.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$512,040.00
• Carry-over funds	\$653,808.38
Subtotal	\$1,165,848.38
• Less 2021 & 2022 Project payments	(\$434,368.60)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$731,479.78
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$987,535.85
• Adjustment(s)	(\$256,056.07)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$731,479.78



Findings and Recommendations

All 2021 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. UWSF sent a check to DWR in the amount of the accounts accrued interest. This left a bank fee unreconciled, and now requires a deposit. In the future, UWSF should leave the accrued interest in the account, and all interest (less bank fees) will be applied to funds remaining for projects.

There were adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1011 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$256,020.00)
Check #1012 to DWR (Interest Accrued)	(\$66.07)
Deposit Required (Wire Transfer Fee)	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$256,056.07)

We sincerely thank UWSF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
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cc: Justin “J” Shirley
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To: Kevin Albrecht, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Randy Dearth, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2021 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Mule Deer Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for MDF was Jeremy Snitker. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was given 64 of the 293 permits for 2021. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 34 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$1,827,200.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$182,720.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$548,160.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,096,320.00
• Carry-over funds	\$555,047.77
Subtotal	\$1,651,367.77
• Less 2020 cougar permits refunded	(11,400.00)
• Less 2021 & 2022 project payments	(\$809,650.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$830,317.77
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$2,230,457.47
• Adjustment(s)	(\$1,400,139.70)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$830,317.77



Findings and Recommendations

All 2021 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four items identified that will require a deposit to reconcile. MDF’s initial permit sale report included a duplicate entry that resulted in an overpayment of the 30% to DWR, which requires a refund check/deposit from DWR. A returned check, that was identified in the 2020 audit, still requires a deposit to reconcile. Multiple 2020 cougar permits were refunded, and require a deposit that reflects the associated 10% of the permit proceeds that went to MDF. Lastly, the account had bank fees that exceeded the interest accrued, which requires a deposit from MDF.

There were adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1075 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$555,960.00)
Available to be removed (10% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$182,720.00)
DWR to return due to MDF overpayment	\$7,800.00
Check #1004 to DWR (FY2022 Project Billing)	(\$729,650.00)
Permit Proceeds and fees to be deposited by MDF	<u>60,390.30</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$1,400,139.70)

We sincerely thank MDF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

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cc: Justin “J” Shirley
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2021 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the National Wild Turkey Federation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for NWTF was Melanie Mercier. All information requested was promptly provided. NWTF was given 31 of the 293 permits for 2021. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 5 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$200,010.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$20,001.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$60,003.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$120,006.00
• Carry-over funds	\$161,059.75
Subtotal	\$281,065.75
• Less 2020 cougar permits refunded	(4,800.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$276,265.75
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$356,269.75
• Adjustment(s)	(\$80,004.00)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$276,265.75



Findings and Recommendations

All 2021 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. FY19 remaining funds for approved projects were not fully expended or transferred to DWR by the August 15th deadline. A payment for approved projects should be transferred to DWR immediately in order to fully expend the FY19 remaining balance, and to avoid NWTFs disqualification from receiving future permits.

There were adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1030 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$60,003.00)
Check #1031 to NWTF (10% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$20,001.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$80,004.00)

We sincerely thank NWTF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2021 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for RMEF was Alex Clipperman. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was given 40 of the 293 permits for 2021. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 4 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$633,400.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$63,340.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$190,020.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$380,040.00
• Carry-over funds	\$190,598.72
Subtotal	\$570,638.72
• Less 2021 & 2022 project payments	(\$315,597.60)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$255,041.12
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$760,658.72
• Adjustment(s)	(\$505,617.60)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$255,041.12



Findings and Recommendations

All 2021 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1270590 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$190,020.00)
Check #1004 to DWR (FY2022 Project Billing)	(\$315,597.60)
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$505,617.60)

We sincerely thank RMEF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2021 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Safari Club International (SCI)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Safari Club International has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for SCI was Isaac Erickson. All information requested was promptly provided. SCI was given 35 of the 293 permits for 2021. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 24 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$356,600.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$35,660.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$106,980.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$213,960.00
• Carry-over funds	\$174,023.69
• Interest & Donations	\$19,889.90
Subtotal	\$407,873.59
• Less 2021 project payments	(\$193,908.40)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$213,965.19
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$356,605.19
• Adjustment(s)	(\$142,640.00)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$213,965.19



Findings and Recommendations

All 2021 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #018687469 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$106,980.00)
Available to be removed (10% of Permit Proceeds)	<u>(\$35,660.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$142,640.00)

We sincerely thank SCI for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2021 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife (SFW)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for SFW was Angie Wonnacott. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was given 107 of the 293 permits for 2021. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 52 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$2,266,059.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$226,605.90)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$679,817.70)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,359,635.40
• Carry-over funds	\$1,331,460.07
• Interest	\$607.28
Subtotal	\$2,691,702.75
• Less 2020 cougar permits refunded	(1,320.00)
• Less 2021 project payments	(\$451,000.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$2,239,382.75
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$3,138,781.35
• Adjustment(s)	(\$899,398.60)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$2,239,382.75



Findings and Recommendations

All 2021 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. SWF’s initial permit sale report included one incorrect permit sale entry that resulted in an underpayment of the 30% to DWR. A check has since been issued to reconcile the matter. A 2020 cougar permit was refunded, and requires a deposit that reflects the associated 10% of the permit proceeds that went to SFW.

There were adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1075 to DWR (30% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$679,742.70)
Available to be removed (Remaining 10% of Permit Proceeds)	(\$219,580.90)
Due to DWR for short payment (check #004, not cleared)	(\$75.00)
Permit Proceeds to be deposited	7,025.00
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$899,398.60)

We sincerely thank SFW for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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UTAH'S CONSERVATION PERMIT PROGRAM
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Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Annual Report — Fiscal Year 2021

Utah's Conservation Permit Program benefits all Utah hunters. What started in the early 1980s as a creative approach to raise needed funds for wildlife conservation has blossomed into a well-regulated program that raises millions of dollars each year. Those dollars are then invested back into wildlife conservation. This novel approach to funding conservation has allowed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to seize opportunities, grow the state's wildlife populations and improve wildlife management.

Origins of Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Historical accounts and archeological evidence indicate that bighorn sheep were once abundant across much of Utah, but in the early 1970s, many of Utah's bighorn sheep populations were struggling or had altogether disappeared. There was a very limited distribution of desert bighorn across southern Utah. Biologists observed large tracts of unoccupied desert bighorn sheep habitat and, at the same time, became concerned about the many desert bighorn concentrated in Canyonlands National Park. Wildlife managers recognized that the high bighorn densities in Canyonlands were not sustainable. Those excess bighorn presented wildlife managers with both an opportunity and a dilemma.



The excess bighorn in Canyonlands provided an opportunity to establish new populations and augment other struggling herds, but how could a large-scale, expensive translocation project fit within the tight constraints of the DWR's budget? At about the same time, a group of avid hunters founded the Utah Bighorn Sheep Society. They made a proposal to generate funding to reestablish bighorn sheep in the state. They asked for one permit that could be sold at auction, with the proceeds dedicated to bighorn sheep

management. In 1980, the first permit sold for \$20,000, and Utah's Conservation Permit Program was born. The program allowed generous hunters to help cover the costs of conserving, transplanting and managing this highly sought-after species.

The conservation permit strategy was effective, and over several years, the DWR used the proceeds of auctioned desert bighorn sheep conservation permits to fund a successful translocation program. That program led to the establishment and/or supplementation of new desert bighorn sheep herds in the San Rafael-North, San Rafael-South, Arches National Park, Henry Mountains, Capitol Reef National Park, Kaiparowitz-East, Kaiparowitz-Escalante and several other desert bighorn sheep units.

The early success of the Conservation Permit Program led to its expansion. The program now includes and benefits the following species: bear, bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain), bison, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, pronghorn and turkey.



How the program works

Conservation permits represent only a small percentage of total hunting permits issued, but they can produce big results. The number of conservation permits allocated for a given species is based on how well a population is doing (e.g., population size, increasing trends and long-term health) and the number of hunting permits available to public hunters. As public hunting opportunities increase, conservation permits may also increase, with a maximum of eight conservation permits per hunt unit. After the Utah Wildlife Board approves specific permits and numbers, the DWR partners with wildlife conservation organizations to sell the permits.

Conservation organizations that participated in the program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 included the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Safari Club International (SCI), Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW) and Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF). Other conservation groups can also apply to participate by following the procedures listed in Administrative Rule R-657-41, which is the rule that regulates the Conservation Permit Program.

The conservation organizations market, promote and auction the permits. These auctions typically coincide with chapter banquets, expos or other fundraising events. The goal is to maximize revenue to fund wildlife conservation activities. After the auction, the conservation organization returns 30% of the money raised

directly to the DWR. The conservation organizations may keep up to 10% of the proceeds to cover administrative costs, and the remaining 60% is held by the conservation organizations for a short time as they work cooperatively with the DWR to choose approved conservation projects to fund. As a result, hunters are able to identify and prioritize projects that matter to them and then direct conservation permit funding to those projects. It gives conservation-minded hunters a strong voice and encourages cooperation and collaboration between the DWR and participating organizations.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the traditional, in-person banquets were once again canceled this year, and several conservation organizations chose to auction permits online. Additionally, potential bidders for conservation permits had many questions throughout the process, and the DWR is grateful to the conservation organizations for working through several unique challenges associated with this pandemic.



Seizing opportunities

The funds raised through the Conservation Permit Program are reinvested back into Utah's wildlife. Conservation projects are wide ranging and provide diverse benefits. With these projects, wildlife managers can establish new populations, augment existing populations, improve wildlife habitat, monitor for disease and conduct essential research. The program provides resources and tools that let wildlife biologists and hunters accomplish remarkable things for wildlife and habitat conservation.

Having a source of funding available to wildlife managers in a timely manner can make all the difference when it comes to managing wildlife. Wildlife and their habitats are dynamic, and changes can happen rapidly. The desert bighorn sheep source population in Canyonlands National Park experienced a die-off shortly after the translocations in the 1980s occurred. Had wildlife managers been forced to pursue traditional funding, which is typically limited in availability and takes much longer to obtain, that opportunity might have been lost.

Whether it is capturing source animals when they are abundant, or striking while the iron (or ground) is hot to get a wildfire reseeded, timing is essential in effective wildlife management. Utah's Conservation Permit Program allows wildlife managers to adapt to challenges and allocate resources where and when they are needed.

Improving wildlife management in FY 2021

Having adequate funding is often a source of concern and a limitation for state fish and wildlife agencies. While many western states struggle with increasingly stretched budgets, Utah leads the way with habitat work, wildlife transplants, wildlife research and monitoring.

The Conservation Permit Program is key to providing funding for needed research and management of Utah's big game populations. Below are examples of work completed this past year that wouldn't have been possible without funding from conservation groups and the Conservation Permit Program.



Book Cliffs study of newborn deer and elk

Struggling deer and elk populations in the Book Cliffs unit have caused concern in recent years. In response, the DWR is working with Brigham Young University to examine body condition, reproductive rates and survival of newborn deer fawns and elk calves from birth to six months of age.

In the winter of 2020-2021, doe deer and cow elk were captured and fitted with GPS collars and vaginal implant transmitters (VITs). The VITs remain in the birth canal until the female gives birth, at which point the VIT is activated and links with the female's GPS collar. The GPS collar sends researchers a notification via satellite that birth has occurred. Students and biologists camp in the Book Cliffs 24/7 during the two-month



birthing window and constantly monitor for notifications. When a birth occurs, the team immediately responds to the birth site to locate the newborn fawn or calf and attach a radio collar. The survival of these collared newborns is then monitored, and if mortality is suspected, the biologists investigate and determine the cause.

In addition to having precise survival information for population modeling, knowing exactly what led to the deaths of these fawns and calves gives biologists a detailed snapshot as to what factors are driving — and limiting — Utah populations. Then, the DWR can adjust its management strategies accordingly. Since the study began in spring 2019, biologists have monitored more than 125 newborn deer fawns and nearly 100 newborn elk calves.

While much of this research pointed to habitat constraints, especially during drought, there was also compelling evidence that predation could be limiting population growth. Predation rates

indicate that if predators are not aggressively managed, the population likely won't have the ability to quickly respond and rebound when the current drought cycle ends. The top cause of mortality in the newborns was predation. Researchers documented high levels of bear predation on both deer fawns and elk calves in the Book Cliffs. After reviewing the study data, the DWR has changed bear and cougar management in the Book Cliffs, and is also targeting coyote-removal efforts on summer fawning and calving grounds to address heavy predation.

Although this research is expensive and both time- and labor-intensive, the revenue generated from the Conservation Permit Program makes it possible to conduct these types of large-scale research projects. The project results will continue to directly inform Utah's wildlife-management strategies and on-the-ground efforts to improve deer and elk populations in the Book Cliffs.

Turkey translocations

The DWR translocated 1,443 turkeys within the state (1,172 females, 229 males and 42 sex unknown). Translocations occur annually to establish new populations within suitable habitat, to increase genetic diversity and to address nuisance and depredation issues. Although translocated turkeys have been banded for years, the DWR recently began tracking these birds using GPS transmitters.

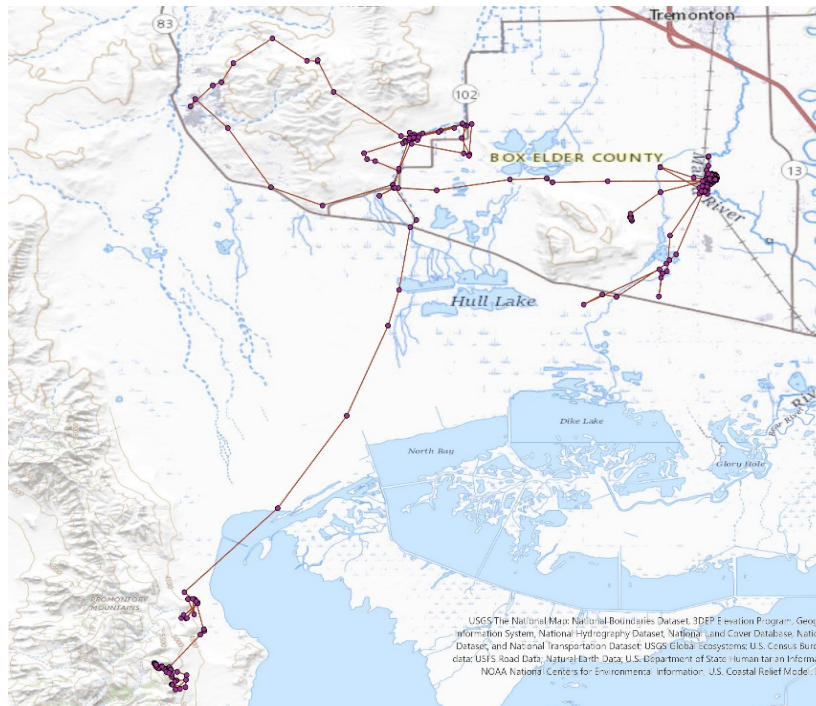
In the winter of 2020-2021, turkey captures and translocations focused on areas where wild turkeys caused nuisance and depredation complaints. Biologists were eager to learn about the behavior of individual flocks, both to understand the movements of the populations prompting complaints in the winter, as well as the survival and movements of turkeys in different release areas. To learn more, the biologists placed GPS tracking backpacks on captured turkeys.

The transmitters attached to turkeys released in the Corinne area revealed that the birds had low survival rates, with one bird moving to Promontory Point (see Figure 1). Birds released on Promontory have had relatively high survival rates and have remained in the vicinity of the release site.

Birds in the Provo Bench area move substantial distances along the Wasatch Front — up to 15 miles north of their winter urban home range. Transmitters attached to turkeys in the Mona Bench area also showed substantial movement, indicating that the birds have left the monitored area. Researchers investigated a new release site on the Tintic Mountains; however, data indicates that survival is low and the area may not be a viable site for turkey releases. Birds translocated to the Abajo Mountains showed excellent survival and have demonstrated fidelity to the release site. Birds translocated to Monroe Mountain have had mixed success but have found suitable habitat.

The information received from these GPS transmitters will allow the DWR to better gauge the efficacy of translocations, particularly as researchers study the post-translocation movements and survival of turkeys. This data will increase the success of DWR translocations and aid in the management of Utah's turkey populations.

Figure 1. Turkey released near Corrine area moves to Promontory



Monitoring mule deer survival and body condition

Each December, the DWR and its conservation partners place GPS tracking collars on adult and 6-month-old fawn mule deer captured on management units across the state. This work allows biologists to:

- Assess body condition entering winter
- Estimate survival during the following year
- Determine cause-specific mortality
- Identify migration/movement patterns

The data from these captures helps biologists understand what factors limit population growth (e.g., habitat, predation, disease, etc.), and it also aids in prioritizing management actions where they are most needed.



Additionally, understanding and being able to predict fawn survival for the upcoming year allows biologists to be more proactive in managing mule deer populations and adjusting permits as needed. Through the Conservation Permit Program, Utah's conservation groups have generously supported this important effort and enabled the monitoring of thousands of mule deer.

For the 2020-2021 capture season, the DWR captured and collared 651 mule deer, including 376 adult does, 46 adult bucks and 229 6-month-old fawns. These capture efforts occurred on 15 units across the state, in partnership with the Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative. During most of the past year, the vast majority of Utah has been in extraordinary drought, and the effects of drought on mule deer were evident in the December 2020 capture data. Adult body condition and 6-month fawn weight were down in December 2020, when compared to previous years. At a statewide level, Utah saw the second-lowest average body condition since monitoring began in 2014. The only lower value observed was in December of 2018, which was also a drought summer. Fortunately, Utah has experienced monsoonal rains in summer 2021, which should improve habitat growth and lead to better body conditions this upcoming winter.

Big game captures

Utah's biologists are able to conduct regular aerial surveys to count bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, mountain goats and pronghorn. Conservation permits have also contributed to the ongoing monitoring of black bear and cougar survival, disease monitoring, turkey-trapping efforts and other components of wildlife management. In FY 2021, conservation permit sales funded the capture of more than 1,000 big game animals as part of translocations, research, monitoring and disease-testing activities (see Table 1). This work would not have been possible without the money generated through the Conservation Permit Program.

Table 1. Big game animals captured using conservation permit funds in FY 2021

Species	No. animals	Unit	Purpose
Bighorn sheep	25	Beaver Dam Mtns	Survival and migration
	20	Flaming Gorge	Survival and migration
	20	Newfoundland	Survival and migration
	19	Zion	Survival and migration
Total	84		
Bison	10	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	5	Nine Mile	Survival and migration
Total	15		
Deer	51	Beaver	Deer survival and migration
	70	Book Cliffs	Deer survival, migration, neonate capture
	33	Boulder	Deer survival and migration
	66	Box Elder	Deer survival and migration
	39	Cache	Deer survival and migration
	26	Chalk Creek	Deer survival and migration
	16	Kaiparowits	Deer survival and migration
	39	Monroe	Deer survival and migration
	50	Morgan	Deer survival and migration
	40	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Deer survival and migration
	42	Pine Valley	Deer survival and migration
	40	San Juan	Deer survival and migration
	48	South Slope	Deer survival and migration
	20	Wasatch East	Deer survival and migration
	71	Wasatch Manti	Deer survival and migration
Total	651		
Elk	83	Book Cliffs	Survival, migration, neonate capture
	17	San Juan	Survival and migration
	15	West Desert, Tintic	Survival and migration
Total	115		
Mountain goat	22	Beaver	Survival and migration
	18	La Sal	Survival and migration
	4	Ogden	Survival and migration
	2	South Slope	Survival and migration
Total	46		
Pronghorn	41	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	31	Box Elder	Survival and migration
	21	Cache/Morgan	Survival and migration
	20	West Desert	Survival and migration
Total	113		
Total	1,024		

Program results in FY 2021

Although 326 conservation permits were originally approved by the Utah Wildlife Board during the three-year period from 2019-2021, changes in cougar management and some modified elk and pronghorn unit boundaries led to a reduction in conservation permits. In FY 2021, the board approved 294 conservation permits (see Table 2). This represents less than 2% of the total number of permits issued for all these hunts combined. Permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than \$6.4 million. In contrast, if these permits had just been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised approximately \$50,000. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than \$65 million for conservation work in Utah (see Appendix 2).

The number of conservation permits sold and the amount of revenue generated (Table 2 and Appendix 2) are current as of August 15, 2021.

Table 2. Conservation permits authorized for FY 2021

Permit type	Number
Antlerless elk	19
Bear	30
Bison	8
Buck deer	43
Bull elk	92
Bull moose	4
Cougar	1
Desert bighorn sheep	6
Mountain goat	6
Pronghorn	40
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	5
Wild turkey	40
Total permits	294

The true value of conservation permit dollars often exceeds the balance listed on paper. The DWR frequently uses this money to serve as matching funds for grants and other funding mechanisms that result in much larger amounts being awarded and spent in Utah. For example, in projects permitted by the Pittman-Robertson Act, every dollar generated by the Conservation Permit Program can be matched by three dollars in federal aid.

In FY 2021, conservation permit funds covered the costs of numerous habitat, research and monitoring projects. The amount of revenue spent on approved projects or transferred to the DWR for each of the three previous fiscal years can be found in Appendix 1. The conservation-related project lists found in Appendix 1 are also included in the conservation permit audit for FY 2021.

Program oversight

The DWR understands the value of Utah's wildlife resources and takes many steps to ensure the Conservation Permit Program is transparent, complies with administrative rule and uses funds effectively for wildlife conservation purposes. In addition to an annual report, the DWR conducts an audit of the Conservation Permit Program each year. Both the annual report and the results of the audit are presented in a public meeting to the Utah Wildlife Board. Additionally, specific information about all funded conservation projects — including project details, budgets, wildlife benefits and summary reports — is available online at <https://wri.utah.gov/wri/>.

Successful wildlife conservation



In FY 2021, Utah's Conservation Permit Program raised millions of dollars that were directed back into productive and meaningful wildlife conservation projects. These projects help the DWR better fulfill its mission of serving as trustees and guardians of the state's wildlife. The program has a track record of success and creates unique opportunities for hunters to work with the DWR in expanding wildlife populations and conserving wildlife habitat. As a result of this program, Utahns have more wildlife species to enjoy, and hunters have a greater diversity of hunting opportunities. Translocations and population growth have also ensured the availability of more hunting permits. The DWR believes that wildlife is valuable to everyone, and the Conservation Permit Program protects and improves wildlife and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.

Appendix 1.

Below are tables showing how conservation permit funds (60% retained by the groups) raised in 2019, 2020 and 2021 have been spent or transferred to DWR as of the time of this report.

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		FY19 Revenue	\$822,030.00
WRI #	Name of Project	Year Funds Were Spent	Amount
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$9,171.49
4473	Left Fork Stewardship Project Phase II	2020	\$34,010.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$52,250.00
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$8,642.77
4807	Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$10,000.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$125,000.00
5233	Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$10,000.00
5322	Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$10,000.00
5370	Lost Spring Guzzler	2021	\$10,000.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$25,000.00
5352	Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance (SEA) Coordinator FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5363	Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$5,000.00
5400	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$5,000.00
5274	Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$10,000.00
5202	Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Red	2021	\$15,000.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$15,000.00
5376	Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$19,211.68
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$20,000.00
5196	New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$20,000.00
5310	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase II	2021	\$20,000.00
5180	Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation	2021	\$25,000.00
5413	FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$19,265.50
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$25,000.00
5208	Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$30,000.00
5234	Southeastern Utah Sagebrush and Shrub Planting	2021	\$30,000.00
5379	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$30,000.00
5406	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$30,000.00
5223	Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$35,000.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$40,000.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$40,000.00
5232	Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$40,000.00
5253	Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$40,000.00
5198	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$9,478.56
			\$822,030.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

		FY20 Revenue	\$967,110.00
WRI #	Name of Project	Year Funds Were Spent	Amount
5198	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$45,521.44
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$55,000.00
5270	Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$117,325.00
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$400,000.00
5373	MDF Stewardship Position FY21	2021	\$80,000.00
5626	Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$2,250.00
5761	Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5772	Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2022	\$4,550.00
5525	Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$5,000.00
5735	Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2022	\$5,000.00
5762	Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2022	\$5,000.00
5794	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2022	\$5,411.50
5777	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$6,500.00
5634	Mount Pleasant Twin Creek Habitat Improvement Project	2022	\$8,000.00
5187	Mud Springs Phase III - Powell Ranger District	2022	\$10,000.00
5204	Deer Springs wildlife habitat and fuels reduction	2022	\$10,000.00
5625	Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2022	\$10,000.00
5685	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 2	2022	\$10,000.00

5734	Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$10,000.00
5756	East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5146	West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2022	\$15,000.00
5448	Glenwood Collaborative Project Phase 1	2022	\$13,444.83
5448	Glenwood Collaborative Project Phase 1	2022	\$1,555.17
5548	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2022	\$15,000.00
5568	Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5587	Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2022	\$15,000.00
5751	Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2022	\$15,000.00
5219	South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2022	\$15,000.00
5799	FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2022	\$15,589.50
5618	Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$16,962.56
			\$967,110.00

All 2020 Funds Expended

WRI #	Name of Project	FY21 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$1,096,320.00 Amount
5618	Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$1,887.44
5447	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5507	La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5562	Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5527	La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5639	Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5637	Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$26,000.00
5533	Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5624	Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,000.00
5546	Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$33,500.00
5545	Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2022	\$34,614.79
			\$266,002.23

Remaining 2021 Revenue **\$830,317.77**

Remaining Balance **\$830,317.77**

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

WRI #	Name of Project	FY19 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$115,860.00 Amount
5038	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$573.62
4072	Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$10,000.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4625	Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4840	Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal Aspen Regeneration Phase VI	2020	\$3,000.00
4860	Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$2,000.00
4881	Cedar Mtn (Mormon Peak Phase I) Habitat Protection	2020	\$2,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$4,000.00
4888	Dolores River Restoration 3.0 - Utah	2020	\$3,000.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$3,000.00
4932	Lower Diamond Fork Post Fire Riparian Rehabilitation Phase I	2020	\$15,000.00
4952	Colorado River Restoration 3.0	2020	\$3,000.00
4959	Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$3,000.00
5018	East Pockets Stewardship	2020	\$19,298.90
4781	Hogs Heaven Watershed Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5161	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5177	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5199	Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$2,716.53
			\$89,589.05

Remaining 2019 Revenue **\$26,270.95**

FY20 Revenue **\$129,988.80**

FY21 Revenue **\$120,006.00**

Remaining Balance **\$276,265.75**

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		FY19 Revenue	\$272,772.00
WRI #	Name of Project	Year Funds Were Spent	Amount
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$16,975.67
4818	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$4,237.13
4959	Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4958	Sevy Bench Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4072	Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$2,019.00
4892	Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald Mtn fire	2020	\$6,000.00
4803	McPherson Water Development Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4966	Bookcliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,000.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$3,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$5,000.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$7,037.89
5045	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021	\$4,000.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5161	North Sheepracks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5162	Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$25,000.00
5177	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$25,000.00
5179	Circle Springs Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$2,000.00
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5196	New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5197	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$1,100.00
5198	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$35,207.81
5199	Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$10,000.00
5202	Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Red	2021	\$10,000.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$10,000.00
5208	Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$5,000.00
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5220	Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$10,000.00
5231	Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021	\$3,500.00
5232	Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$8,100.00
5233	Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$5,000.00
5237	Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$10,594.50
			\$272,772.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

		FY20 Revenue	\$315,597.60
WRI #	Name of Project	Year Funds Were Spent	Amount
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$14,405.50
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$20,000.00
5251	Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$1,000.00
5257	Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$15,000.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$12,500.00
5274	Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$10,000.00
5278	Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,200.00
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$5,000.00
5310	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase II	2021	\$3,000.00
5322	Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324	Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$10,000.00
5325	Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363	Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$2,398.75
5364	Little Pigeon Mtn Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$2,000.00
5367	South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$1,000.00
5376	Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$5,000.00
5386	Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5406	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$15,750.00
5546	Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$10,000.00

5447	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5446	Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2022	\$20,000.00
5551	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5558	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$3,000.00
5568	Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5449	Gooseberry East Phase 2	2022	\$15,000.00
5525	Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership II	2022	\$7,500.00
5187	Mud Springs Phase III - Powell Ranger District	2022	\$2,500.00
5727	East Fork Fire Seeding FY2022	2022	\$10,000.00
5533	Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$2,500.00
5621	Mill Hollow Aspen Restoration Phase II	2022	\$5,000.00
5548	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2022	\$5,000.00
5561	North Sheepprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2022	\$5,000.00
5636	Petty Mountain Restoration Project	2022	\$5,000.00
5219	South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5580	Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2022	\$10,000.00
5669	Blawn Mountain Wildlife Habitat and Watershed Enhancement Phase I	2022	\$10,000.00
5688	Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement - CRI	2022	\$7,500.00
5631	Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$4,343.35
			\$315,597.60

All 2020 Funds Expended

WRI #	Name of Project	FY21 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$380,040.00 Amount
5631	Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$5,656.65
5455	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2022	\$10,000.00
5527	La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560	Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$7,500.00
5507	La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552	Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5412	FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$10,000.00
5417	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,254.00
5224	Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Share	2022	\$6,809.28
5253	Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2022	\$10,000.00
5260	Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2022	\$5,000.00
5279	Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2022	\$5,000.00
4552	Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5692	USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$4,778.95
			\$124,998.88

Remaining 2021 Revenue \$255,041.12

Remaining Balance \$255,041.12

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

WRI #	Name of Project	FY19 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$118,275.00 Amount
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$4,323.87
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$5,000.00
5031	FY20 Mountain Goat Captures	2020	\$6,750.00
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$5,000.00
5034	FY20 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2020	\$3,000.00
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$20,000.00
4804	Dairy Fork Bullhog	2020	\$10,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$5,000.00
4812	Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$10,000.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$5,000.00
4856	South Slope Vegetation Restoration Phase 2	2020	\$5,000.00
4799	Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4846	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$3,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4816	UWC FS North Zone Juniper Lop and Scatter FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4966	Bookcliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$4,000.00

4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$3,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$5,000.00
5197	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2020	\$2,500.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2020	\$2,500.00
5413	FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$4,201.13
			\$118,275.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

WRI #	Name of Project	FY20 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$166,207.20 Amount
5045	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5161	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5162	Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5173	Paunsaugunt-Petrified Wash Wildlife Drinkers	2021	\$5,000.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$22,000.00
5177	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5196	New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5198	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$5,000.00
5202	Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Red	2021	\$3,500.00
5208	Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$5,000.00
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$5,000.00
5220	Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$3,500.00
5223	Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$5,000.00
5224	Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Share	2021	\$5,000.00
5229	Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5231	Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021	\$5,000.00
5232	Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5233	Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$5,000.00
5237	Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$22,000.00
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$10,000.00
5251	Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$4,000.00
5253	Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$1,202.01
			\$166,202.01

Remaining 2020 Revenue

\$5.19

FY21 Revenue

\$213,960.00

Remaining Balance

\$213,965.19

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

WRI #	Name of Project	FY19 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$978,264.00 Amount
4990	Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$39,291.50
4928	Northern Region WMA Browse and Water Enhancements	2020	\$33,000.00
4789	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 3	2020	\$6,475.00
4907	Dry Wash Units 4, 5, 9	2020	\$20,000.00
4961	SR Mule Deer Winter Range Bitterbrush Enhancement FY20	2020	\$3,625.00
4892	Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald Mtn fire	2020	\$2,500.00
4825	Cedar Mountains Big Game and Chukar Guzzlers	2020	\$4,200.00
4966	Bookcliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,500.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$1,600.00
4842	Newfoundland Mtns Water Improvement FY20	2020	\$4,125.00
5038	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$7,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$58,250.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$10,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$64,408.44
5159	Regional Long Range Rifles	2020	\$29,000.00
5119	2019 Book Cliffs aerial estray horse count and habitat assessment survey	2020	\$30,000.00
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$5,500.00
5231	Crab Creek Guzzlers	2020	\$6,000.00

5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2020	\$20,000.00
5312	Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY21	2021	\$9,000.00
5367	South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$2,800.00
5179	Circle Springs Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$4,750.00
5400	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$6,000.00
4920	Bighorn Sheep Quarantine Site FY21	2021	\$6,250.00
5364	Little Pigeon Mtn Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$7,750.00
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5223	Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$10,000.00
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$10,000.00
5379	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$10,000.00
5330	Marshall Draw WMA Spring Developments	2021	\$10,500.00
5363	Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$12,000.00
5417	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$12,000.00
5386	Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$12,500.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$15,000.00
5197	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$15,000.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$15,000.00
5253	Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$15,000.00
5257	Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$15,000.00
5385	Annabella WMA Upland Habitat Improvement Project Phase III	2021	\$16,046.00
5376	Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$19,211.67
5229	Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$20,000.00
5279	Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$20,000.00
5322	Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$20,000.00
5412	FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$21,000.00
5411	FY21 Mountain Goat Captures	2021	\$23,250.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$12,209.02
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$30,000.00
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$34,224.03
5471	Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$215,298.34
			\$978,264.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

		FY20 Revenue	\$1,113,450.00
WRI #	Name of Project	Year Funds Were Spent	Amount
5471	Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$39,701.66
5597	Bookcliffs Stray Livestock Management	2021	\$180,000.00
4808	Bison Fencing on Book Cliffs	2021	\$7,000.00
5312	Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$7,000.99
			\$233,702.65

Remaining 2020 Revenue

\$879,747.35

FY21 Revenue

\$1,359,635.40

Remaining Balance

\$2,239,382.75

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		FY19 Revenue	\$377,520.00
WRI #	Name of Project	Year Funds Were Spent	Amount
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$9,263.43
4836	South Bookcliffs Phase 7 (Nash)	2020	\$3,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4990	Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$2,000.00
4958	Sevy Bench Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4807	Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$2,000.00
5041	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Specialist	2020	\$32,500.00
5151	Bighorn Protective Fence Black Rock Rd (N Mineral Mtns)	2020	\$13,860.00
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$6,200.00
4920	Bighorn Sheep Quarantine Site FY21	2021	\$6,250.00
5386	Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$7,500.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00
5312	Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY21	2021	\$10,050.00

5411	FY21 Mountain Goat Captures	2021	\$20,000.00
5409	FY21 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Biologist	2021	\$31,000.00
5412	FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$98,000.00
5471	Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$118,896.57
			\$377,520.00

All 2019 Funds Expended

WRI #	Name of Project	FY20 Revenue Year Funds Were Spent	\$445,560.00 Amount
5471	Aurora BLM Allotment FY21	2021	\$136,103.43
5835	Wild Sheep Guzzler Maintenance	2021	\$25,000.00
5836	Blakes Lambing Grounds Water Project	2021	\$7,000.00
5312	Newfoundland Mountains Water Development	2021	\$11,536.60
5748	Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2021	\$2,000.00
5798	FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$44,480.19
			\$226,120.22

Remaining 2020 Revenue

\$219,439.78

FY21 Revenue

\$512,040.00

Remaining Balance

\$731,479.78

Appendix 2.

2001 - 2021 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization

Updated: September 13, 2021

YEAR	Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife		Mule Deer Foundation		Utah Wild Sheep Foundation		Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Safari Club International		National Wild Turkey Federation	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$188,539	55	\$158,400	29	\$283,880	17	\$168,665	43	\$15,770	4	\$101,398	68
2002	\$429,038	97	\$90,964	63	\$252,950	8	\$119,915	61	\$28,700	8	\$120,112	57
2003	\$656,521	197	\$51,853	43	\$226,500	5	\$270,205	54	\$1,250	5	\$51,835	26
2004	\$848,790	135	\$252,310	41	\$291,320	9	\$300,770	97	\$0	0	\$46,312	14
2005	\$522,647	178	\$622,040	82	\$310,600	10	\$175,975	27	\$28,500	11	\$19,901	26
2006	\$710,875	109	\$932,400	113	\$258,650	14	\$306,445	47	\$710,875	22	\$91,035	56
2007	\$1,039,552	102	\$913,220	151	\$405,870	24	\$336,775	30	\$81,515	8	\$82,670	37
2008	\$1,079,055	102	\$976,510	152	\$382,650	24	\$288,390	30	\$83,760	8	\$89,425	37
2009	\$860,000	102	\$822,802	152	\$390,075	24	\$250,675	30	\$72,055	8	\$66,365	37
2010	\$948,400	116	\$900,020	95	\$502,090	43	\$262,095	39	\$148,850	7	\$68,085	32
2011	\$799,290	116	\$754,695	97	\$486,785	43	\$235,000	39	\$102,500	7	\$65,470	32
2012	\$876,600	104	\$968,715	92	\$494,400	41	\$247,740	38	\$93,500	6	\$70,210	31
2013	\$1,083,725	124	\$971,285	84	\$519,500	23	\$275,135	26	\$128,747	21	\$104,535	21
2014	\$1,273,679	124	\$975,530	84	\$516,200	23	\$334,995	26	\$172,950	21	\$99,335	21
2015	\$1,508,650	124	\$1,259,765	84	\$564,510	23	\$366,865	26	\$158,970	21	\$112,145	21
2016	\$1,429,825	145	\$1,186,400	63	\$550,800	14	\$354,190	31	\$205,200	24	\$141,675	26
2017	\$1,449,675	145	\$1,258,550	63	\$578,325	14	\$382,845	31	\$216,420	24	\$165,375	26
2018	\$1,592,895	145	\$1,390,270	63	\$654,675	14	\$456,425	31	\$212,750	24	\$179,350	26
2019	\$1,630,440	122	\$1,370,050	72	\$629,200	16	\$454,620	40	\$197,125	40	\$193,100	35
2020	\$1,853,550	121	\$1,592,850	68	\$742,600	16	\$525,996	40	\$265,012	38	\$208,648	35
2021	\$2,266,059	107	\$2,101,200	65	\$853,400	16	\$633,400	40	\$356,600	35	\$200,010	31
	\$23,047,805	2,570	\$19,549,829	1,756	\$9,894,980	421	\$6,747,121	826	\$3,281,049	342	\$2,276,991	695

YEAR	Utah Archery Association		California Deer Association		Boone & Crockett		Ducks Unlimited		Total	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$916,652	216
2002	\$0	0	\$14,010	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,055,689	299
2003	\$0	0	\$27,565	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,285,729	340
2004	\$0	0	\$3,270	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,742,772	304
2005	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,679,663	334
2006	\$0	0	\$10,500	20	\$11,500	1	\$0	0	\$3,032,280	382
2007	\$6,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,000	4	\$2,884,602	358
2008	\$10,250	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$14,625	4	\$2,924,665	359
2009	\$6,750	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,200	6	\$2,494,922	361
2010	\$15,400	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$18,300	6	\$2,863,240	342
2011	\$28,700	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,472,440	341
2012	\$37,500	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,215	3	\$2,797,880	322
2013	\$53,525	13	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,430	4	\$3,148,882	316
2014	\$64,875	14	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$23,075	4	\$3,460,639	317
2015	\$90,050	18	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,060,955	317
2016	\$77,500	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,945,590	314
2017	\$99,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,150,440	314
2018	\$103,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,589,615	314
2019	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,474,535	325
2020	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,188,656	318
2021	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$6,410,669	294
	\$593,050	102	\$55,345	43	\$11,500	1	\$122,845	31	\$65,580,515	6,787



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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 10, 2021
To: Wildlife Board
From: Justin M. Shannon, Chief of Wildlife
Subject: Conservation Permit Allocation to Groups

In June 2021, the Wildlife Board approved 318 conservation permits to be allocated to conservation organizations in accordance with R657-41. On September 2, 2021, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources followed the processes outlined in R657-41 and held a meeting to allocate these permits to the conservation organizations enrolled in the program. Attached is a table that highlights where the 318 conservation permits were allocated, and we ask that the Wildlife Board approve this list as the final step in the process.



2022 - 2024 Multi-Year Conservation Permits List

For Board Approval: 9/30/2021

Mule Deer Foundation

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
MDF	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Manti-North	Multiseason	1
MDF	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	Multiseason	2
MDF	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	Multiseason	3
MDF	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Nebo	Multiseason	4
MDF	Black Bear	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	Multiseason	5
MDF	Black Bear	La Sal	Multiseason	6
MDF	Black Bear	La Sal	Multiseason	7
MDF	Black Bear	Nine Mile	Multiseason	8
MDF	Black Bear	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	Multiseason	9
MDF	Black Bear	San Juan	Multiseason	10
MDF	Black Bear	San Juan	Multiseason	11
MDF	Black Bear	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	Multiseason	12
MDF	Black Bear	Statewide	Multiseason	13
MDF	Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Multiseason	14
MDF	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Archery	15
MDF	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Hunter's Choice of Season	16
MDF	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Muzzleloader	17
MDF	Buck Deer	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Hunter's Choice of Season	18
MDF	Buck Deer	Henry Mtns	Hunter's Choice of Season	19
MDF	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Archery	20
MDF	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Hunter's Choice of Season	21
MDF	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Muzzleloader	22
MDF	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Muzzleloader	23
MDF	Buck Deer	San Juan, Elk Ridge	Hunter's Choice of Season	24
MDF	Buck Deer	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Hunter's Choice of Season	25
MDF	Buck Deer	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Hunter's Choice of Season	26
MDF	Buck Deer	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Muzzleloader	27
MDF	Buck Deer	Statewide	Statewide	28
MDF	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Any Weapon	29

MDF	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Archery	30
MDF	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Muzzleloader	31
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Beaver	Any Weapon	32
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	Any Weapon	33
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Box Elder, Snowville	Any Weapon	34
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Box Elder, West	Any Weapon	35
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	Any Weapon	36
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	Any Weapon	37
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Any Weapon	38
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	Any Weapon	39
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	Any Weapon	40
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Plateau, Highlands	Any Weapon	41
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	42
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	43
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	Any Weapon	44
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	Any Weapon	45
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	South Slope, Vernal	Any Weapon	46
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	South Slope, Vernal	Any Weapon	47
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	48
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	49
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	Statewide	Statewide	50
MDF	Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Snake Valley	Any Weapon	51
MDF	Bull Elk	Beaver, East	Multiseason	52
MDF	Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Muzzleloader	53
MDF	Bull Elk	Cache, Meadowville	Any Weapon Season Choice	54
MDF	Bull Elk	Cache, Meadowville	Multiseason	55
MDF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Any Weapon Season Choice	56
MDF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Any Weapon Season Choice	57
MDF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Muzzleloader	58
MDF	Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	Any Weapon Season Choice	59
MDF	Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	Multiseason	60
MDF	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	61
MDF	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Multiseason	62
MDF	Bull Elk	Monroe	Any Weapon Season Choice	63

MDF	Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	Any Weapon Season Choice	64
MDF	Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	Any Weapon Season Choice	65
MDF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Boulder	Any Weapon Season Choice	66
MDF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Boulder	Multiseason	67
MDF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Any Weapon Season Choice	68
MDF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Multiseason	69
MDF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Muzzleloader	70
MDF	Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	Any Weapon Season Choice	71
MDF	Bull Elk	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Weapon Season Choice	72
MDF	Bull Elk	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Weapon Season Choice	73
MDF	Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	Any Weapon Season Choice	74
MDF	Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	Multiseason	75
MDF	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	76
MDF	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Multiseason	77
MDF	Bull Moose	Ogden	Any Weapon	78
MDF	Mountain Goat	Beaver (early)	Any Weapon	79

National Wild Turkey Federation

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
NWTF	Antlerless Elk	Central Mtns	Any Weapon	1
NWTF	Antlerless Elk	Central Mtns	Any Weapon	2
NWTF	Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Multiseason	3
NWTF	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Manti-North	Multiseason	4
NWTF	Black Bear	La Sal	Multiseason	5
NWTF	Black Bear	Panguitch Lake/Zion	Multiseason	6
NWTF	Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Multiseason	7
NWTF	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Any Weapon	8
NWTF	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Any Weapon	9
NWTF	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Any Weapon	10
NWTF	Buck Deer	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Archery	11
NWTF	Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Range Creek	Any Weapon	12
NWTF	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, Desert	Any Weapon	13
NWTF	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	14
NWTF	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	15

NWTF	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	16
NWTF	Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Riverbed	Any Weapon	17
NWTF	Bull Elk	Cache, South	Any Weapon Season Choice	18
NWTF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Nebo	Multiseason	19
NWTF	Bull Elk	North Slope, Three Corners	Multiseason	20
NWTF	Bull Moose	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	Any Weapon	21
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	22
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	23
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	24
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	25
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	26
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	27
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	28
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	29
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	30
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	31
NWTF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	32

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
RMEF	Antlerless Elk	Cache	Any Weapon	1
RMEF	Antlerless Elk	Plateau	Any Weapon	2
RMEF	Bison	Henry Mtns, Hunter's Choice (mid)	Any Weapon	3
RMEF	Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Multiseason	4
RMEF	Black Bear	Nine Mile	Multiseason	5
RMEF	Black Bear	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	Multiseason	6
RMEF	Black Bear	San Juan	Multiseason	7
RMEF	Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Multiseason	8
RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	Any Weapon	9
RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	Any Weapon	10
RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	Plateau, Highlands	Any Weapon	11
RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	12
RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn	Any Weapon	13
RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	14

RMEF	Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Snake Valley	Any Weapon	15
RMEF	Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Any Weapon Season Choice	16
RMEF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Any Weapon Season Choice	17
RMEF	Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	Any Weapon Season Choice	18
RMEF	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Muzzleloader	19
RMEF	Bull Elk	Monroe	Multiseason	20
RMEF	Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	Multiseason	21
RMEF	Bull Elk	Paunsaugunt	Any Weapon Season Choice	22
RMEF	Bull Elk	Paunsaugunt	Any Weapon Season Choice	23
RMEF	Bull Elk	Paunsaugunt	Multiseason	24
RMEF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Any Weapon Season Choice	25
RMEF	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Any Weapon Season Choice	26
RMEF	Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	Multiseason	27
RMEF	Bull Elk	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Multiseason	28
RMEF	Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	Any Weapon Season Choice	29
RMEF	Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	Muzzleloader	30
RMEF	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	31
RMEF	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Multiseason	32
RMEF	Bull Moose	Statewide	Statewide	33

Safari Club International

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
SCI	Antlerless Elk	Cache	Any Weapon	1
SCI	Antlerless Elk	Cache	Any Weapon	2
SCI	Antlerless Elk	Central Mtns	Any Weapon	3
SCI	Antlerless Elk	Plateau	Any Weapon	4
SCI	Antlerless Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon	5
SCI	Bison	Henry Mtns, Hunter's Choice (late)	Any Weapon	6
SCI	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Nebo	Multiseason	7
SCI	Black Bear	San Juan	Multiseason	8
SCI	Black Bear	South Slope, Yellowstone	Multiseason	9
SCI	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Hunter's Choice of Season	10
SCI	Buck Deer	San Juan, Elk Ridge	Muzzleloader	11
SCI	Buck Deer	South Slope, Diamond Mtn	Any Weapon	12

SCI	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Hunter's Choice of Season	13
SCI	Buck Pronghorn	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	Any Weapon	14
SCI	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	15
SCI	Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Riverbed	Any Weapon	16
SCI	Bull Elk	Cache, Meadowville	Any Weapon Season Choice	17
SCI	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	18
SCI	Bull Elk	Plateau, Boulder	Any Weapon Season Choice	19
SCI	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Multiseason	20
SCI	Bull Moose	North Slope, Summit	Any Weapon	21
SCI	Mountain Goat	Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Weapon	22
SCI	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	23
SCI	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	24
SCI	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	25
SCI	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	26
SCI	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	27

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
SFW	Antlerless Elk	Cache	Any Weapon	1
SFW	Antlerless Elk	Central Mtns	Any Weapon	2
SFW	Antlerless Elk	Plateau	Any Weapon	3
SFW	Bison	Henry Mtns, Cow Only (early)	Any Weapon	4
SFW	Bison	Henry Mtns, Hunter's Choice (early)	Any Weapon	5
SFW	Bison	Statewide	Statewide	6
SFW	Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Multiseason	7
SFW	Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Multiseason	8
SFW	Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	Multiseason	9
SFW	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	Multiseason	10
SFW	Black Bear	Nine Mile	Multiseason	11
SFW	Black Bear	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	Multiseason	12
SFW	Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	Multiseason	13
SFW	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Any Weapon	14
SFW	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Archery	15
SFW	Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	Muzzleloader	16

SFW	Buck Deer	Cache, Crawford Mtn	Muzzleloader	17
SFW	Buck Deer	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	Hunter's Choice of Season	18
SFW	Buck Deer	Henry Mtns	Hunter's Choice of Season	19
SFW	Buck Deer	La Sal, Dolores Triangle	Hunter's Choice of Season	20
SFW	Buck Deer	San Juan, Elk Ridge	Hunter's Choice of Season	21
SFW	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Any Weapon	22
SFW	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Hunter's Choice of Season	23
SFW	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Muzzleloader	24
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Beaver	Any Weapon	25
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	Any Weapon	26
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Book Cliffs, South	Any Weapon	27
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Box Elder, Snowville	Any Weapon	28
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Box Elder, West	Any Weapon	29
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden	Any Weapon	30
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	Any Weapon	31
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	La Sal, Potash/South Cisco	Any Weapon	32
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	Any Weapon	33
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	Any Weapon	34
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	Any Weapon	35
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	Any Weapon	36
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Panguitch Lake/Zion, North	Any Weapon	37
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Pine Valley	Any Weapon	38
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	39
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	South Slope, Vernal	Any Weapon	40
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	41
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	Any Weapon	42
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Rush Valley	Any Weapon	43
SFW	Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Snake Valley	Any Weapon	44
SFW	Bull Elk	Beaver, East	Any Weapon Season Choice	45
SFW	Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Any Weapon Season Choice	46
SFW	Bull Elk	Box Elder, Grouse Creek	Multiseason	47
SFW	Bull Elk	Cache, South	Multiseason	48
SFW	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Multiseason	49
SFW	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Weapon Season Choice	50

SFW	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Nebo	Any Weapon Season Choice	51
SFW	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	52
SFW	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Multiseason	53
SFW	Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	Multiseason	54
SFW	Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	Any Weapon Season Choice	55
SFW	Bull Elk	Paunsaugunt	Archery	56
SFW	Bull Elk	Plateau, Boulder	Archery	57
SFW	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Any Weapon Season Choice	58
SFW	Bull Elk	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Archery	59
SFW	Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	Any Weapon Season Choice	60
SFW	Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	Archery	61
SFW	Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	Archery	62
SFW	Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	Multiseason	63
SFW	Bull Elk	Statewide	Statewide	64
SFW	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	65
SFW	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Archery	66
SFW	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Muzzleloader	67
SFW	Bull Moose	Cache	Any Weapon	68
SFW	Cougar	Statewide	Statewide	69
SFW	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Henry Mtns	Any Weapon	70
SFW	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Kaiparowits, East	Any Weapon	71
SFW	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Kaiparowits, Escalante	Any Weapon	72
SFW	Desert Bighorn Sheep	San Rafael, Dirty Devil	Any Weapon	73
SFW	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Statewide	Statewide	74
SFW	Mountain Goat	Chalk Creek/Kamas, Uintas	Any Weapon	75
SFW	Mountain Goat	Statewide	Statewide	76
SFW	Mountain Goat	Wasatch Mtns, Timpanogos	Any Weapon	77
SFW	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Book Cliffs, South	Any Weapon	78
SFW	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Fillmore, Oak Creek (late)	Any Weapon	79
SFW	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Nine Mile, Gray Canyon	Any Weapon	80
SFW	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Oquirrh-Stansbury, West	Any Weapon	81
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	82
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	83
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	84

SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	85
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	86
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	87
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	88
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	89
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	90
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	91
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northern Region	Multiseason	92
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	93
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	94
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	95
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	96
SFW	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	97

Utah Archery Association

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
UAA	Bison	Henry Mtns, Cow Only (late)	Any Weapon	1
UAA	Black Bear	Central Mtns, Manti-North	Multiseason	2
UAA	Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	Hunter's Choice of Season	3
UAA	Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	Archery	4
UAA	Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Archery	5
UAA	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Archery	6
UAA	Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	Archery	7
UAA	Bull Moose	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	Any Weapon	8
UAA	Wild Bearded Turkey	Central Region	Multiseason	9

Utah Houndsmen Association

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
UHA	Antlerless Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon	1
UHA	Black Bear	Beaver	Multiseason	2
UHA	Black Bear	La Sal	Multiseason	3
UHA	Black Bear	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	Multiseason	4

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
UWSF	Bison	Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South, Hunter's Choice	Any Weapon	1
UWSF	Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	2
UWSF	Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	Multiseason	3
UWSF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Any Weapon Season Choice	4
UWSF	Bull Elk	Central Mtns, Manti	Multiseason	5
UWSF	Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon Season Choice	6
UWSF	Desert Bighorn Sheep	Kaiparowits, West	Any Weapon	7
UWSF	Desert Bighorn Sheep	San Rafael, North	Any Weapon	8
UWSF	Desert Bighorn Sheep	San Rafael, South	Any Weapon	9
UWSF	Mountain Goat	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central	Any Weapon	10
UWSF	Mountain Goat	North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West	Any Weapon	11
UWSF	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (early)	Any Weapon	12
UWSF	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn (late)	Any Weapon	13
UWSF	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Fillmore, Oak Creek (early)	Any Weapon	14
UWSF	Rocky Mountain Bighorn She	Statewide	Statewide	15
UWSF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	16
UWSF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southeastern Region	Multiseason	17
UWSF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	18
UWSF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Southern Region	Multiseason	19
UWSF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Statewide	Statewide	20

Wildlife Conservation Foundation

Group	Species	Area	Condition	Permit Count
WCF	Antlerless Elk	Plateau	Any Weapon	1
WCF	Antlerless Elk	South Slope	Any Weapon	2
WCF	Antlerless Elk	South Slope	Any Weapon	3
WCF	Antlerless Elk	South Slope	Any Weapon	4
WCF	Antlerless Elk	South Slope	Any Weapon	5
WCF	Antlerless Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon	6
WCF	Antlerless Elk	Wasatch Mtns	Any Weapon	7
WCF	Bison	Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South, Cow Only	Any Weapon	8
WCF	Black Bear	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	Multiseason	9
WCF	Black Bear	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	Multiseason	10

WCF	Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	Multiseason	11
WCF	Buck Pronghorn	Box Elder, Promontory	Any Weapon	12
WCF	Buck Pronghorn	Box Elder, Puddle Valley	Any Weapon	13
WCF	Buck Pronghorn	Pine Valley	Any Weapon	14
WCF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	15
WCF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	16
WCF	Wild Bearded Turkey	Northeastern Region	Multiseason	17

2022 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

All information is subject to change and all agendas are tentative. Please check the DWR website often at www.wildlife.utah.gov for complete agendas and meeting locations posted prior to meetings. **Unless otherwise noted, all Wildlife Board meetings are on Thursdays in the DNR Salt Lake office auditorium, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City.** Board meetings begin at 9 a.m, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary. RACs meet at the locations and times listed below unless otherwise noted. Scheduling changes will be posted on the DWR website. Please check it often.

CR RAC – 6 PM

Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville

SER RAC – 6:30 PM

John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River

NR RAC – 6 PM

Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden

NER RAC – 6:30 PM

Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

SR RAC – 6 PM

DNR Cedar City Complex
646 N. Main St., Cedar City or
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield

Schedule & Tentative Agendas

January – Board Meeting, January 4, 2022 - Tuesday

- Dec. 2021 RAC agenda items.

February – No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

March – No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

April – RAC meetings:

- Big game permit numbers.
- Antlerless permit numbers
- CWMU rule amendments
- CWMU management plans
- LOA management plans

April 5 - CR
April 6 - NR
April 12 – SR
April 13 - SER
April 14 - NER

Board meeting April 28

- April 5-14 RAC agenda items.

May –

RAC meetings:

- Upland game and turkey recommendations
- Fishing informational – online survey

May 10 - CR
May 11 - NR
May 17 – SR
May 18 - SER
May 19 - NER

June –

Board meeting June 2

- May 10-19 RAC agenda items
- Conservation Permit List

July –

RAC meetings:

- Fee proposals

July 26 – CR
July 27 – NR
Aug 2 – SR
Aug 3 – SER
Aug 4 – NER

August –

Board meeting August 25

- July 26- Aug 4 RAC agenda items
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

September –

RAC meetings:

- Fishing recommendations and guidebook (contingent)
- Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations

August 30 – CR
August 31 – NR
September 6 – SR
September 7 – SER
September 8 – NER

Board meeting September 29

- August 30 – September 8 RAC agenda items
- 2023 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 1 yr
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2024)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit

November –

RAC meetings:

- Big Game 2023 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations

November 9 – NR

November 10 – CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate Election Day

November 15 – SR

November 16 – SER

November 17 – NER

Board meeting December 1:

- Nov. 9-17 RAC agenda items

December –

RAC meetings:

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- 2023 Waterfowl Recommendations
- Falconry recommendations

November 29 – CR

November 30 – NR

December 6 – SRO

December 7 – SERO

December 8 –NERO

January –

Board Meeting January 3, 2023 - Tuesday

- Nov 29 - Dec. 8 RAC agenda items

RAC Meeting Month	Agenda Item	Rule 5 Year Lapse Date	Mngrs Mtg (TBA by program mgr.)	Regional Recs Due to Program Coordinator (Mondays) - 2 wks to Brown Bag -	Review Program Recs with Director- no later than	Brown Bag Tuesday	Review Powerpoint with Outreach	Record Powerpoint Presentation - post 1 week prior to RAC	Final Draft Due to Rules Coord. Post 2 weeks prior to RAC	RAC Meetings	Board Meeting (Thursdays)	Comments
September	Fishing Recommendations & Guidebook - 2022-(2 yr cycle) recommendations made in 2020			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	2-yr guidebook started 2020
September	OIAL Recommendations - Bison Orientation Rule Change R657-62 R657-5			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
September	Big Game Management Plans			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
September	Conservation Permit Audit - (Board Only)			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
September	Conservation Permit Allocation - 1yr Permits (Board Only)			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
September	Conservation Permit Allocation - 3yr Permits (Board Only) (happens in 2021)			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
September	Conservation Permit Annual Report (Board Only)			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
September	Board Approves 2022 Meeting Dates (Board Only)			08/02	08/12	08/16	08/17-19	08/22	08/22	08/30-09/08	09/29	
October	No meetings											
November	LOA Rule Amendments			10/11	10/21	10/25	10/26-28	10/31	10/31	11/8-17	12/1	CR to be held on Thursday, Nov 10th to accommodate Election Day
November	Big Game 2023 Hunt Tables and Dates			10/11	10/21	10/25	10/26-28	10/31	10/31	11/8-17	12/1	
November	R657-65 Urban Deer Control Amendments			10/11	10/21	10/25	10/26-28	10/31	10/31	11/8-17	12/1	
November	Big Game Rule			10/11	10/21	10/25	10/26-28	10/31	10/31	11/8-17	12/1	
November	CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations			10/11	10/21	10/25	10/26-28	10/31	10/31	11/8-17	12/1	
December	Waterfowl Recommendations			11/1	11/11	11/15	11/16-18	11/21	11/21	11/29-12/8	01/03/2023	3-yr guidebook started 2018
December	Falconry Recommendations			11/1	11/11	11/15	11/16-18	11/21	11/21	11/29-12/8	01/03/2023	Tuesday Meeting to accommodate Winter WAFWA
December	Cougar hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook			11/1	11/11	11/15	11/16-18	11/21	11/21	11/29-12/8	01/03/2023	
December	Bear hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook			11/1	11/11	11/15	11/16-18	11/21	11/21	11/29-12/8	01/03/2023	3-yr guidebook started 2018