

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

November 7, 2013, DNR Auditorium
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, November 7, 2013, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda – Jake Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes – Jake Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log – Bill Fenimore, Vice-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on Duck Creek action log item• Update on Monroe Mtn. Elk action log item• Update on rule/guideline to define management plans | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update – Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 – Drew Cushing, Aquatic Program Coordinator – Paul Birdsey, Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Establishment of Least Chub Refuge Populations – Chris Crockett, Native Aquatic Project Leader | ACTION |
| 7. Conservation Permit Audit – Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 8. Conservation Permit Allocation – 1 year – Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Conservation Permit Annual Report – Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 10. 2014 RAC/Board Dates – Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Other Business – Jake Albrecht, Chairman <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter WAFWA | CONTINGENT |

Earthwings presentation at 1:00 p.m.

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

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

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

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 Wildlife Board Work Session as presented.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 29, 2013 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Action Log Items (**Action**)

3 Action Log Items were addressed:

Duck Creek Action Log Item – Richard Hepworth

Monroe Mountain Action Log Item – Vance Mumford

Rule/Guideline to define Species and Unit Management Plans – Bill Bates

4) Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to place on the action log the two questions from the SRO RAC concerning the next fisheries survey, and that both questions be included in the next survey.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to place on the next survey questions concerning the 3-day possession limit and processed fish in order to obtain public input.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-13 as presented by the Division.

- 5) Establishment of Least Chub Refuge Populations (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Establishment of Least Chub Refuge Populations as presented by the Division.

- 6) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

- 7) Conservation Permit Allocation – 1 year (Action)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall , seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Conservation Permit Allocation for 1 year as presented by the Division.

- 8) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Action)

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

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

9) 2014 RAC/Board Dates (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve 2014 RAC/Board Dates as amended by the Division.

10) Other Business (Action)

Approved

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/13-11-7.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

Jake Albrecht – Chair
Bill Fenimore (Excused)
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Mike King
Calvin Crandall
John Bair
Kirk Woodward
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs Present

Central – Gary Nielson
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Todd Huntington
Northeastern - Carrie Messerly
Northern – Robert Byrnes

Division Personnel Present

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| Mike Fowlks | Boyde Blackwell | Krissy Wilson |
| Rory Reynolds | Chris Wood | Todd Volkening |
| Mike Canning | John Fairchild | Craig Schaugaard |
| Staci Coons | Justin Dolling | Anita Candelaria |
| Drew Cushing | Kevin Bunnell | |
| Paul Birdsey | Lindy Varney | |
| Chris Crockett | Roger Wilson | |
| Bill Bates | Jordan Nielson | |
| Kenny Johnson | Phil Gray | |
| Judi Tutorow | Cassie Mellon | |

Public Present

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| Clifford Sackett, Bass Federation | Ken Strong, SFW |
| Paul Dremann, UT Angler Coalition | Jim Carter, SAA |
| Bob Dibbler, TU Council | Rob Roland |
| Ronald Dunn, Strawberry Anglers Assoc | Jim Morkin, Friend |
| Trevor Earl, Friend of Willard Bay | of Willard Bay |
| Kevin Adamson, UT Bowman for Habitat | John Oberdiek |
| Byron Bateman, SFW | |

Chairman Albrecht welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:04:40 – 00:05:06 of 04:10:54**

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:05:09 – 00:06:51 of 04:10:54**

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 Wildlife Board Work Session as presented.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 29, 2013 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:06:53 – 00:07:00 of 04:10:54**

3 Action Log Items were addressed:

Duck Creek Action Log Item – Richard Hepworth 00:07:08 – 00:12:56

DWR Southern Region recommended Duck Creek be open through the winter for fishing. They have worked with UDOT to address potential hazards and safety issues. Item will be considered in detail during the fishing proclamation discussion.

Monroe Mountain Action Log Item – Vance Mumford 00:12:58 – 00:28:28

DWR recommended a hunt structure modification to the Monroe Mountain to reduce the high spike elk harvest – eliminate any weapon spike hunt for two years; retain either sex archery and general spike muzzleloader hunts; explore managing the Monroe, Dutton, Boulder, and Fish Lake units as one large population; and work with federal agencies and private landowners to devise alternative solutions to control harvest rates.

Rule/Guideline to define Species and Unit Management Plans – Bill Bates 00:28:30 – 00:33:25

DWR recommended that statewide management plans and issues be presented through the RAC and Board process. Species management plans should only go through the individual RACs unless there is significant public interest or controversy.

- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:33:27 – 00:58:27 of 04:10:54**

Greg Sheehan summarized all the successful programs taking place in the aquatics, habitat, and wildlife sections. There were record number of fish, deer, and waterfowl this season. Volunteers were utilized productively in the various projects around the state.

- 5) Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 (**Action**) **01:01:17 – 03:03:52 of 04:10:54**

Drew Cushing and Paul Birdsey presented the fishing guidebook and rule R657-13.

Board Questions 01:40:36 – 01:54:29

The Board asked for further explanation about fish disposal and possession limit.

Public Questions 01:54:38 – 01:55:49

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 01:56:22 – 02:01:22

Southeast, Northeast, and Central RAC unanimously approved the Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 as presented.

Southern and Northern RAC proposed changes and additions. They passed it with varying dissent. Southern RAC also requested an action log item to address trail camera thefts. This will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Public Comments 02:01:24 – 02:31:45

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 02:33:15 – 03:03:52

Drew Cushing gave some background and history on the Willard Bay open and closure.

Kevin Bunnell discussed the Duck Creek issue with Martin Bushman. Bushman determined that it would be all right for the Board to move forward with a decision if they so choose or they may send it back through the RAC process.

The Board concluded that Southern RACs motion for a survey on catch and kill species by spearfishermen would address Northern RACs request to open those waters to spearfishing.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to place on the action log the two questions from the SRO RAC concerning the next fisheries survey, and that both questions be included in the next survey.

There was a discussion on Northern and Southern RACs' motion on 3-day possession limit.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to place on the next survey questions concerning the 3-day possession limit and processed fish in order to obtain public input.

The Board debated the closure of Willard Bay. By accepting the Division's recommendation, it would leave the bay open.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fishing Recommendations and Rule R657-13 as presented by the Division.

- 6) Establishment of Least Chub Refuge Populations (Action) 03:04:48 – 3:11:24 of 04:10:54

Cassie Mellon presented the Least Chub management plan.

RAC Recommendation 03:10:10 – 03:10:50

Central RAC unanimously supported the Least Chub management plan as presented.

Board Discussion 03:10:52 – 03:11:20

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Establishment of Least Chub Refuge Populations as presented by the Division.

- 7) Conservation Permit Audit (Action) 03:11:55 – 03:26:04 of 04:10:54

Kenny Johnson presented the conservation permit audit.

Board Questions/Discussion 03:17:08 – 03:26:04

Kenny explained why some organizations have carry-over funds.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

- 8) Conservation Permit Allocation – 1 year (Action) 03:26:07 – 05:32:00 of 04:10:54

Bill Bates presented the conservation permit allocation for one year.

Board/RAC/Public Questions 03:27:30 – 03:30:38

There was some discussion about the leftover turkey permits.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall , seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Conservation Permit Allocation for 1 year as presented by the Division.

- 9) Conservation Permit Annual Report (**Action**) **03:30:42 – 03:44:12 of 04:10:54**

Bill Bates presented the annual report for the conservation permits.

Board/RAC/Public Questions 03:34:39 – 03:44:12

The Board and public wanted some clarification on internal and external funding as well as the rule/guideline for conservation permit funds.

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

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

- 10) 2014 RAC/Board Dates (**Action**) **03:44:14 – 03:52:40 of 04:10:54**

Staci Coons presented the 2014 RAC/Board dates.

Jake Albrecht reiterated the need of the Board to explore ongoing wildlife projects around the state. They should plan for a field trip between January and March.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve 2014 RAC/Board Dates as amended by the Division.

- 11) Other Business (**Contingent**) **03:52:44 – 04:07:54 of 04:10:54**

Kevin commended DWR, SFW, and others who contributed to the pheasant program. Kids were exposed to a great experience that will hopefully translate into future hunters.

The Board discussed the upcoming winter WAFWA conference in Corpus Cristi, TX. The conference runs January 2-5, 2014. Greg Sheehan said at least two Board members should attend the conference.

Earthwings presentation followed the conclusion of the meeting (03:57:50).

Dave Black asked to address the action log item on trail camera thefts. Jake asked Mike Fowlks to have law enforcement prepare an informational item to present to the RACs or just Southern RAC on federal regulations regarding unmarked personal/individual property left on Forest or BLM land.

Approved