

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

December 1, 2022, Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

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Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 9:00 am

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| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Randy Dearth, Vice-Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– J. Shirley, DWR Director | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62
– Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates
– Rusty Robinson, OIAL Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. 2023-2024 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates
– Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments
– Sergeant Gabe Patterson, Technologies Committee co-chair | ACTION |
| 9. CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations
– Chad Wilson, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Bison Permit Variance Request
– Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Expo Permit Allocation Amendments
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 12. Other Business
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

Wildlife Board Motions

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

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Progress on changes to statute for the poaching of a swan

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Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Wyatt Bubak
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: December 2, 2021

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Motion made by: Bryce Thurgood
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Action: Under Study
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Motion made by: Wade Heaton
Assigned to: Derrick Ewell and Gabe Patterson
Action: Established Summer 2022
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Possibility of issuing 2 pt. or smaller buck deer tags to youth hunters

MOTION: I move that we direct the division through the action log, to look at issuing 2pt. or smaller buck deer tags to youth hunters. That in the four-year period, between 14-18, they would have the potential to be guaranteed at least one hunt for a 2pt. buck and that those tags would not take away from any of the other tag allotments but be in addition to the tags already issued. We would ask the division to look at the impact that it would have on licensing and the herds as well as future youth hunters. Kevin Albrecht included with the action log item that the addition of a survey be used to see what that need is.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Lindy Varney and Covy Jones

Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

Fall 2023 – Target Date – Youth Only deer permit program

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into a Youth Only dedicated hunter type program, for youth ages 12-17 that would allow yearly participation with a harvest restriction (2 deer in a 3-year period). This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Bryce Thurgood
Assigned to: Lindy Varney, Covy Jones and Bryan Christensen
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: June 2, 2022

Fall 2023 – Target Date – Special Use Permits on WMA's – Guides and Outfitters – Nonconsumptive user fee

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into Guides and Outfitters obtaining special use permits on WMA's and to look at implementing a fee for non-consumptive users. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to: Blair Stringham
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: August 25, 2022

Fall 2023 – Target Date – Guiding Document for the Selection of Committees

MOTION: I move that the Division formulate a guiding document for the formation of committees that would include final approval coming from the Wildlife Board. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Wade Heaton
Assigned to: Ashley Greene
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: September 29, 2022

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AGENDA

Thursday, September 29, 2022 Board Meeting 9:00 am

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– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman
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3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
– Randy Dearth, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update INFORMATIONAL
– J. Shirley, DWR Director
5. 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 ACTION
– Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator
6. Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan ACTION
– Guy Wallace, Wildlife Manger
7. LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals ACTION
– Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
8. Conservation Permit Audit ACTION
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
9. Conservation Permit Annual Report INFORMATIONAL
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
10. Prohibited Species Request – Pacific White Leg Shrimp ACTION
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator
11. 2023 RAC/Board Dates A CTION
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator
12. Other Business CONTINGENT
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman

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Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: June 2, 2022

Target Date -

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into Guides and Outfitters obtaining special use permits on WMAs, and look at implementing a fee for non-consumptive users. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to:
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: August 25, 2022

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 25, 2022 Wildlife Board Meeting as submitted.

3) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and rule R657-14 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2023 Fishing Recommendations as presented by the Division.

4) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan as presented.

5) LOA Rule Amendments - LOA Proposals (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

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

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and then withdrawn.

MOTION: I move that we place on the action log a directive to form the LOA advisory group, and to have an updated given at each board meeting as to its progress, including work on determining a multiplier, and how it can be implemented fairly.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Karl Hirst and failed 3-3 with Chairman Albrecht breaking the tie in opposition. Bryce Thurgood, Randy Dearth and Gary Nielson voted in opposition. Bret Selman, Karl Hirst and Wade Heaton voted in favor.

MOTION: I move that we direct the LOA advisory committee to look at multipliers, 50% rule and any other issues, and bring back a recommendation.

6) Conservation Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

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

7) Conservation Permit Annual Report

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Annual Report as presented.

8) Prohibited Species Request – Pacific White Leg Shrimp (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the prohibited species request as presented, with the stipulations noted in the recommendations.

9) 2023 RAC/Board Meeting Dates (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2023 Meeting Dates as amended.

10) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

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

RAC Chairs

Central – Jason Vernon
Southern – Bart Battista
Southeastern – Kent Johnson
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel
Northern – Kevin McLeod

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Paul Gedge	Dax Mangus
Ashley Green	Phil Tuttle	Chad Wilson
Justin Shannon	Staci Coons	Rusty Robinson
Riley Peck	Paige Wiren	Guy Wallace
	Kyle Maynard	Teresa Griffin
Ben Nadolski	Tyler Stratman	Chris Penne
Chris Wood	Covy Jones	Austin Grimes
Miles Hanberg	Craig Walker	Dallon Christensen
Drew Cushing	Darren DeBloois	Chris Van Heusen
Wyatt Bubak	Sidney Lamb	
Kevin Bunnell		

Public Present

Troy Justensen	Troy Forrest	Kevin Norman
Dylan Gardner	Steven Gottfredson	
Dale Christianson	Mike Kennedy	
Randy Lawyer	Wade Garrett	
Travis Jensen	Angie Wonnacott	

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- 00:12:10** Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order. The Board and RAC introduced themselves, and Chairman Albrecht welcomed the audience.
- 00:12:41** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.
- 00:13:04** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 25, 2022 Wildlife Board Meeting as submitted.
- 00:13:31** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
There was no old business to address.
- 00:13:45** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director Shirley gave updates on the Administrative Services, Aquatics, Habitat, Law Enforcement, Outreach and Wildlife sections.
Chairman Albrecht thanked the Division for all the work that is being done.
- 00:22:42** **5) 2023 Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-14 (Action)**
Assistant Chief of Fisheries Craig Walker reviewed the Division's Aquatics Section objectives.
- 00:24:40** **Board/RAC Questions**
There were no questions from the Board or RAC chairs.
- 00:24:52** **Public Input**
Director Shirley shared the online public input.
- 00:25:27** **RAC Recommendations**
All RACs passed the rule amendments.
- 00:27:56** **Public Comments**
Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:38:38 Division Clarification

Craig Walker updated the Board on how the Division is addressing changes to spearfishing rules. Assistant Attorney General Kyle Maynard clarified the terms of emergency regulation changes as they might apply to spearfishing.

00:42:50 Board Discussion

The Board supported the Division being inclusive to all sportsmen groups.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2023 Fishing Recommendations as presented by the Division.

00:45:10 7) Henry Mountains Bison Management Plans (Action)

Southeastern Region Wildlife Manager Guy Wallace presented information about the Bison Committee.

Chairman Albrecht noted that he was the Board representative on the committee.

Guy noted that the committee paused their meeting schedule during the Covid pandemic until a time when they all again could meet in person.

00:49:50 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked Guy to highlight the main issues that the committee addressed.

Chairman Albrecht noted the importance of the Board understanding and following the bison plan.

The Board voiced appreciation for both the work done on the bison plan and the implementation of the plan thus far.

00:54:09 Public Input

There were no online comments.

00:54:25 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the bison management plan.

00:56:53 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:05:06 Board Discussion

Chairman Albrecht recognized the quality of meeting facilitators. The Chairman summarized the RAC motions.

The Board recognized the scope of the impact of bison on the Henry Mountains.

Chairman Albrecht voiced his support for the management plan, and board members appreciated all the work that had gone into creating the plan

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Brett Selman and

passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Henry Mountains Bison Management Plan as presented.

01:10:10 8) LOA Rule Amendments – LOA Proposals (Action)

Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator Chad Wilson outlined the four items that were agreed upon by the LOA rule revision meeting that subsequently went through the public RAC process.

Chad discussed both having a multiplier in the LOA program and the feedback gathered through the RAC process regarding the idea of having a multiplier in the program. He also recognized the value of permits granted to an LOA because that tag comes out of the public draw. Chad also highlighted the benefit of the LOA program to landowners, noted that historically the majority of LOA permits allocated have been based off of acreage, and surmised that if the LOA plan passed last June were today introduced as a brand new landowner program, landowners would positively embrace the program.

Chairman Albrecht noted both the uniqueness of the Board having sent this agenda item back through the RAC process as well as the challenge of modifying the LOA program.

01:21:26 Board/RAC Questions

The RAC clarified that the LOA advisory committee was not opposed to considering a multiplier if there also was data presented that analyzed the impacts of various multipliers. Chad echoed that, moving forward, the Division was willing to look at multipliers.

The Board asked if it could be the LOA and not the Division that determined a multiplier within their own association

01:24:59 Public Input

There were no online public comments.

01:25:18 Public Comments

Public comments accepted at this time.

01:38:17 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the recommendations as presented with varying stipulations.

01:43:17 Board Discussion

The Board noted that LOA permit holders may hunt the entirety of the unit on which the acreage in the LOA is located.

The Board expressed concern about having a multiplier applied to all LOA private property acreage, but stated that they would consider additional compensation for owners of cultivated cropland. The Board emphasized the need for fairness in the program, thought that what the LOA program does is to increase the tolerance for wildlife by private landowners, and that making decisions about program changes is

the biggest issue that this board has faced. The Board also expressed the necessity of landowner participation in helping manage wildlife statewide, spoke against the proposed plan, and questioned the role of the advisory committee in bringing the plan before the Board.

The Board suggested that the proposed LOA committee could present future issues to the Board, wondered if LOAs are being compensated better from allocated permits or depredation payments, and asked if, in the new rule, landowners would be able to receive depredation compensation.

The Board suggested creating a guiding document outlining how ad hoc committee members would be chosen.

Deputy Director Justin Shannon explained what guides the formation of Division committees.

The Board expressed concern about delegating decision-making power to committees, and stressed the importance of making the right decision on this agenda item. The right decision would, it was stated, protect the public wildlife resource and also recognize the impact that wildlife has on private land. The Board argued that private landowners should be recognized for how much they contribute to sustaining and benefitting the public wildlife herds.

The Board suggested having the LOAs distribute allotted permits among their association members.

Chairman Albrecht noted that neither public nor private land better benefits wildlife, and that the Board should acknowledge that some LOA land is more valuable than other land.

The Board said that scientific data should guide multipliers, and also suggested that the proposal of using a 1.5 multiplier was a number reached for compromise. The Board emphasized that private landowners should be recognized for all they contribute to helping maintain a public resource, and that certain land attracts and benefits wildlife more than other land.

The Board voiced the opinion that the LOAs should distribute allotted permits based on their association's determination of the value to wildlife of different lands within the association.

The Board stressed that landowners whose land does not benefit wildlife should not be compensated through the LOA program, and thought that the plan could be better than what was being proposed. The Board also noted that changes to the proposed plan could be made in the future.

The Board expressed satisfaction with the process of extending the LOA rule amendments action item and allowing the LOAs to further argue their requests through the public process.

Chairman Albrecht asked if the LOA and CWMU program rules have a regularly scheduled cycle of evaluation.

Vice Chairman Dearth talked about his experience of sitting on the LOA committee, voiced support for the process and opposition to using a 1.5 multiplier applied to all LOA land.

The Board suggested putting on the Action Log an item that directed the Division to look at how a multiplier might be arrived at and applied, emphasized that compensation should be fair, and that landowners whose land does not benefit wildlife should not receive compensation.

The idea of one-to-one property access was raised, and the Board gave an illustrated example of inequity of the program as it applies to a particular spread of prime wildlife habitat private property.

The Board then argued that those who hunt on an LOA permit do so on both private and public ground, not just the private ground.

Chairman Albrecht again recognized that it is both the private and the public land together that create big game habitat.

The Board questioned if there were a third option for landowners that was not options A or B presented in the June, 2022 Wildlife Board meeting.

The Board suggested voting on the different elements of the proposal—a multiplier, public access, the 50% rule and the general season—separately from each other, though it was also noted that the committee’s recommendations in the original proposal presented at the June Wildlife Board meeting had taken into account these elements.

The Board asked Chad to list the four elements of the current proposal, which were: create an LOA advisory committee, that individuals can be held accountable before the whole LOA is held accountable, program metrics will have input from the LOA, and clarify the LOA and the DWR work cooperatively together.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

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

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones clarified discussion of the 50% rule.

The Board argued against the value of the 50% rule.

Chairman Albrecht asked the Board if they might support a 1.5 multiplier.

The Board voiced support for a multiplier for dependent upon what properties are benefitting wildlife. The Board also noted that how the RACs voted on a multiplier indicates that the public is not in favor of one.

The Board discussed how a multiplier might be calculated, and commented on private lands livestock herds eating the majority of forage such that there was significantly less food for big game on that same piece of property.

The Board stated that landowners who cultivate cropland put more work into the land than landowners who manage rangeland, but also argued that rangeland has more value than cropland.

The Board asked the Division how it might assess the value to wildlife of land in LOAs, and attempted to construct a motion that addressed compensating landowners

with cropland.

Covy Jones noted the complexity of trying to create a scientific framework for a multiplier.

The Board stated that landowners pay a lot in expenses related to having wildlife on their property.

Wade Heaton asserted that he did not have a conflict of interest with regard to this agenda item.

The Board asked the Division about permit distribution and cautioned against tasking the Division with assignments that are outside of what is normally assigned.

The Board discussed what information they would like to receive updates about, and also stated that the board should not revisit discussions about elements of the LOA program that already have been voted on.

Kyle Maynard explained that the Board did not have to make a motion to request input from the LOA Advisory Committee.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton seconded by Karl Hirst and then withdrawn.

MOTION: I move that we place on the Action Log a directive to form the LOA advisory group, and to have an update given at each board meeting as to its progress, including work on determining a multiplier and how it can be implemented fairly.

The Board clarified the action log motion.

Technical Issues

03:29:42

The Board stated that there is a significant difference between the number of improvements made on private rangeland versus public rangeland. The Board questioned the metrics used to allocate public versus private land permits by unit.

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MOTION: I move that we direct the LOA advisory committee to look at multiplier, 50% rule and any other issues, and bring back a recommendation.

03:33:54

Lunch break

04:16:53

9) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)

Financial Manager Chris VanHeusen gave a virtual presentation titled, "Utah's Conservation Permit Program 2022 Audit."

Deputy Director Mike Canning was available during the meeting to field questions.

04:23:27

Board Questions

04:23:52

Public Input

There was no online public input.

04:24:21 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

04:25:32 Board Discussion

The Board voiced appreciation for the conservation permit program.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

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

04:29:2504 10) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones gave a presentation titled, "Utah's Conservation Permit Program Annual Report."

04:36:25 Board Questions

The Board asked if any of the conservation permit funds go to predator control.

04:37:00 Public Input

There was no online public input.

04:37:17 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

04:38:36 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Annual Report.

04:39:50 11) Prohibited Species Request – Pacific White Leg Shrimp (Action)

Wildlife Board Coordinator Staci Coons presented the request for approval for a prohibited species variance.

04:41:45 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked about the scope of the proposed commercial shrimp operation and the site location of the proposed business. The Board asked if there might be any risk in allowing the species to be in Utah.

04:44:33 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the prohibited species request as presented with all the stipulations noted in the recommendation.

04:45:59 **12) 2023 RAC/Board Dates (Action)**

Staci Coons presented the 2023 proposed RAC and Board meeting dates.

04:51:16 **Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the calendar with the September 2023 change.

04:50:52 **14) Other Business (Contingent)**

The Board stated that it is important for each element in the public process to understand their unique roll, for example, legislators, RACs, board members, and that it is important for the process of forming committees and selecting committee members to be transparent.

Board members gave opinions on the value of having a guiding document that delineated how committees are formed.

Chairman Albrecht said that a guiding document draft would have be presented to the Board.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

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05:02:22 Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

1) Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62 (Action)

NR:

MOTION: I move that we set a cap on Any Bull permits second season to 15,000 of the General Season Elk.

MOTION PASSES: 6-4

MOTION: I move to approve the remainder of the Division's General Season Recommendations on the Elk Management Plan as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

MOTION: I move to accept the remainder of the Elk Management Plan as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

CR:

MOTION: Keep the Deep Creeks hunt status quo as a HAMS hunt for 1 year.

MOTION PASSES: 7-3

MOTION: Accept the remainder of the general season plan as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 9-3 with 1 abstention

MOTION: Accept the remainder of the plan as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 9-3 with 1 abstention

SR:

MOTION: I move that we remove the Paunsaugunt from becoming an Any Bull Elk hunt and keep it as a Limited Entry Elk unit

MOTION PASSES: 4-3

MOTION: I move that we leave the General Season Archery Elk permits as an either sex permit

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 5-2

SER:

MOTION: To add four extra days on the back end of the general archery season on spike units.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

MOTION: To leave general season archery hunt as is, where you can harvest either sex, on all units.

MOTION PASSES: 7-3

MOTION: To implement an antler restriction (4 points or more on 1 antler OR must have a brow tine at least 5 inches long) on the second unlimited any legal elk season.

MOTION PASSES: 9-1

MOTION: To accept the remainder of the general season recommendations portion of the new elk

plan.

MOTION PASSES: 6-4

MOTION: To accept the remainder of the plan

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

NER:

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented with the stipulation that federal agencies will be included in habitat objective two, and also removing the first sentence in the Brucellosis section of the plan.

MOTION PASSES: 5-3

3) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates (**Action**)

NR, SR, SER:

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Once-In-A-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates with the updated season dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

CR:

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Once-In-A-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates with the updated season dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 9 in favor with 1 abstention

NER:

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Once-In-A-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates with the updated season dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 7-1

4) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates (**Action**)

NR:

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 9-1

CR:

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 9 in favor with 1 abstention

SR:

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 6-1

SER:

MOTION: To add 4 days to the back end of the general season archery hunt on spike units

MOTION PASSES: 9-1

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

NER:

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division, with the exception of ending the archery any bull elk 5 days earlier than proposed on the South Slope Yellowstone and Vernal units, and recommend to the Wildlife Board to look at opportunities to eliminate overlapping hunts on limited entry units.

MOTION PASSES: 7-1

5) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments (**Action**)

NR:

MOTION: I move that we table the Emerging Technologies-Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments, and encourage the Division to bring it back in April 2023 with more recommendations from the Technology Committee.

MOTION PASSES: 7-3

CR:

MOTION: Accept the Division’s recommendation on rifle and muzzleloader and the 10 items presented in the SFW letter.

MOTION PASSES: 6-4

MOTION: Approve the Division’s proposal for restricted archery (a second category to the restricted archery definition).

MOTION PASSES: 8-2

SR:

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations as presented with the addition of SFW recommendations 2 through 10.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

SER:

MOTION: To accept the SFW definition for primitive archery equipment.

MOTION PASSES: 7-3

MOTION: Accept the following requirements for handguns and shotguns-

- **Handguns- iron sights only, barrel length not to exceed 12 inches, straight walled cartridges originally designed for a handgun, minimum 35 caliber,**
- **Shotguns- Add smooth bore barrel, add plug or brake barrel actions. No more than 3 bullets.**

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

MOTION: To accept the DWR’s definition of restricted rifle and restricted muzzleloaders

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

MOTION: To prohibit electronic on scopes and prohibit any electronic device that provides lat/long or drops a pin on the animal's location.

MOTION PASSES: 8-2

MOTION: TO accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

NER:

MOTION: To make no recommendations at this time and delay a decision until the remainder of the technology package arrives.

MOTION PASSES: 7-1

6) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

NR:

MOTION: I move that we approve CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations as presented.

MOTION PASSES: 8-1 with 1 abstention

CR:

MOTION: Accessible Public lands be removed from the interior of Ingham Peak CWMU

MOTION PASSES: 8 in favor with 2 abstentions

MOTION: Accept the balance of the recommendation as presented

MOTION PASSES: 8 in favor with 2 abstentions

SR:

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations as presented with the addition of adding elk to the Sweetwater CWMU.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

SER:

MOTION: I move that we approve CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations as presented.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

NER:

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division with the exception of the Sweetwater CWMU where the variance be accepted but with a max of 3 elk tags.

MOTION PASSES: Unanimous

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

November 9, 2022

The meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/78fW9w-emaw>

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair **ACTION**
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator **ACTION**
6. 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates
- Rusty Robinson, OIAL Species Coordinator **ACTION**
7. 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator **ACTION**
8. Emerging Technologies- Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments
- Sergeant Gabe Patterson, Technologies Committee co-chair **ACTION**
9. CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations
- Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator **ACTION**

NR RAC – Nov 9, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/78fW9w-emaw>

SER RAC – Nov 16th, 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powel Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/yoXBCh3FYBw>

CR RAC – Nov 10th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resource Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/VhB1kde8Vug>

NER RAC – Nov 17th, 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtu.be/I-GYFNZaIFM>

SR RAC – Nov 15th, 6:00 PM
Southern Utah University,
Hunter Conf. Center, Charles R Hunter Room
<https://youtu.be/8Vjmk9Pi8xE>

Board Meeting – Dec 1, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington Bay
https://youtu.be/UV9iGmJv_VQ

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimously.

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

2) Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Casey Snider, seconded by Darren Parry and passed For: 6. Against: 4. Ryan Brown- Fan of the unlimited tags. Brad Buchanan-Okay with the unlimited. Randy Hutchison-No fact to back it up. Kevin McLeod- The committee did their work.

MOTION: I move that we set a cap of 15,000 permits for the second week of the General Season Any Bull Elk hunt.

The following motion was made by Casey Snider, seconded by Nikki Wayment and passes unanimous.

MOTION: I move to approve the remainder of the Division's General Season recommendations on the Elk Management Plan as presented.

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Mike Laughter and passes unanimous.

MOTION: I move to accept the remainder of the Elk Management Plan as presented.

3) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Brad Buchanan and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Once In A Lifetime Hunt Season Dates with the updated season dates as presented.

4) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed For: 9 Against:1. Mike Laughter- Limited public land on units 4,5,6.

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates as presented.

5) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Casey Snider and passed. For: 7 Against: 3 Ryan Brown-We had the opportunity to make a decision and make a statement that we support the idea. We missed an opportunity. Mike Laughter- Missed an opportunity. We were charged with a task of defining what a restricted weapon was. Paul Chase- Agree

MOTION: I move that we table the Emerging Technologies-Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments, and encourage the Division to bring it back in April 2023 with more recommendations from the Technology Committee.

6) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed For:8 Against: 1 Abstain: 1 Randy Hutchison- Follow the standards. Mike Laughter- On the CWMU Committee.

MOTION: I move that we approve CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit

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Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Nov 9, 2022

Attendance

RAC Members

Justin Oliver – Chair
Kevin McLeod – Vice-Chair
Ben Nadolski – Exec Secretary

Ryan Brown
Brad Buchanan
Jaimi Butler
Paul Chase
Randy Hutchison

Emily Jensco
Mike Laughter
Darren Parry
Casey Snider
Nikki Wayment

Board Member

Bryce Thurgood
Bret Selman
Randy Dearth

RAC Excused

David Earl
Junior Goring
Matt Klar

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Dax Mangus
Rusty Robinson
Jim Christensen
Chad Wilson
David Beveridge
Xaela Walden
Derek Ewell

Mike Christensen
Mike Kinghorn
Kent Hersey
Lindy Varney
Devin Christensen
David Smedley
Daniel Olson
Sam Robertson

Regional Advisory County Meeting

Nov 9, 2022

Attendance

- 00:02:35** 1) Chairman Justin Oliver called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures.
- 00:07:22** 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimously.
- MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.**
- Comment from Ben Nadolski regarding Derek Ewell presenting for the Emerging Technologies Committee.**
- 00:08:19** 3) **Update from past Wildlife Board Meeting by Ben Nadolski**
Links on website to view.
- 00:10:49** 4) **Regional Update- Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor (Informational)**
Law Enforcement- Mike Loveland hired in Morgan County, Cash Hancock in POST (3 siblings working Weber/Davis County), Extra patrols to monitor trumpeter swan harvest, 361 NR violations reported in October.
Kent Sorenson (Sorno) Assistant Manager in the Habitat Section, 30 years with the DWR, Retiring January 1, Pioneer in fisheries management in the west.
Brad Hunt- Manager for Hardware WMA, Position moved from the Outreach Section to the Habitat Section, WMA management help, Grazing agreements and monitoring.
Hardware WMA, Winter Season starts Dec 2, Sleigh rides are back. Displays in the Hardware Education Center, Days and times: Friday, Saturday, Sundays 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mahogany Ridge Juniper removal (~1,300 acres) on Hardware WMA and Forest Service land was completed in October, Phase II (~1,200 acres) is planned for next year.

Bitterbrush Planting -400 seedlings were planted by dedicated hunters and volunteers in Green Canyon (11/4). 400 additional seedlings will be planted in the Millville-Providence WMA on Thursday (11/10).

Aquatics- Fall gill net survey at Willard Bay and Bear Lake, Began Chalk Creek cutthroat trout telemetry study (40 fish)

East Canyon Creek electrofishing survey.

Welcomed new flatwater biologist Taylor Steward,

Scott Tolentino Retirement 30 –years with DWR, Bear Lake Biologist, Restored naturally reproducing cutthroat, Record high numbers, Avid Angler and hunter, tireless promoter of Bear Lake and it's fisheries, Unwavering profession- recognized by American fisheries Society for his service.

Taylor Stewart- Originally for Wisconsin, Ph.D from University of Vermont, Post-doc at Mississippi State University, Great Lakes and quantitative fisheries analysis, will move to Ogden with his wife and dogs in December.

Wildlife- 27 bighorn sheep brought from Arizona and Antelope Island, Deer Check Stations, Pheasant Releases, Post-season deer classification.

David Smedley-Assistant Wildlife Manager, Chalk Creek, Kamas, North Slope Biologist.

Sam Robertson-Cache District Biologist, Wildlife Technician for 2-years, MS from Utah State studying moose survival rates and cause-specific mortality in Utah.

Wildlife Vacancies- Box Elder District Biologist, Landowner Specialist, Wildlife Technician.

Outreach-Partnership with SFW, Beginner pheasant hunt on November 12, Ogden Bay WMA, 60 recent hunter education graduates will participate.

Partnered with Delta Waterfowl, mentored duck hunts, first time hunters, Range day, then time in the marsh.

Great Salt Lake- Avian flu has impacted Eared grebes, Salinity is extremely high (>19%)

Brine shrimp numbers are normal and harvest exceeded 11 million pounds, Microbialite habitat has dropped below 30% of maximum in the entire lake, Brine fly and bird numbers are significantly lower than normal.

Waterfowl- 2022 Phragmites treatments, aerial spraying 2,100 acres, Ground spraying 3,900 acres across 7 WMA's.

Ogden Bay WMA received NAWCA grant and future projects with DU at Farmington Bay and Salt Creek. Finished fall upland plantings. Trumpeter swans arriving, 3 checked in so far.

Kestin Creager-New Accounting Technician, Former IRS Employee, Enjoys fishing and rivers and streams

Lynnsie Allred- New Office Specialist, Former UPS Employee, Enjoys hiking and fishing.

RAC Member Opportunities- Postseason deer classification, Cutthroat trout surveys at Cinnamon Creek, Willard Bay gillnet surveys, Beaver relocations.

00:33:03 **Question came from the public asking the species of Bighorn sheep released on Antelope Island. (Rockies)**

00:36:09 **5) Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62 (Action)**

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

Additional Note: Spike unit got left off the La Sal Mountains info.

00:41:13 **Questions from RAC Members/Public**

Removing the opportunity to kill cows during the archery hunt. More about distribution of elk than harvest. What is given up during the 10 year elk management plan. Complement on work being done. Units and percentage receiving most pressure. Concern about the amount of usage. Units transitioned to Any Bull units. Reducing age objective on Limited Entry units and implementing it. Comparable public land distribution for hunting. Number of permits sold. Units being added back in. Increase in non-resident numbers and being able to control it. Increase in non-resident archery sales. Number of muzzleloader elk permits sold. Cap on permits sold. Allow the purchase of points. Stiff penalties for turning in tag late. Multi-season elk permit used as a management tool. Buying antlerless tag over the counter and also draw a antlerless tag. Hunting the extended hunt. Number of hunters in each unit. Shortened Limited Entry hunt dates.

Brandon Zundel- Be able to buy the antlerless tag over the counter if draw. Able to hunt a cow on the extended. Number of turkey tags sold.

James Higley-Multi-season tag put a lot of public in the field, why did the Division implement it.

Chris McDowell-Is there a consideration of splitting

Matt Garlett- Tag numbers in premium units.

Ken Havro- Would it be better to have an either sex tag for archery rather than a multi-season tags.

Kevin Norman- Number of hunters that have bought an elk permit in the state.

Nathanial Merkle- Shortened days on Limited Entry Elk Hunt.

01:40:23 Electronic/ Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

56 responses. Strongly agree: 8 (14%), Somewhat agree: 15 (27%) Neither agree nor disagree: 3 (5.4%), Somewhat disagree: 8 (14%), Strongly disagree: 22 (39%).
Weighted average 2.63

01:42:42 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Jason Stirland- Understand every state and units are different. Utah can have more elk tags on limited entry units.

Brandon Zundel- Support the proposal. Might help with point creep and draw cow elk tags. Give tools the biologists. Hunters have learned to disperse themselves.

Chris McDowell-Going too far the other direction. Need to meet in the middle for the number of tags. Cost to buy a point and use the money towards conservation.

Sam Donnelson-Back Country Hunters and Anglers-Support for the proposal.

Trevor Datwyler-Concern on unlimited permits.

Terry Camp- Utah Farm Bureau- Supports the proposal as written.

Kevin Norman-Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife- Supports the Divisions Recommendations with the exception to leave the archery elk the same.

Aaron Albiston- Served on the elk committee. Spent several hours going over data. Took every aspect on what they could improve while keeping the quality.

Troy Justensen- Maximize opportunity while maintaining quality. Encourage the RAC to support the recommendation.

Arne Erisoty -Consider a senior citizen rife hunt.

Discussion on the general season and capping the number of permits on the second season. Forest Service has concerns about the unlimited tags. Provide a good camping range for hunters. Recommendations that we might not be able to meet. Seeing large trailers and impacts down the road. Demand will go down. Support the proposal. People buy elk tags and do not go and hunt. They buy the multi-season just so they can hunt when they can. Opportunity to have a family hunt. True demand for permits. Committee was okay with unlimited. General season elk hunts gives people the opportunity to get out and hunt. Growing elk at the right place at the right time. Expand more units into general season.

*RAC Member Jaimi Butler left the meeting around 8 p.m.

The following motion was made by Casey Snider, seconded by Darren Parry and passes. For: 6. Against: 4. Ryan Brown- Fan of the unlimited tags. Brad Buchanan-Okay with the unlimited. Randy Hutchison-No fact to back it up. Kevin McLeod- The committee did their work.

MOTION: I move we set a cap of 15,000 permits for the second week of the General Season Any Bull Elk hunt.

The following motion was made by Casey Snider, seconded by Nikki Wayment and passes unanimous.

MOTION: I move to approve the remainder of the Division's general season recommendations on the elk management plan as presented.

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Mike Laughter and passes unanimous.

MOTION: I move to accept the remainder of the elk management plan as presented.

-Randy Hutchison would like to see the purchase of bonus points eliminated.

02:47:59 6) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates (Action)

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Additional bison hunt on Book Cliffs Little Creek South unit, shuffling around of some of the Mountain Goats hunt dates. Big Horn sheep hunt date corrections. New Desert Big Horn hunt on Mineral Mountains 2024.

02:50:49 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Jason Stirland-Smaller scale transplants to avoid die off of Big Horn Sheep.

02:52:59 Electronic/ Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

14 responses. Strongly agree: 6 (43%), Somewhat agree: 3 (21%), Neither agree nor disagree: 5 (36%), Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%), Strongly disagree: 0 (0%) 4.07

Troy Justensen- Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife- New opportunity to hunt sheep. Support the recommendation. Ag world and sportsmen coming together.

02:54:52 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

None.

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Brad Buchanan and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Once In A Lifetime Hunt Season Dates with the updated season dates as presented.

02:56:28 7) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates (Action)

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

02:56:56 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Splitting of deer units 4, 5 and 6. Detection of CWD. Testing strategy of CWD. Turnaround time for CWD results. DWR pays for the testing. Consumption of meat until CWD results are back. Public wanting to have deer tested outside of the target CWD units, public would have to pay for the testing. Mandatory CWD testing on CWMU's.

03:12:07 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

31 Responses. Strongly agree: 7 (23%), Somewhat agree: 12 (39%), Neither agree nor disagree: 3 (9.7%), Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%), Strongly disagree: 9 (29%). Weighted average 3.26

James Carlson-Reasoning for the splitting of 4,5,6 for testing of CWD easier. Gives more options to go hunt in such a small area to hunt.

Brandon Zundel- Keep extension for the general Any Bull hunt. Extension of limited entry archery into the rut. Still able to manage by age class.

Aaron Albiston- 17% of 4,5,6 is public land. 9,065 permits issued between all of the hunts. 2 main access points. Overcrowding and public pressure. Split it up and allow less tags.

Zach Merkley-Not a lot of public land for public access. Division needs to make access to the Round Valley WMA. Need more opportunity.

03:21:19 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Division of 4, 5 and 6 help with overcrowding and combat the CWD. Units over objective. Requiring CWMU's to test for CWD. CWD in 5 and 6. Conservative side on permit numbers. Incentivize voluntary testing for CWD.

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed. For: 9 Against:1. Mike Laughter- Limited public land on units 4,5,6.

MOTION: I move that we accept 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates as presented.

03:32:16 8) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments (Action)

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Restricted weapon types do not currently have a hunt. More restricted definition. Tool to be used in the future.

03:40:55 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Drawing a line in the sand should have been done upfront. Change definition of the HAMS hunt. Optics on bows. Ignition systems on muzzleloaders. Timing of this agenda item. Feel like we have wasted a lot of the committee's time.

03:49:30 Electronic/ Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

38 Responses. Strongly agree: 12 (32%), Somewhat agree: 3 (7.9%), Neither agree nor disagree: 4 (11%), Somewhat disagree: 3 (7.9%), Strongly disagree: 16 (42%). Weighted average 2.79.

Brandon Zundel- Such thing as a magnified scope on a compound bow. It isn't legal. Never seen a match lock, heard of a fuse lock. Excited to see a direction and more opportunity. Division to allow more hunts in smaller areas.

Jason Stirland-Opens up Pandora's box when you start putting restrictions on. Technology for muzzleloaders is exploding. Would like to see current muzzleloaders back to iron sites, but restrict magnification or something similar.

Kevin Norman- Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife- Sat on the Emerging Technologies Committee. This has been a disaster. The ball was dropped on many levels. We brought forth a bunch of recommendations. Like Randy Hutchison said, we need to draw a line that this is far enough. Our number one priority was to draw a line in the sand and not take stuff away. Restricted archery. Former Hoyt Employee Randy Watt was on the committee. 3% of archers are long bow and traditional archers. Our motto on this committee was if we could make changes to increase opportunity while maintain quality, that is what we were looking at. By going to long bows reducing opportunity. Our recommendation was not to restrict. SFW recommended to go to no sliding sites, no electronic sites, five pin fixed site. Sent letter to RAC. No electronics on scopes. Felt like that was a line in the sand. Taking electronics off scopes with the exception of illuminated radical or red dot would eliminate future conflicts. Have to watch out for our resource.

Justin Prince-Emerging Technologies have no place in the business. Grateful the committee didn't regulate modern clothing. Don't want people telling me what I can wear in the field. Not take away the traditional use type things that keep us safe.

James Carlson- Trying to put the hunt back into hunting. Concerned with CWMU's hunting with a gun from Sept 1st through December. Talking about rules and regulations for the public, but we are not seeing a lot of this stuff transition over into the private. Putting things in the best interest for the general public and general hunters. Not seeing or hearing a lot of recommendations for the private property in the CWMU's.

Aaron Albiston-Restricting fixed pin sites. Ethical clean shots.

Dave Freiss- Ethics was a big discussion. Ethics for one person may be different for another. Division of hunters. Division is being careful. We need to draw a line in the sand.

Troy Justensen- We need to limit some of this technology. Hope to look more in depth of what the committee did and talked about.

04:12:09 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Don't like the position we are in. Wish we could table it. Process hasn't been perfect. A lot of public liked the restrictions. If a person voluntarily chooses not to change, they still have the opportunity to still hunt. Division created a process for technology to be discussed. Restricted Archery, Committee recommended to keep it the same as regular archery with no electronic sites. SFW recommendation was no sliders and fixed pins. Definition of restrictive weapon. Proposal is just for the restricted weapon types. Vote on what we were tasked with voting on. Like the restrictive things put in the proposal. Like to see the definition of the muzzleloader clarified. Public has had an opportunity to provide input. Division tried to do what we could with the time allotted. Need more time. Misunderstanding and miscommunication early on.

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Casey Snider and passed. For: 7 Against:3 Ryan Brown-We had the opportunity to make a decision and make a statement that we support the idea. We missed an opportunity. Mike Laughter-Missed an opportunity. We were charged with a task of defining what a restricted weapon was. Paul Chase- Agree.

MOTION: I move that we table this agenda item and encourage the Division to bring it back in April 2023 with more recommendations from the technology committee.

04:48:36 9) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations (Action)

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

Clarifications for Grass Valley CWMU. Make a vote whether that cwmu recommendation goes through to the board or whether you recommend something different. We had a few different split recommendations.

04:49:41 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Voting on variances. All-inclusive. Reduction of 1 permit. Renewals reviewed. CWMU operator from Grass Valley addressing the RAC. Grass Valley had a complaint from a public hunter. Renewals that came through, reviewed for public land.

Jeff Merkley- Has seven grandkids. Only one wants to hunt. Lost hunting grounds. People taking over property. Justin Oliver commented this topic was not the place to have this discussion. Asked to wait until after the meeting to talk after the meeting.

04:56:14 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

19 Responses. Strongly agree: 4 (21%), Somewhat agree: 5 (26%), Neither agree nor disagree: 4 (21%), Somewhat disagree: 2 (11%), Strongly disagree: 4 (21%). Weighted average 3.16.

Dave Freiss- CWMU Association- Agree with the Division's recommendations. Protect the public hunting rights on CWMU's.

Travis Crittenden- Grass Valley Clark Canyon CWMU- Some information was incorrect. Do an orientation for those who draw a tag. In no way do we ever restrict the public on the property. Public is going to be treated fairly. Gentleman felt he was restricted to a certain area on the ranch, which he was not. It was recommended there were other hunters there and that portion of the ranch we do not even hunt deer there. Discussion for the Advisory Committee went on to ask if he had been aware that Daniel Richins had been there the year previous for the same infraction. He Crittenden was not aware of that. The committee was given false information. A penalty was imposed.

Justin Oliver wanted to know what the RAC's responsibility was concerning this issue.

Mike Laughter- Travis is right, Daniel was there with a question and a concern about how to handle a certain situation. It was perceived by some on the committee that he had been there in reprimand the year before, when he hadn't which would have made it his second violation in 2 years and implemented a restricted reduction of one tag as a punishment to kind of send a message. I voted against it. It was a guest that filed the complaint not the actual hunter. Would like Daniel to comment on where some of these tags go. This isn't a tag that he generally sells.

Justin Oliver- The committee has vetted through it, all parties had an opportunity to share their side of the story. There was a decision made by the committee. What was the decision?

Mike Laughter- To reduce Richins by one tag.

Casey Snider- What is the recommendation? Vote to adopt the recommendation? What is the Division's recommendation?

Justin Oliver- Division admits their response.

Nikki Wayment- Why this isn't going back to the Advisory Committee if the information wasn't correct.

Daniel Richins- Wasn't at the committee meeting when it was brought up. Advisory Committee that he (Richins) was there for a violation. Observer that filed the complaint wished he hadn't said anything. Tag shouldn't have been taken away. They made a recommendation without the correct information. I was told to come here to plead my case.

05:13:33 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

CWMU landowner recommendations. Legitimate complaints. Grass Valley keeps the permits if RAC approves the recommendation.

The following motion was made by Ryan Brown and failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that we table this and let it get sorted out and then come back to the RAC's.

The following motion was made by Brad Buchanan, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed. For: 8 Against: 1 Abstain:1. Mike Laughter- On the CWMU Committee. Randy Hutchison -Follow the standards.

MOTION: I move that we approve CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations as presented.

05:19:14 Meeting adjourned. Motion to Adjourn: Made by Kevin McLeod.

Central Region RAC Meeting

Video Conference

November 10, 2022

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/hDn8Xca9MFU>

Thursday November 10, 2022 6:00 pm

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Brock McMillan, RAC chair | ACTION |
| 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. Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates
- Rusty Robinson, OIAL Species Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments
- Derrick Ewell, NER District Biologist | ACTION |
| 9. CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations
- Chad Wilson, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |

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

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Central Region RAC Meeting
November 10, 2022
Springville, Utah
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Mike).

MOTION: To approve to approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of August 30, 2022 RAC Meeting Minutes

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 9 in favor and 1 opposed (Mike).

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the August 30th Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62

The following motion was made by Ben Lowder, seconded by Danny Potts and failed 1 in favor and 9 opposed.

MOTION: To accept the general season portion of the recommendation with the exception of archery and leave it as it currently is (either sex).

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Braden Sheppard and failed 2 in favor and 8 opposed.

MOTION: Make the multiseason tags to exclude the 2nd, 7 day season of the rifle hunt.

The following motion was made by Josh Lenart, seconded by Danny Potts and passed 7 in favor and 3 opposed.

MOTION: Keep the Deep Creeks hunt status quo as a HAMS hunt for 1 year.

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Scott Jensen and failed 2 in favor, 7 opposed and 1 abstention.

MOTION: Accept the rest of the Division's recommendations as presented.

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Josh Lenart and passed 6 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

MOTION: Accept the remainder of the general season plan as presented.

The following motion was made by Braden Sheppard, seconded by Ben Lowder and passed 9 in favor and 1 abstention.

MOTION: Accept the remainder of the plan as presented.

- 4) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates

The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 9 in favor and 1 abstention.

MOTION: Accept the recommendation as presented

- 5) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Mike Christensen and passed 9 in favor and 1 abstention.

MOTION: Accept the recommendation as presented

- 6) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments

The following motion was made by Ben Lowder, seconded by Ken Strong and passed 6 in favor and 4 opposed.

MOTION: Accept the Division's recommendation on rifle and muzzleloader and the 10 items presented in the SFW letter.

The following motion was made by Josh Lenart, seconded by Scott Jensen and fails 2 in favor and 8 opposed.

MOTION: Remove with the exception of lighted pin and video equipment on a bow see page 2 of SFW letter

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Scott Jensen and passes 8 in favor and 2 opposed.

MOTION: Approve the Division's proposal for restricted archery (a second category to the restricted archery definition).

- 7) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations

The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Eric Reid and passed 8 in favor and 2 abstained.

MOTION: Accessible Public lands be removed from the interior of Ingham Peak CWMU

The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Ken Strong and passed 8 in favor and 2 abstained.

MOTION: Accept the balance of the recommendation as presented

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RAC Members

Attending

Brock McMillan – Chair
Braden Sheppard
Eric Reid
Josh Lenart
Ken Strong
Johnny Collins
Danny Potts
Scott Jensen
Ben Lowder
Amos Murphy
Mike Christensen

Excused

AJ Mower
Jim Shuler
Steve Lund

Wildlife Board

Gary Nielson
Randy Dearth - online

DWR Personnel

Jason Vernon
Matt Briggs
Scott Root
Derrick Ewell
Dax Mangus
Ashley Green
Rusty Robinson

Wade Paskett
Paul Gedge
Joe Lehr
Covy Jones
Sydney Lamb
Dominick Barratt
Chad Wilson

Total public: 67

Public invited to join online: <https://youtu.be/VhB1kde8Vug>

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Springville, Utah
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06:06:38	RAC Chair Brock McMillan called the meeting to order. Roll of RAC members present was taken and Chair indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. An explanation of the process the meeting will follow was given, there will be no live presentations and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:11:01	1) Approval of Agenda (Action) The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 9 to 1. (Mike) MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
06:11:01	2) Approval of Minutes (Action) The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 9 to 1. (Mike) MOTION: To approve the August 30th Central Region RAC minutes as transcribed.
06:11:50	3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational) RAC Chair Brock McMillan updated the RAC.
06:13:43	4) DWR Update (Informational) Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities.
06:32:47	5) Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62 (Action) A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html
06:33:28	RAC Questions RAC members asked for the reasoning behind spike elk hunts, what calf survival rates are, why Moroni Hills is recommended as an any bull unit, clarification on limited entry harvest timeframe, multi-season elk changes and fees, hunter's choice archery elk success rates, the possibility or a grievance process for hunters, why we hunt elk during the rut, what does shortening the limited entry rifle elk do, harvest success rates for limited entry elk, will more limited hunter selection change the age class harvested, reasoning behind permit allocation, are there concerns with technology limitations and permit sales with limits on permits, are youth general season any bull still unlimited, how many youth hunters purchased any bull, do recommendations address point creep, how permit numbers are set, crowding possibilities with mid-season hunt, and hunter satisfaction on mid-season hunts.

	<p>Public Questions</p> <p>The public asked questions about the Book Cliffs Roadless age class recommendation, why not allow multi-season elk hunters to hunt the December extended archery, and how do all the recommended changes affected permit numbers.</p>
<p>07:18:35</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Bryce Castegnetto – Grateful to be here and understand a lot of hard work has gone into this. I look forward to hearing what the reports are every year. I believe and am strongly in favor of what the Division has proposed. I am an opportunity guy myself and I have four sons who love to hunt. I also feel that strong sentiment that I don't know if they will ever have one of these desired tags that we all hope to have. I know they will not if we keep it where we are right now. I think opportunity is something we all look forward to. I also think a lot of us have forgotten what hunting really is as far as opportunity means just that, you don't have any guarantees. You have to work your butt off. Sometimes we get lucky. I think that opportunity that we will be given, it's not a perfect world. Our numbers as hunter are growing despite what everyone wants to say. The fact that point creep continues to get out of control every year. I do not believe hunter numbers are diminishing, especially in Utah. It is a wonderful state. There are lots of opportunities currently and I see the Division making a big push to develop more and more opportunities. As far as what we have on the table with technology that needs to be continued to look at. I don't think it has been perfected yet. We need to revisit that and really nail that down so before it goes to the next level it can be more accurate.</p> <p>Craig Bonham – I wanted to comment mainly on the West Desert, Deep Creeks and turning it into an any bull unit. I strongly oppose that. I have hunted out there since I was ten years old. I love that mountain. I think it is amazing. I know that mountain well. I have never seen a DWR officer there and I probably spend 40 to 60 days out there. I feel like I know it really well and turning it into a general unit could be pretty rough. It has been stated there are about 200 elk right now we can hunt. I think that is fairly accurate and that is not a lot of elk. If we are looking at 25 bulls per 100 cows that is 50 bulls to hunt. They can go into Nevada or the reservation really easy. I don't think it is something that is actually well thought out. I also know almost every canyon in the unit and there are not that many places for guys to go hunt without it being overcrowded. A couple other things, it is a rough place. I have gotten more flat tires and spent more money on tire repair there than anywhere. That being said there are people out there who are putting rebar and things in the road so people will get flat tires. It's kind of a lawless place and putting more people out there you are going to see more of that kind of stuff going on. The meatloaf and hamburger analogy, I like hamburgers more than meatloaf too, but if you turn that into a general unit you are pretty much burning down the restaurant. I am a little different than the guy that got up first, I take my kids out hunting all the time, they don't have to kill or have a gun in there hand to have a great time. I know point creep is happening, I get it, but the West Desert Deep Creek as a general unit could turn into a fiasco and I strongly oppose it.</p> <p>Paul Tsosie – Representing the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation – One thing that I am looking at here, I have been practicing law for about 20 years and I've</p>

represented the Goshutes almost that entire time. During this time we need to protect our federally reserved treaty rights under the United States Constitution. Because these lands were set aside out there on the Goshute reservation, they were set aside for the exclusive use and benefit of the tribal members. That includes wildlife. To get to this point for these recommendations to be sent out I do understand the Goshutes do have a seat here on the RAC, I appreciate that, we worked hard and lobbied hard to get that done. However, if you look at the nation to nation relationship that the Goshutes have with the State of Utah, in 2014 the governor passed an executive order, in that executive order it required consultation by every single executive entity with tribal governments when making substantial decisions that will have tribal implications and it must be done at the highest level possible with the right decision makers and it must be done at the earliest point possible. I am encouraging the DNR, all entities with the State of Utah, to really consider the impacts of your decision upon the Goshute tribe. If we are talking about issuing 15,000 permits, if we are talking about adding the Deep Creek unit to the any bull units, restructuring the age objectives, if we are looking at all those different things, you really need to consider the impact on the Goshute tribe and their federally reserved treaty rights. Throughout these recommendations it says that these are for recreational purposes. Recreational purposes are at a much lower level than federally reserved treaty rights. We all say here in Utah that the United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land, that it is the greatest governing document in the world. If that is true then we have to honor that and we do that by honoring the treaty clause of the United States Constitution. Great nations like great men keep their word. On behalf of the Confederate Tribes of the reservation, these recommendations need to be run by the Confederate Tribes of the Goshute reservation in person at the highest level possible way before they are ever implemented. Thank you.

Kyle Turpin – We run a farm on the west hills (Moroni Hills). All that is private ground, the elk are hitting our ground. We are a small farm, we run about 400 acres of dairy hay. The west hills is dry ground. The elk are hitting the farms. You want to open it up to the public to come hunt the bulls because all we have are bulls, no cows. All we are saying is help the farmer and ranchers out and give them an opportunity to go after the bulls and not the public. We are the ones that have to deal with them all the time. We had one bull come around a barn the length of this room, they are not scared of us, they are odd group of bulls. Quite telling the farmer to go pound sand and give them a chance if you are just going to hand out tags to all these people and have them go through our fields and damaging and cutting down fences and raising helk. That's all.

Wade Garrett – Farm Bureau Representative – also a member of elk committee. I got to listen to Brock's riveting data so you should all be jealous of me. We worked really hard on this plan. One of the reasons we did put that in the any bull is we understand there is private property so you will be able to go buy a tag and go shoot one of those bulls on your private property because it is an any bull unit. That is part of it. There is depredation, Ag does understand that they need to be shot and pushed around to help solve some of those depredation issues. There are several tools that I appreciate the group putting in here for ag. They are important tools. I know it was give and take but I appreciate those on the committee listening to those concerns and hopefully we can work through that and I do support the plan as written. I do appreciate all those who put all the hours into that.

Kevin Norman – Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife – A little background on how our organization works to come up with our recommendations. We have a fulfillment

committee that is compiled of our chapter chairs from every corner of the state, 17 of them. We come together and have a meeting similar to this where it is a lot of learning, a lot of questions. We are lucky to have Brock and Randy and many of the Division employees that are here and we were able to learn a lot about the why of this new plan. After lengthy discussion and many of these same questions, the consensus was that there was a lot of time an effort into this plan and we didn't want to monkey with it much. It is a good product, it is outside of the box. Everyone realizes that there are maybe things that they didn't love about it, there is give and take. At the end of the day we support the plan as presented with one exception. On the archery general season hunt going to the two tags, bull and cow tags, we would prefer it stay how it is and you can harvest either sex with the archery bull tag. We want to thank the committee for their hard work and the Division for all the time they put in. We are pleased with this plan.

Brian Hullinger – I want to thank the committee for all the hard work they put into this. My sentiments were in line with what SFW had to say. I think the plan is great pretty much all across the board. There is some give and take. The archery bull only portion I feel strongly needs to stay as is and being able to harvest either sex instead of buying a separate cow tag. I think it takes a lot of pressure of other general season hunts if you only buy one tag.

Ridley Giggs – I think one comment is sales days are going to be a mess with the caps that have been set on multi-season tags. Nobody likes it, but for multi-season at least my sentiment is put it on a draw, don't shoot me on the way out please. I think it would make sense multi-season limited entry hunters hunt the December archery season. When I read it it struck me as a weird exception. Maybe reminiscing of an old rule that allowed a sportsman permit to hunt the Nebo but only every other year. It just caused trouble down the line. I think that could happen here too and I think 95% of your multi-season hunters would be done by then anyway. It is a once-in-a-lifetime tag, let them hunt if they haven't harvested by then. I really personally love the idea of bull only archery general season tags with separate cow tags. It is taking a long time to draw other types of cows tags so it makes sense to have people choose what they want to do an use their point on it. I strongly support the changes to age objectives. I think that is the best way to make the most difference. I also don't love how the archery season was moved four days later. We talk about increasing the challenge and things like that and then on the archery side we make a change that is probably going to help success rates. It doesn't seem to jive with a lot of the compromises that everyone is trying to make. Thanks for your consideration.

Craig Bonham Sr. – First off I'd like to ask what does this bull score? That is a beautiful animal. I am here because a long time ago a good friend of mine turned me on to the Deep Creek mountains. I have taken my sons and friends out there ever since, before 1980 we have gone there to hunt and it has been a wonderful thing. The first time we went out there we hunted three days and I saw over 50 bucks. It was unbelievable. I can go out there now hunting elk a I can hunt for ten days and I'll be lucky if I see six or eight deer. Why are we having a deer hunt out there? To make people happy so they can get a permit and go out there and run their four-wheelers and collect pine nuts and look at the wild horses that are increasing every year? I knew Tom Becker, before he retired we had a lot of conversation. I even went to the Juab county recorder and I made copies of all the properties on the Deep Creeks and I took those and put them on a topo map so I knew when I was out there I knew where I was going. When Tom retired his replacement called me up and asked me to take a day with him to show him the Deep

Creeks. I said I'd love to, just give me a days notice. I never heard from him. I get the feeling, like my son said, we have hunted out there for 30 to 40 years and I have never seen a game warden out there. I know that the Henriods knew Tom and some of the people in Pleasant Valley but I get the feeling like, I am a general contractor and I can't build a house from my office. I've got to be on the job and see what is going on. Another thing, the Goshute reservation planted the elk out there. I don't think there would be elk out there if they hadn't done that. We ought to be listening to them. Those property lines go in and out and if you open it to general season hunters it is going to be a mess. They are going to have so many conflicts. If it's not broken, don't fix it.

Darrell Spencer – Comment has already been addressed, will comment on later agenda item.

Perry Hall – Back Country Hunters and Anglers – I had the privilege of sitting on the committee with a lot of people in this room and I first wanted to say thank you for your time as well as saying a heartfelt thank you to everyone at the Division who put in a lot of time and effort and passion into this plan. I think the general population of Utah would have a lot different things to say if they had the ability to sit in on most of those meeting and they are public, so next time a plan is up please come to the meetings, see the passion these people have for the wildlife. That being said, Back Country Hunters and Anglers support the plan in full as written. Thank you.

Cameron Parry – I would like to state what Kyle Turpin said. I oppose the Moroni Hills proposal. The majority of it is private. The public land is at the top of it with limited access. You are going to split it up into three hunts where the youth can start early. They will scatter them around and pursue them. I disagree with the comment that you can buy a tag and go after them. By the time they get there they will be off our land. They come back to our land after everybody has shot at them. They cross the highway to the east side on the Manti unit where you can't shoot them. Then they come back during the winter like right now. Same thing with my neighbor down the road from me. He has bulls out on his fields all year long like we do. I agree with him to work with the landowners. Part of that is in my opinion is you have large landowners or people who have locked up huge tracts of that unit like their own WMU basically and now they will be the ones who benefit from the any bull unit, not the rest of the public because the public can't access that. If they do most of them are trespassing or cutting gates to get in there. I don't think making it an any bull unit is going to help anything. I'm one of the ones that is effected by the bulls coming down. I'd like to see something besides making it an any bull unit. I don't know exactly what, but to work with the landowners. We don't have enough ground between the two of us to qualify for the big bull tags the way it is now. Because we are small landowners we are the ones who are going to be suffering and especially now when they open it up to the public. Everyone and their dog goes out there and trespasses. As soon as the shooting start they are going to go to the big block owners who have big areas tied up or head across the highway to where they are safe for a little while and then they will come back. I disagree with the way it is, especially to split it up into three seasons. They will push them all over for three seasons and there will be people all over. Thank you very much.

Kent Johnson – I was a member of the committee. I had the opportunity and the honor of serving on the committee. I kind of wish everyone could have been there and seen the data and everything we looked at. As Dax said, we had eight meetings from April to August. The shortest meeting was four hours and the longest one was seven. We looked

at data at nauseam but a lot of it was really good stuff. I enjoyed a lot of it. We learned things. Dax mentioned that the average age of bull comes up to 320 and they hit their peak at five and a half to six years old. They are 96% of the growth they are going to be. This data wasn't something somebody pulled out of the air. Brock can probably remember the number of years they used to collect the data. I remember 11 western states, 18,000 bulls is what they collected the data from in a lab to learn this. This is some of the stuff we learned. We learned about elk mortality rates, what is known. Some of the discussions may have been heated but I don't think they were that bad and out of this we came with the best possible product I think we could. There was a lot of thought, a lot of effort that went into this. Did we all get what we wanted, did we get the things we asked for and some of the dreams we may have had walking in? Absolutely not. Some of us, myself included, had to learn to pull in our horns on some of the things I wanted to do when I learned more about what was going on and seen more data. I think this is a good product. I am proud of the work we did and am grateful to be able to serve on that committee and I support the plan as presented.

Kevin Adamson – Thank you. I am the President of the Utah Archery Association and I too was a member of the elk committee. My comments tonight are not only directed at the RAC members, but also the general public who may be listening and those who are in attendance this evening. Before participating on this committee I too would sit back and read the forums and read the comments from people who say all they need to do is do this one thing and they'd fix it. Why don't they just do this one thing and they'd solve the problem. Today, having sat through the many hours of meetings and listening to the unbelievable data that the state had and working with as many knowledgeable people that participated on the committee I learned it's not as easy as just fix one thing. This is a comprehensive detailed plan that took hours to put together. The committee came together as sportsman with a common goal. That common goal was, as Dax stated earlier, maintain quality while creating opportunity. Utah Archery Association support the Division's elk plan with one exception. Utah Archery Association recommends that the general season archery elk tag remain as an either sex tag. Thank you.

Matt Farnsworth – Thank you. Representing myself. I am a very analytical person when it comes to a lot of the proposals. I have sat on several boards and working groups. I have worked with many of you on those. The first time I read through this plan I came out of my office screaming and yelling and stomping my feet. How'd you get a group of idiots together that came up with this? And about 15 times later reading it I realized there is some really really good stuff in there. For the first time in a long time I've been excited about the future. And nothing in particular but the plan as a whole and some of the opportunities it will create down the road. With the elk points I'm sitting on, I can buy a cow tag and kill two elk on the bow hunt, it is exciting stuff. I fully support the plan as presented. Thank you guys for all your work on the committee and I apologize for my thoughts and some of my opinions up front. You might not have been as dumb as I thought you were. Thank you.

Troy Justesen – Representing myself and as a member of the elk committee. I was thinking as I heard this last comment, I was dreading this round of RACs just for the simple fact of the shakeup we did through this elk committee. I really thought that through this process we would have a different response. It does my heart good for those of you who know me know I've spent 30 years as a guide and outfitter in the state and success was dictated by steel tape and social media. I like the scene of putting the hunt back into hunting. I'm sitting on 25 deer points. I made the choice that I am going to

	<p>draw the biggest badest best unit in the state. I freakin screwed up. If I could go back I would trade those 25 points for more opportunity with my family, my kids, to go out and experience hunting and see what happens. Too many times we get hooked on entitlement. I heard on one of the forums that people wait 20, 25 years, they should be entitled to a 375 inch bull. Absoltuly ridiculous. Quite honestly if you took all the people in this state who had over 20 some odd points I don't think we have that many 370 inch bulls in the state and quite honestly, what is the difference between a 340 and 380 bull? About that much per tine. This does my heart good. One thing I said when I sat on this committee was my whole goal was to maximize opportunity while maintaining quality. We still have room to grow. We need to get back out into the hills and get our kids hunting again. We all need to get out hunting again. I've heard some comments saying that even if you don't have a tag you can still get out. It's different. I'm waiting five years to draw a general tag on the boulder. I still go, but it is different when you have a tag in your pocket. I haven't killed a deer in 20 years but it's different when you have a tag and you have the potential. I support what the committee came up with 100%. I want to thank all the other committee members. I want to thank Brock and Randy. They have changed the way we manage wildlife in this state. I want to thank our partners, the Division of Wildlife Resources. Thank you.</p>
<p>07:54:08</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>RAC members expressed their gratitude to the committee for their time and effort. Members agreed to address general season elk first. RAC members discussed public comments received regarding general elk tags; opposition to making general tags unlimited, keeping general elk either sex, get rid of multi-season tags, do not have two seven day hunts, and other comments did not have a significant number of comments. Some members agreed with youth hunting opportunities in elk plan. Some in favor of second season for general elk because it create the ability to offer unlimited tags and provide opportunity, opposed to a cap on those permits. Not strong support for offering bull and cow tag for general archery elk, do not agree with taking cow points for purchasing that permit. Support for more general season elk hunting opportunity and increased any bull areas. Concerns about lack of support and feedback from Goshute tribe for any bull Deep Creek unit. Discussed the number of comments received regarding Moroni Hills general any bull elk proposal and private land issues. Some discussion in favor of general multi-season hunters only be able to hunt the first rifle season. Comments for and against offering separate bull and cow tag for archery elk hunt. Goshute tribe expressed interest in being involved in plans. Discussion about general any bull elk hunts providing more tools to address impacts from elk on private lands.</p>
<p>08:22:30</p>	<p>Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTIONS</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ben Lowder, seconded by Danny Potts and failed 1 in favor and 9 opposed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To accept the general season portion of the recommendation with the exception of archery and leave it as it currently is (either sex).</p>

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<p>08:54:08</p>	<p>6) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates</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>
<p>08:57:02</p>	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked questions about the success rate of the archery only goat hunt, bison numbers on the Book Cliffs, and the possibility of an archery only portion of the any weapon hunt.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>
<p>09:02:14</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p>

	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Troy Justesen – Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife – We do support the recommendation. We are excited about the Minerals and do appreciate the Division bumping that back one year to increase another year of growth on these rams and provide a more quality opportunity. Speaking of the archery OIAL hunts, I am a huge proponent of this. We have failed the system. We know why these were designed but in order to make them achieve what they were designed to do we have to choose first the right unit, limit the time and then they become unsuccessful. Case in point with the HAMS hunts. We bring in the HAMS idea and make it a 45 day season. I think they can achieve what they are supposed to but we have to pick the right unit and put it in the right circumstances and limit them. Thank you.</p>
09:05:07	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members discussed past success on the archery only goat hunts in the Uintas and the recommendation to move those archery only hunts both in location and time frame, and also the lack of difference in success on the archery only hunts.</p>
09:09:45	<p>2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Scott Jensen and passed 9 in favor and 1 abstention.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Accept the recommendation as presented</p>
09:10:12	<p>7) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates</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>
09:10:40	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked questions about the length of HAMS hunts.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>
09:11:23	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>None</p>
09:13:09	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>None</p>
09:13:20	<p>2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Mike Christensen and passed 9 in favor and 1 abstention.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Accept the recommendation as presented</p>
<p>09:13:45</p>	<p>8) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments</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>
<p>09:16:08</p>	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked questions about the committee discussion regarding muzzleloaders requiring the bullet to be the size of the bore and not allowing sabots, clarification about the recommendations being for future hunts. The RAC also asked for explanation regarding whether the SFW recommendations were discussed in the committee. The RAC questioned why the Division’s archery equipment recommendation differs from the committee recommendation and why the committee was not given the opportunity to write the definition. RAC members asked for an explanation of the future of the technology committee, why the recommendations are only for restricted weapon types, why make the restrictions if there is no applicable hunt, and will the restricted weapons (if passed) take the place of the HAMS hunts.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>
<p>09:25:47</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>Darrell Spencer – If you restrict anything, you have to restrict everything. Archery, rifle, etc. No loop holes like the trail cameras for cattlemen.</p> <p>Matt Farnsworth – I appreciate the committee and some of the definitions they put forth here. I recognize this is setting the ground work for future opportunities and am excited about some of those. What is not to like about a December elk hunt above 10,000 feet with a recurve. That is exciting, something new and fun to look forward to. I support the recommendations. Thank you.</p> <p>Kevin Adamson – Utah Archery Association – We had representation on this committee from our organization, in my opinion, one of the most knowledgeable people for archery equipment in the state of Utah. This person has served as the president for Hoyt archery for the last 20 years. Utah Archery strongly opposes the recommendations from the DWR. It makes no sense. I hate the fact that as the president of an organization I can’t just stand up here and say we don’t want it. I hate the fact that then I have to make another proposal. If that has to be done, Utah Archery Association recommends that we leave it as is with compound bows included. Referencing rule R657-5-11 where it talks about the minimum draw pull is 30 pounds at draw or peak whichever comes first. By</p>

leaving that in there you do not exclude compound bows. If you want to restrict archery, if you do, then set something similar to what has been talked about with a maximum of five fixed pins on a non-sliding sight and no electronic range finding sights. Thank you.

Kevin Norman – Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife – I was privileged to sit in on this committee and it was a neat experience for me. I want to make some clarification on the recommendation from the Division on the restricted archery. Kind of like the elk committee, our priority was also to increase opportunity while maintaining quality. The reason why we didn't recommend the long bow or recurve recommendation. Like Kevin said, Randy Walk was on the committee. He is super knowledgeable and he had the statistics that three percent of archers use traditional, or long bows. We felt that was counterproductive to what we were trying to accomplish and would exclude a whole bunch of people from that. The committee's recommendation was no electronic sights and beyond that everything was good. SFW's recommendation takes it a step farther like Kevin mentioned. Five pins, no slider, no electronic sights for the restricted weapon type. I would like to say in that committee I think the main sentiment there was to draw a line in the sand, we have gone far enough, we have enough technology in our weapons now that we need to curb that and draw a line in the sand. We've got to protect the resource and it's a lot harder to take something away from somebody than it is to fix it now. That was our main priority so we didn't have to deal with everything that came up from here to eternity. I think the committee did an awesome job at that. You have our letter with our recommendations of things that were left out for whatever reason on this round of RACs that SFW is in support of and wanted to bring in front of you. I know it's kind of messy but we felt they are important and it is an urgent matter. The longer this goes on the harder it is to fight the fight. You are then taking things away from people and that is a whole other battle that we want to get out ahead of. The committee did an awesome job. It was a very diverse committee. When I first sat down I thought how are we ever going to get anything done. Every one of these recommendations had nearly 100% support from the committee. I don't know where we go from here but wanted to get those in front of you and know we support those. Thank you for your time.

Travis Lundskog – I am an average everyday hunter. I've never been to a RAC meeting until this one. This RAC meeting got me so excited to come, all these changes I think are really exciting and I'm glad we are having these discussions. Specifically on this topic. I think we are scratching the surface of a gold mine talking about traditional archery being introduced as a specific part of our management plan. I think it is a great way to expand opportunity and it can be done in a way that doesn't reduce or diminish opportunity from anyone else in the other categories of hunting including compound bow hunting. That could be left as is. Traditional archery can be added to it. Going along the lines of putting the hunt back in hunting, getting back to our roots, putting focus back on things like skills and knowledge instead of buying better gear and getting better technology and drawing better tags in order to have success. Putting the focus back on learning the knowledge and skills and having that be an integral part of our management plan. I see traditional archery as a huge powerful tool and could get us moving in that direction. I know right now it would be a very small category but when the opportunity is opened I think people would pursue that opportunity. I think I should say I'm not a traditional archery guy. The vast majority of the hunting I do is with a rifle, muzzleloader, or compound bow, mostly a compound bow because that is where the opportunity is. If there was new opportunities for traditional archery with incentives

	<p>that came along with it I would follow that opportunity and I think a lot of people would as well. I think a lot of hunters are actually seeking to get back to that looking for more challenging ways to develop hunting skills and knowledge and this would provide opportunity. Not draw in new hunters but existing experienced hunters into a more challenging opportunity. I like that these discussions are happening and this is something to look at closely. Thank you.</p> <p>Troy Justesen – I was an alternate on this committee. As Kevin pointed out and what excited my was the motto or mission of this committee which was the same as the elk committee, to maximize opportunity and maintain quality. Our biggest threat to quality is technology. Guys are not getting best of the west muzzleloaders and single shot rifles to go kill a two point. I’m not worried about success. What I’m worried about is the pressure that is put on the top end. I love to see new guys get involved in the RAC. I’ve been attending these things for about 30 years. The thing that drives me the most crazy is when I hear people say there is no quality left, we need to cut tags. If we don’t, at some point, draw a line in the sand, and say enough is enough, it’s going to rob us of the opportunity to have quality. I am not worried about success. I don’t think we are going to kill the last deer or the last elk on the mountain but we put so much pressure on that top end and then that trickles down. We try to manage by science in here but a lot in the Division will admit it as well, a lot of these recommendations are made based upon social issues and what the public wants. As that top end goes, the natural thing is to cut tags. I don’t want to cut tags, I’m sick of cutting tags. I want to get back out and hunt. I don’t support the Division’s recommendation. One of the things we looked at with these restricted weapon types was trying to create a weapon that was 150 yard max. I believe for compound bows for the most part the max is 60 yards and that is what our goal was is try to limit that where you have to get close. It is hunting again. I would encourage this RAC to look at the original proposals and what the committee brought forth. A lot of them are listed on the recommendations from SFW. I hope in the future the time and effort that is put in by these committees everything that was recommended would be brought forth by the Division. Thank you.</p>
<p>09:41:09</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members discussed hunting with traditional weapons, the difference between the Division’s recommendation for restricted archery and what the committee discussed, and expressed their frustration that the committee did not get to write the definition of restricted archery. Some members supported SFW’s definition of restricted archery if there needs to be a restricted archery definition. A desire for the technology committee to continue to evaluate technology changes in the future was discussed. RAC members also discussed the possibility of traditional (longbows) increasing in the future. Support was expressed for SFW recommendations, reviewed SFW recommendations. Other recommendations included adding another archery category, traditional archery and restricted to five pins, no slide.</p>
<p>09:58:18</p>	<p>Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTIONS</p> <p>The following motion was made by Ben Lowder, seconded by Ken Strong and passed 6 in favor and 4 opposed.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Accept the Division’s recommendation on rifle and muzzleloader and the 10 items presented in the SFW letter.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Josh Lenart, seconded by Scott Jensen and fails 2 in favor and 8 opposed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Remove with the exception of lighted pin and video equipment on a bow see page 2 of SFW letter</p> <p>The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Scott Jensen and passes 8 in favor and 2 opposed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Approve the Division’s proposal for restricted archery (a second category to the restricted archery definition).</p>
10:10:30	<p>9) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations</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>
10:10:57	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>RAC members asked questions about one CWMU not being recommended for renewal (Lazy H), why no reduction in tags due to reduction in acreage on Grass Valley, whether or not the new CWMU Red Iron in Juab county includes any public land, are CWMUs obtaining special use permits when they include public land in their CWMU, antlerless harvest on CWMUs, public land included in Ingham Peak, how are public made aware of trade lands, which other CWMUs include public land, why are CWMUs granted so many variances, and asked for more information regarding additional deer and elk permits being requested by Diamond Mountain.</p> <p>Public Questions</p> <p>None</p>
10:50:01	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <p>None</p>
10:51:03	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>RAC members discussed the Northern Region RAC recommendation regarding a CWMU Advisory Committee ruling, RAC member opposed to that action. Other discussion included equity when including public lands in CWMUs and lack of public access for cow hunts with a 90/10 split.</p>
10:59:11	<p>CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTIONS</p> <p>The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Eric Reid and passed 8 in favor and 2 abstained (abstentions due to conflict of interest).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Accessible Public lands be removed from the interior of Ingham Peak CWMU</p> <p>The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Ken Strong and passed 8 in favor and 2 abstained (abstentions due to conflict of interest).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: Accept the balance of the recommendation as presented</p>
11:10:03	Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions
November 15, 2022**

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

The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Dan Fletcher.
Passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda and minutes as presented.

- 2) Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62 **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Gene Boardman, seconded by Craig Laub.
Failed 3 to 4. (Opposed: Chad Utley, Chuck Chamberlain, Dan Fletcher, Bart Battista)

MOTION: I move that we leave the early rifle hunt as it currently stands in terms of the number of days and the permit splits and to eliminate the new mid-season hunts.

The following motion was made by Craig Laub, seconded by Dan Fletcher .
Passed 4 to 3 (Opposed: Chad Utley, Chuck Chamberlain, Bart Battista)

MOTION: I move that we remove the Paunsaugunt from becoming an Any Bull Elk hunt and keep it as a Limited Entry Elk unit

The following motion was made by Craig Laub, seconded by Verland King.
Passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we leave the General Season Archery Elk permits as an either sex permit

The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Chad Utley.
Passed 5 to 2. (Opposed: Gene Boardman, Bart Battista)

MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.

- 3) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Chad Utley, seconded by Dan Fletcher.
Passed unanimously.

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

- 4) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Bart Battista.
Passed 6 to 1 (Opposed: Gene Boardman)

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

- 5) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments (Action)

The following motion was made by Chad Utley, seconded by Bart Battista.
Passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations as presented with the addition of SFW recommendations 2 through 10.

- 6) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations as presented with the addition of adding elk to the Sweetwater CWMU.



File Code: 2600

Date: November 14, 2022

Dear Brayden Richmond, Chair, Southern Region RAC:

The Dixie and Fishlake National Forests (Forests) applaud the efforts of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and the Elk Planning Committee to update the statewide elk management plan, and to manage other big game populations within the state. Several observations are described below, and we would be happy to discuss further if needed to provide additional clarity.

In recent years, we have seen significant increases in recreation on the Forest, including large increases in hunter-associated recreation in the fall. While we welcome responsible use of National Forests, we have noted increases in resource damage to roads, at dispersed camping sites, and at trailheads. In addition, we continue to see irresponsible OHV use and growing amounts of litter. We are concerned that the additional hunting opportunities in the new plan may exacerbate these issues, as well as over-crowding and increased hunter conflicts. We request the DWRs continued support for language in regulations and management plans that stress the responsible use of National Forest System Lands by hunters and other users.

We also see a potential for unintended impacts to wildlife populations from prolonged and concurrent hunts that pursue elk in some units from August to January. This hunting pressure may inadvertently displace and stress wintering deer populations; many of which are under herd objective across both Forests.

We appreciate our collaboration with DWR on the many successful habitat improvement projects implemented through WRI and other initiatives since the last draft elk plan. We hope to continue these efforts in the future. We note that there are recommendations in the habitat objectives and strategies of the elk management plan that may run counter to Forest plans and authorities. For example, restricting disturbance in elk habitats between December 1 to April 15, replacing each acre of disturbance with 4 acres of improved or conserved habitat, and keeping roads in elk habitats to 2 miles or less for every square mile of habitat may not be feasible in all management areas of the Forest.

Finally, after review of preliminary data regarding potential impacts of mountain goats on sensitive plant species, we suggest maintaining Unit 22 Beaver Rocky Mountain goat herd at the 175 individuals mentioned in the current plan. We welcome discussions regarding strategies to protect these rare and sensitive plants and reduce goat use on Mt Holly. We appreciate DWR sponsoring this research and look forward to additional information and collaboration.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL ELSON
Forest Supervisor, Fishlake National Forest

KEVIN WRIGHT
Forest Supervisor, Dixie National Forest



Paper

**Southeast Region RAC Meeting
Hybrid Conference
November 16, 2022**

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

RAC AGENDA – November 2022



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| 1. | Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair | |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair | ACTION |
| 3. | Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. | Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. | Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. | 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates
- Rusty Robinson, OIAL Species Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. | 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates
- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. | Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments
- Sergeant Gabe Patterson, Technologies Committee co-chair | ACTION |
| 9. | CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations
- Chad Wilson, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |

Meeting Locations

NR RAC – Nov. 9th 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/78W9w-emaw>

SER RAC – Nov. 16th 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/yoXBCh3FYBw>

CR RAC – Thursday Nov. 10th 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resource Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/VhB1kde8Vug>

NER RAC – Nov. 17th 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtu.be/l-GYFNZalFM>

SR RAC – Nov. 15th 6:00 PM
Southern Utah University,
Hunter Conf. Center, Charles R Hunter Room
<https://youtu.be/8VjmK9Pi8xE>

Board Meeting – December 1st 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington Bay
https://youtu.be/UV9iGmJv_VQ

SER RAC Meeting
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Southeast Region RAC Meeting
November 16, 2022
Attendance

RAC Members Attending

Kent Johnson
Dana Truman
Eric Luke
Daren Olsen
Scot Flannery
Steve Duke
Sunshine Brosi
Kirk Player
Joe Sacco
Charles Fischer
Brad Richman

Hybrid Conference
November 16, 2022
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented.**

2. Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: To add four extra days on the back end of the general archery season on spike units.**

The following motion was made and failed 4/6.

- **MOTION: To have a 3-to-6-year review of the elk plan.**

The following motion was made and passed 7/3.

- **MOTION: To leave general season archery hunt as is, where you can harvest either sex, on all units.**

The following motion was made and failed 8/2.

- **MOTION: To restrict multi season elk permit holders, on any bull units, from hunting the 2nd any legal weapon season.**

The following motion was made and passed 9/1.

- **MOTION: To implement an antler restriction (4 points or more on 1 antler OR must have a brow tine at least 5 inches long) on the second unlimited any legal elk season.**

The following motion was made and passed 6/4.

- **MOTION: To accept the remainder of the general season recommendations portion of the new elk plan.**

The following motion was made and passed 8/2.

- **MOTION: To make tooth return mandatory on all limited entry hunts.**

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: To accept the remainder of the plan.**

3. 2023-24 Once-in-a-lifetime Season Dates.

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: to accept the recommendations as presented by the DWR.**

4. 2023-24 Big Game Season Dates and Key Dates

The following motion was made and passed 9-1.

- **MOTION: To add 4 days to the back end of the general season archery hunt on spike units.**

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: to accept the remainder of recommendations as presented.**

5. Emerging Technologies — Restricted Weapons Definition Amendment

The following motion was made and passed 7/3.

- **MOTION: To accept the SFW definition for primitive archery equipment.**

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: Accept the following requirements for handguns and shotguns-**
 - **Handguns- iron sights only, barrel length not to exceed 12 inches, straight walled cartridges originally designed for a handgun, minimum 35 caliber,**
 - **Shotguns- Add smooth bore barrel, add plug or brake barrel actions. No more than 3 bullets.**

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: To accept DWR's definition of restricted rifle and restricted muzzleloaders.**

The following motion was made and passed 8/2.

- **MOTION: To prohibit electronics on scopes and prohibit any electronic device that provides lat/long or drops a pin on the animal's location.**

The following motion was made and passed unanimously.

- **MOTION: To accept the remainder of the recommendations as presented.**

6. CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations

The following motion was made and passed unanimously (one absentee).

- **MOTION: To accept the recommendations as presented.**

6:30 pm —RAC Meeting Begins

6:42 ACTION ITEM 1: STATEWIDE ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RULES R657-5, R657-62

- **Public Questions / Comment:**
 - Did the elk committee consider how CWMUs could help with point creep issues?
 - Trish Hedin- diverse committee. Used best science available. Wanted to increase opportunities.
 - Cash Stallings- wants CWMUs to contribute more to the opportunities.
 - SFW- supports. Wants to see any sex archery tag stay the same
 - Troy Justesen- tired of status quo. People are ready for change. Maintain quality and increase opportunities. Supports kids being guaranteed and elk permit. Supports recommendation.

- **RAC Questions / Comments:**
 - Why remove antlerless elk hunt flexibility? Question about the need to purchase both a cow and bull permit and not have one permit that covers either sex. Are archery elk permits OTC? Does it burn points?
 - Can the plan be reviewed sooner than what is proposed in the plan
 - Please go over the archery dates
 - Paunsaugunt unit being changed from limited entry to general season? Can you not have or postpone the general season elk hunt on the Paunsaugunt so that the archery hunt doesn't overlap?
 - Will unlimited any bull tags effect elk populations?
 - Would a point restriction be beneficial in the any bull units?
 - Have we reached out to Colorado to see how they like the point restriction program.
 - Private land vouchers/tags- lose points if you buy them. Private landowners can have an elk tag every year. Public hunter waits 3-4+ years to draw a tag. Is it fair that to the public hunter?
 - December archery hunt- any consideration in making it HAMS?
 - What % of the committee members were archery hunters?
 - If restricted weapons proposal passes, the HAMS will change to the weapons defined in the new proposal? What is the current HAMS success rate?
 - Can you eliminate nonresidents? What percent of the unlimited, spike, and bull permits were bought by non-residents?
 - Age class on bulls- all units put into two age classes-
 - How locked in are you on the December archery hunt?
 - General season discussion-
 - Paunsaugunt- worried about the archery deer season overlap. Deer hunters will be affected by people scouting. Suggests an OTC HAMS hunt later in the year.
 - What we pass is contingent upon weapon restriction motions.
 - Concern with 10-year plan. Proposes a 3 year and 6-year review.
 - Getting rid of hunters' choice for the archers doesn't make sense
 - The point restriction is working in Colorado. We should consider it here in Utah.
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- **Motions:**
 - To add 4 extra days on the back end of the general archery season on spike units. Passes unanimously.
 - To have a 3- and 6-year review of the elk plan. Motion fails 4-6
 - To leave general season archery hunt as is, where you can harvest either sex, on all units. Motion passes 7-3
 - To restrict multi season elk permit holders, on any bull units, from hunting the 2nd any legal weapon season. Motion fails 8-2
 - To implement an antler restriction (4 points or more on 1 antler OR must have a brow tine at least 5 inches long) on the second unlimited any legal elk season. Passes 9-1
 - To accept the remainder of the general season recommendations portion of the new elk plan. Passes 6-4
 - Make tooth return mandatory on all limited entry hunts. Passes 8-2
 - To accept the remainder of the elk plan. Passes unanimously

9:38—ACTION ITEM 2: 2023-24 ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HUNT SEASON DATES

- Public Questions / Comment:
 - No questions
- RAC Questions / Comments:
 - No questions or comments
- Motions:
 - To accept the dates as presented by DWR Passes unanimously

9:38—ACTION ITEM 3: 2023-24 BIG GAME HUNTING SEASONS AND KEY DATES

- Public Questions / Comment:
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- RAC Questions / Comments:
 - Like to add a weekend to the 5 day LE hunt
 - Some support for the 5 day LE hunt
- Motions:
 - To add 4 days to the back end of the general season archery hunt on spike units.
Passes 9-1
 - Accept the remainder of the season and dates as presented. Passes unanimously.
- Notes:

9:55—ACTION ITEM 4: EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES – RESTRICTED WEAPON DEFINITION AMENDMENTS

- Public Questions / Comment:
 - Clarification on restricted archery. Committee recommended no electronic sights?
 - Government shouldn't decide what is ethical hunting
 - All weapon should be considered, not just muzzleloaders
 - Technology committee did a great job. SFW supports recommendations. One tweak-
 - Technology restrictions help top quality.
- RAC Questions / Comments:
 - Any recommendations on handguns? What's the definition of a HAMS handgun.
 - Why did the division change the definition of a bow when the committee didn't determine that.
 - Discuss drones.
 - Restricting shotguns is important
 - Surprised to not see any restrictions for pistols and shotguns
 - Lighted sight pins should be restricted
 - Supports Division's definition on archery equipment
 - Pistol- iron sights only, barrel length not to exceed 12 inches, straight walled cartridges originally designed for a handgun, minimum 35 caliber,
 - Shotguns- Add smooth bore barrel, add plug or brake barrel actions. No more than 3 bullets.

 - open sights, 20 gauge or larger, non-rifle barrels, brake action or plug shotgun. No more than 3 if its plugged and no more than 2 if its brake action, smooth bore barrel
- Motions:
 - We accept the SFW definition for primitive archery equipment. Motion passes 7-3.
 - We accept the remainder of SFW's emerging technology proposal. Motion fails due to lack of second.
 - Accept the following requirements for handguns and shotguns-
 - Handguns- iron sights only, barrel length not to exceed 12 inches, straight walled cartridges originally designed for a handgun, minimum 35 caliber,
 - Shotguns- Add smooth bore barrel, add plug or brake barrel actions. No more than 3 bullets.Passes unanimously
 - Motion to accept DWR's definition of restricted rifle and restricted muzzleloaders. Passes unanimously
 - Motion to prohibit electronics on scopes and prohibit any electronic device that provides lat/long or drops a pin on the animal's location. Passes 8-2
 - Accept the remainder of the proposal as presented. Pass unanimously

11:14 ACTION ITEM 5: CWMU AND LANDOWNER 2023 PERMIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Public Questions / Comment:
 - Support Division's recommendations
 - There should be more public permits. CWMU program hasn't changed in 30 years and needs to be reviewed and redone.
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- RAC Questions / Comments:
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- Motions:
 - To accept DWR's recommendation. Passes unanimously (one abstention)
- Notes:

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- Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
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- Sergeant Gabe Patterson, Technologies Committee co-chair | ACTION |
| 9. | CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations
- Chad Wilson, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |

Meeting Locations

NR RAC – Nov. 9th 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/78fW9w-emaw>

SER RAC – Nov. 16th 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/yoXBCh3FYBw>

CR RAC – Thursday Nov. 10th 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resource Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/VhB1kde8Vug>

NER RAC – Nov. 17th 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtu.be/l-GYFNZalFM>

SR RAC – Nov. 15th 6:00 PM
Southern Utah University,
Hunter Conf. Center, Charles R Hunter Room
<https://youtu.be/8VjmK9Pi8xE>

Board Meeting – December 1st 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington Bay
https://youtu.be/UV9iGmJv_VQ

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
November 17, 2022
Vernal, Utah
Summary of Motions

Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Eric Major, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi, and passed unanimously:

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

The following motion was made by Jeff Taniguchi, seconded by Malarik Harrison, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Statewide Elk Management Plan and Rules R657-5, R657-62

The following motion was made by Jeff Taniguchi, seconded by Natasha Hadden, and passed 5-3

MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented with the stipulation that federal agencies will be included in habitat objective two, and also removing the first sentence in the Brucellosis section of the plan.

2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates

The following motion was made by Eric Major seconded by Malrick Harrison Motion passed 7-1.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.

2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates

The following motion was made by Jamie Arrive and seconded by Dusty Carpenter Passes 7-1.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division, with the exception of ending the archery any bull elk 5 days earlier than proposed on the South Slope Yellowstone and Vernal units, and recommend to the Wildlife Board to look at opportunities to eliminate overlapping hunts on limited entry units.

Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments

The following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson and seconded by Jeff Taniguchi Passes 7-1.

MOTION: To make no recommendations at this time and delay a decision until the remainder of the technology package arrives.

CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden and seconded by Dusty Carpenter Passes unanimously.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division with the exception of the Sweetwater CWMU where the variance be accepted but with a max of 3 elk tags.

The following motion was made by Malrick Harrison and seconded by Dusty Carpenter Passes unanimously.

MOTION: To adjourn

Meeting Adjourned AT 10:43 p.m.

Northeastern Region RAC Meeting
November 17, 2022

RAC Members

Attending

Dusty Carpenter
Natasha Hadden
Malarik Harrison
Eric Major
Tim Ignacio
Brett Prevedel-chair
Ritchie Anderson
Jeff Taniguchi
Joe Arnold-remote

Absent

Mike Smith
Brad Horrocks
Rebekah Jones
Daniel Davis

Ute Tribe Present

Jamie Arrive
Tim Ignacio

Wildlife Board Members Present

Randy Dearth
Karl Hirst

DWR Personnel Present

Miles Hanberg
Torrey Christophersen
Tonya Selby
Dallon Christensen
Lindy Varney
Dax Mangus
Matt Fackrell
Tom Platero
Jake Greenwood
Eric Miller
Derrick Ewell
Chad Wilson
Rose Fedelleck-Remote

06:30:00	RAC Chair Brett Prevedel called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations or public comments taken during the meeting. Introduced new RAC Members. Welcomed public.
06:35:20	<p>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Major, seconded by Jeff Taniguchi, and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.</p>
6:36:00	<p>1) Approval of Minutes (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Jeff Taniguchi, seconded by Malarik Harrison, and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the Minutes as presented.</p>
6:36:30	<p>4) DWR Update (Informational)</p> <p>Miles Hanberg updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
6:40:00	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update (Informational)</p> <p>RAC Chair Brett Prevedel updated the RAC.</p>
6:43:27	<p>5) Statewide Elk Management Plan-Dax Mangus (Action)</p>
<p>6:52:00</p> <p>6:58:01</p> <p>7:04:31</p> <p>7:09:45</p> <p>7:15:15</p>	<p>RAC Questions & comments</p> <p>Ritchie A.-Was there a hunt survey taken for general Bull Elk? Dax M. elaborates</p> <p>Jeff T. comment-You can't make everyone happy with recommendations.</p> <p>Brett P. summarizes online public comments Dax M. Elaborates. Talks about HAMS hunts.</p> <p>Eric M. Are there estimates on how many people would buy the unlimited OTC Bull Elk tag? How many Residents vs Non Residents? Dax M. Elaborates</p> <p>Lindy V. Elaborates on hunter numbers. Dax M. and Brett P. Elaborates on hunt harvest numbers.</p> <p>Discussion on Multi season hunt. September Rut hunt, disease Limited entry success. Dax M. Season dates discussion.</p>
7:21:17:	<p>Online Public Comments & Questions</p> <p>G.S. Archery Bull and Cow Elk</p>

	<p>Dax M. elaborates. Late season Bow hunt to be a HAMS hunt? Dax M. elaborates.</p>
<p>7:30:00</p>	<p>RAC Discussion & Questions Malarik H. Youth hunt success rate? Eric M. How many youth buying these tags? Lindy V. elaborates</p>
<p>7:35:00</p>	<p>Malarik H. Wounded animal rates? Eric M. Harvest reporting? Joe A. Elk objective? Spike hunt quality? Dusty C. Strategy? Dax M. elaborates</p>
<p>7:52:00</p>	<p>Ritchie A. Comment about the draw/shift in the Pendulum What's going on with Nine Mile Anthro? Dusty C. Future Trailhead congestion?</p>
<p>7:54:53</p>	<p>Public Questions Tyrell-comment on hunt objective on the Anthro unit. Jim Abbeglen More Disability opportunity? Lindy V. elaborates</p>
<p>8:03:23</p>	<p>Miles read online public comments.</p>
<p>8:04:55</p>	<p>RAC discussion Jamie Arrive opposes archery season date changes.</p>
<p>8:06:00</p>	<p>Public Comments Ray Thomas –SFW Tyrell(last name) ? Worried about hunter overcrowding.</p>

	Kevin Adamson-UBA acknowledge common goal & maintain quality, agree with proposal with exception of keeping GS archery stay either sex.
8:15:03	<p>RAC Discussion Natasha H. Suggests some language changes for clarification Dax M. elaborates. Eric M. Archery either sex companion tag? Dax M. elaborates. Ritchie A. Brucellosis between Elk and Cattle? Brett P. Quality vs opportunity. Multi-season hunt. Tim I. Overlapping hunts/Sego trail poaching. Dusty C. Out-of-state hunter numbers. Dax M. elaborates</p>
8:54:55	<p>5) The following motion was made by Jeff Taniguchi, seconded by Natasha Hadden, and passed 5-3.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented with the stipulation that Federal Agencies will be included in Habitat Objective two, removing the sentence that refers to Brucellosis.</p>
9:11:49	<p>6) 2023-24 Once-in-a-Lifetime Hunt Season Dates (Action) - Dax Mangus</p>
9:14:22	<p>RAC Comments Jamie A.- Sego season dates, oppose Nine Mile hunt Joe A. Objective Q.</p>
9:15:46	<p>Public Comments JC Brewer</p>
9:16:00	<p>RAC Discussion</p>
9:22:45	<p>6) The following motion was made by Eric Major seconded by Malrick Harrison Motion passed 7-1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented.</p>
9:23:30	<p>7) 2023-24 Big Game Hunting Seasons and Key Dates - Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator</p>

9:24:46	<p>RAC Discussion & Questions Dusty H. Late hunt doe hunt Q. Randall T. elaborates. Ritchie A. Increase of Law Enf. Presence? J</p>
9:35:00	<p>Miles read online comments</p>
9:50:19	<p>The following motion was made by Jamie Arrive and seconded by Malarik Harrison Passes 7-1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division, with the exception of ending the Archery Any Bull Elk 5 days earlier than proposed on the South Slope Yellowstone and Vernal units. And recommend to the Wildlife Board to look at other opportunities to eliminate overlapping hunts on limited entry units.</p>
9:51:30	<p>8) Emerging Technologies – Restricted Weapon Definition Amendments - Sergeant Gabe Patterson, Technologies Committee co-chair Derrick Ewell reads letter from Technology committee.</p>
10:11:00	<p>. RAC Questions and comments Discussion on restricted weapons.</p>
10:14:00 10:15:08	<p>Miles read Online Public Comments Public Comments Ray Thomas-SFW read letter Kevin Adamson UAA-Strongly opposed</p>
10:23:00	<p>The following motion was made by Ritchie Anderson and seconded by Jeff Taniguchi Passes 7-1.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION: To make no recommendations at this time and delay a decision until the remainder of the technology package arrives.</p>
10:25:00	<p>9) CWMU and Landowner 2023 Permit Recommendations Chad Wilson, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator</p>
10:30:00	<p>RAC Comments and Questions</p>
10:36:00	<p>Miles reads online Public comments</p>
10:37:00	<p>RAC Discussion</p>
10:41:00	<p>The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden and seconded by Dusty Carpenter Passes unanimously.</p>

	MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division with the exception of the Sweetwater CWMU where the variance be accepted but the Elk tags remain at 3.
10:43 PM	The following motion was made by Malarik Harrison and seconded by Dusty Carpenter Passes unanimously. MOTION: To adjourn



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State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOEL FERRY
Executive Director

Division of Wildlife Resources

J. SHIRLEY
Division Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board

FROM: Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator

DATE: December 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Variance request

On October 20, 2022, David Schlenker submitted an application for variance on his 2022 Once-in-a-lifetime Bison (cow only) hunt #BI6529 – Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South. His reason for the variance request was due to being subpoenaed by the State of Ohio, Auglaize County to provide witness testify in a criminal proceeding.

Mr. Schlenker received the subpoena on October 3, 2022. The trial was scheduled to begin on October 24, 2022 and estimated to last approximately four days. However, the season for the bison hunt Mr. Schlenker drew out was October 22 – November 1, 2022. Therefore, Mr. Schlenker submitted his variance application to extend his bison hunt into the 2023 season.

Due to the specific qualifying events and conditions contained in Subsection R657-57-6 of the Division of Wildlife Resources' (DWR) Variance Rule, DWR's variance committee had to deny Mr. Schlenker's request. By rule, the division may only grant relief for the following reasons:

- personal illness or injury
- the death, or significant injury or illness of an immediate family member
- mobilization or deployment under orders of the United States Armed forces, a public health organization, or public safety organization in the interest of national defense or a national emergency; or
- COVID-19 related personal health concerns or general public health restrictions imposed by the federal government, a state, or a local government.

However, DWR is supportive of granting Mr. Schlenker's requested variance relief and allowing his permit to extend into the 2023 hunt season.

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE



Customer Identification # [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted]
Name DAVID P. SCHLENKER Phone Number [redacted]
Address [redacted] City WAPAKONETA State OH Zip 45895

I am submitting this variance request due to: (check one box only)

[X] other - subpoena

- [] Illness or injury of the permit holder (general season and LE eligible for point restoration only)
[] Military deployment or mobilization
[] Illness, injury or death of immediate family member
[] COVID-19 related personal health concerns or general public health restrictions imposed by the federal government, a state, or a local government.

Brief statement explaining Variance Request:

Subpoena received from the Assistant Attorney General of the state of Ohio
For the dates October 24-31, 2022 for the Common Pleas Court, State of
Ohio, county of Auglaize. Subpoena was received on Oct. 3, 2022.

Include attachment if more room needed.....

Request for a Variance - Attach one of the following documents:

- [] Doctor Documentation on official letterhead (for permit holder or immediate family member); or
[] Military orders or letter from an employment supervisor on official public health or public safety organization letterhead; or
[] Copy of death certificate of immediate family member.

[X] copy of subpoena

Also, you must:

- [] Go to: wildlife.utah.gov/dwr/hunting and report your harvest survey (if applicable); and
[] Mail in original permit with this form; and
[] Sign and date this form.



I hereby certify under oath that the above information is true and correct, that I am eligible to obtain a variance for the attached license, certificate, or permit in accordance with Utah Code Ann., Sec. 23-19-38, and R657-57-7 and, that I have not and am unable to participate in the noted activity due to illness/injury, military deployment/mobilization or other as noted on application. Application is subject to verification.

Signature of Applicant David P. Schlenker Date 10/19/22

Mail to:
Division of Wildlife Resources
Attn: Licensing
1594 West North Temple, Suite 2110
PO Box 146301
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6301

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Signature: _____ Date: _____
(DWR personnel accepting application) (Region Office)
REVISED 8/22



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October 20, 2022

Utah Division of Wildlife
1594 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

RE: State v. [REDACTED]

Dear Utah Division of Wildlife:

On October 24, 2022, the criminal trial of State v. [REDACTED] is proceeding in the Auglaize County Court of Common Pleas, in Wapakoneta, Ohio. This is a criminal trial that involves numerous offenses including: one (1) count of Theft in Office in violation of Ohio Revised Code 2921.41(A)(1), a felony of the third degree; eight (8) counts of Unauthorized Interest in a Public Contract in violation of Ohio Revised Code 2921.42(A)(1), felonies of the fourth degree; and eight (8) counts of Conflict of Interest in violation of Ohio Revised Code 102.03(D), misdemeanors of the first degree.

Mr. David Schlenker, who resides at [REDACTED] Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895, is appearing as a State's witness to testify against the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The State of Ohio has subpoenaed him to appear and his testimony is important to the State of Ohio's case in chief against this [REDACTED]. The trial is expected to last approximately four (4) days. If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other concerns, please contact me at (614) 439-1797.

Sincerely,

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Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
DAVID SCHLENKER	[REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			

To be and appear before the Auglaize County Common Pleas Court at the Courthouse located at 201 S Willipie St., Wapakoneta, OH 45895 on **OCTOBER 24-31, 2022, UNTIL TESTIMONY COMPLETED** to testify as a witness in a certain case pending in said Court, wherein the State of Ohio prosecutes [REDACTED] and not depart the Court without leave. And therein fail not, under penalty of law; and to have then and there this writ. Said Court requires said attendance of said witness(es) on behalf of the **State of Ohio**.

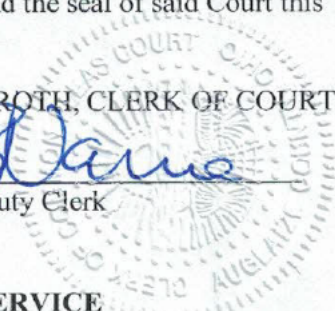
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MICAH AULT AT 614-439-1797 UPON RECEIPT OF SUBPOENA.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this September 27, 2022.

I. JEAN MECKSTROTH, CLERK OF COURTS

BY: _____

Deputy Clerk



RETURN OF SERVICE

I received this writ on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ o'clock

____M. and served the persons named therein, on the day and in the manner indicated

against each name.

SHERIFF FEES

Service and Return _____

Mileage ___ mile at _____

TOTAL _____

SHERIFF

BY: _____

Deputy