

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

October 2, 2014, DNR Auditorium
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
Revised September 30, 2014

Thursday, October 2, 2014, 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 Premium Limited Entry deer tags action log item• Update on Management Buck Tags on the Book Cliffs action log item• Update on additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunities• Update on Goat Seasons action log item• Update on Non-resident Sheep Permit Quota action log item• Update on Mineral Mountain Range action log item | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13
– Drew Cushing, Aquatic Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Native Cutthroat Trout New Introductions
– Richard Hepworth, Regional Aquatic Program Manager | ACTION |
| 7. Conservation Permit Annual Report
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 8. Conservation Permit Audit
– Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Conservation Permit Allocation – 1 year
– Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 10. 2015 RAC/Board Dates
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Other Business
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter WAFWA | CONTINGENT |

Board Appeal at 1:00 p.m.
Brad Turner – postponed to a later date

Board Appeal at 5:00 p.m.
Chauncey Filler – postponed to a later date

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

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

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

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

6 Action Log Items were addressed by Justin Shannon:

Premium Limited Entry Deer Tags Action Log Item

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

MOTION: I move that we include the Premium Limited Entry Deer Tags action log item in the Mule Deer Plan and run it through the 2014 RAC process.

Management Buck Tags on the Book Cliffs Action Log Item

Additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunities

Goat Seasons Action Log Item

Non-resident Sheep Permit Quota Action Log Item

Mineral Mountain Range Action Log Item

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

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

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

The following amended motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 3 to 1. Mike King dissented.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include trout in the no-possession limit allowed at a permanent residence.

- 5) Native Cutthroat Trout New Introductions (Action)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Native Cutthroat Trout New Introductions as presented by the Division.

- 6) 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 by the Division.

- 7) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall 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)

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

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

9) 2015 RAC/Board Dates (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve 2015 RAC/Board Dates as presented by the Division.

Approved

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/14-10-2.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

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

RAC Chairs Present

Central – Gary Nielson
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Kevin Albrecht
Northeastern – Wayne McAllister
Northern – Robert Byrnes

Division Personnel Present

Mike Fowlks	Boyde Blackwell	Justin Shannon
Mike Canning	Chris Wood	Phil Gray
Staci Coons	John Fairchild	Richard Hepworth
Judi Tutorow	Paul Thompson	Scott White
Drew Cushing	Kevin Bunnell	Anita Candelaria
Paul Birdsey	Roger Wilson	Mark Hadley
Chris Crockett	Bill Bates	Reed Chaston
Riley Peck	Matt Burgess	Sarah Scott
Kenny Johnson	Lindy Varney	Cory Noble
Rick Olson	Greg Hansen	Richard Gibbs

Public Present

Clifford Sackett	Ken Strong, SFW
Paul Dremann, UT Angler Coalition	Jim Carter, SAA
Adrian Woodman	Lee Tracy, UWC
Quinn Woodman	Eric Tycksen, MDF
Brent Daybell	Wesley Tactin
Roy Hampton, UT Bowman's Assoc	Doyle Perkin
Byron Bateman, SFW	Ryan Thompson
Chris Carling	Bill Grayson
	Jon Larson

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:01:53 – 00:02:09 of 03:23:24**

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:12 – 00:02:43 of 03:23:24**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent) 00:02:46 – 00:07:00 of 03:23:24

6 Action Log Items were addressed by Justin Shannon:

Premium Limited Entry Deer Tags Action Log Item 00:03:56 – 00:12:09

The Division supports the multi-season deer permit and will be presenting the plan at the December board meeting. The Crawford Mountains and Dolores Triangle units would not be included in this due to weapon type used or limited number of permits. This plan can be implemented immediately, but a fee schedule change will be needed in the future.

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

MOTION: I move that we include the Premium Limited Entry Deer Tags action log item in the Mule Deer Plan and run it through the 2014 RAC process.

Management Buck Tags on the Book Cliffs Action Log Item 00:12:14 – 00:16:33

Committees were formed to address buck to doe ratio discrepancies. They all agreed that the Book Cliffs should be split north and south during the any weapon hunt. The Board passed this request last December and the Division will implement it this next month. The Division recommends splitting the units and does not recommend a management buck hunt on the Book Cliffs.

Additional Muzzleloader Pronghorn Hunting Opportunities 00:16:37 – 00:21:58

The Division believes that more pronghorn opportunities can be achieved with more muzzleloader hunting units. At the next RAC/Board meeting DWR will propose a muzzleloader hunt on the Cache, Morgan, South Rich-Ogden, and Southwest Desert units. This will help reduce hunter crowding during any weapon hunts and provide more opportunity with a lower success rate and get hunters through the muzzleloader point system quicker. The plan would mirror the permit breakdown in the Plateau: 20% archery, 20% muzzleloader, and 60% rifle.

Goat Seasons Action Log Item 00:22:00 – 00:29:06

The Division supports extending the goat season dates; however, there are some issues to address such as hunter safety issues due to deer hunt overlap, Forest Service road closures that would prevent access points, and transplants coinciding with the date extension (Willard Peak - Oct 12 to beginning of deer hunt).

Non-resident Sheep Permit Quota Action Log Item 00:29:18 – 00:34:08

There was some concern about how bighorn sheep permits were allocated and a misconception that residents weren't getting the fair 90/10 split. Justin provided a handout that explains the percentages and the grouping of smaller permit units. Grouping smaller units allows the Division to provide non-residents and convention permit holders the chance to hunt these units. The intent of grouping the smaller units was to get a more accurate count.

Mineral Mountain Range Action Log Item 00:34:10 – 00:40:08

The Division does not recommend making the west side of Mineral Mountain Range Unit into a limited entry buck deer unit. Many petitions and surveys support this conclusion. The unit is split east and west by I-15. There is limited migration between the split units. Buck to doe ratio is starting to correct. The best approach would be to take it through the RAC process.

Public Comments 00:40:10 – 00:42:06

Public comments were taken at this time.

The Board agreed that they should wait to see how the Mule Deer Management plan would play out during the RAC process before making any decisions.

4) **DWR Update (Informational) 00:43:22 – 01:15:24 of 03:23:24**

Greg Sheehan updated the Board on a wolf the Division is tracking, bear depredation issues, hatchery closures and openings, tiger muskie production, fishing license fee changes, upcoming hunts, and a Division Smartphone app. Calvin Crandall was reconfirmed on the Board by the senate.

Greg proposed a March board discussion on aquatics.

AFWA annual awards recognized Chris Penne, Northern Region aquatic biologist.

Calvin Crandall asked the division, hunters, and public for help in the shooting of livestock between Utah and Juab County. The Central Utah Livestock Association is offering a \$20,000 reward.

Jake Albrecht mentioned some reports on helicopter harassment on the Beaver and Tushar Mountains. Kevin Bunnell had his law enforcement section address the issue; there was also one incident near Lyman which involved DWR biologists out tagging bighorn sheep with radio collars.

5) **Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 (Action) 01:16:06 – 02:34:34 of 03:23:24**

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

Board Questions 01:48:21 – 01:59:14

The Board asked for further explanation about trout possession limit and how it could be enforced.

RAC Recommendations 01:59:36 – 02:02:52

All RACs, except Southeastern, passed the Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 with varying dissent. Southeastern RAC did not have a full quorum to make a motion, but were supportive of the Division's recommendation.

Southern and Northeastern RAC proposed additions.

Public Comments 02:02:56 – 02:13:24

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 02:13:28 – 02:34:34

Chairman Albrecht summarized the RAC votes. The Board continued a discussion on trout possession limit. Greg Hansen expounded on the definition of permanent residence/primary domicile.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

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

The following amended motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 3 to 1. Mike King dissented.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include trout as a no possession limit.

- 6) Native Cutthroat Trout New Introductions (**Action**) **02:34:36 – 2:44:50 of 03:23:24**

Richard Hepworth presented the Native Cutthroat Trout New Introduction.

Board Questions 02:36:44 – 02:42:54

The Board asked for a timeline of the proposal and the process that would take place.

RAC Recommendation 02:42:59 – 02:43:22

Southern RAC unanimously supported the Native Cutthroat Trout New Introductions.

Board Discussion 02:43:26 – 02:44:50

Chairman Albrecht summarized the Southern RAC's motion.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Native Cutthroat Trout New Introductions as presented by the Division.

- 7) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Action) 02:45:08 – 02:57:38 of 03:23:24

Bill Bates presented the annual report for the conservation permits.

Board Questions/Discussion 02:53:48 – 02:57:38

Board asked about funding, project proposals, and who works on them.

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 by the Division.

- 8) Conservation Permit Audit (Action) 02:57:39 – 03:15:06 of 03:23:24

Kenny Johnson presented the conservation permit audit.

Board/RAC/Public Questions 03:03:29 – 03:15:06

Bill Fenimore asked if unused funds could be carried over to the following year; it can be as long as it is expended or committed to projects within three years.

Robert Byrnes asked if the Division's fiscal year is the same as other fiscal years. It is different and runs through September to allow conservation groups to complete their banquet season.

Some conservation groups reported on the funding and projects that were accomplished through this program.

Mike Canning explained that the Division, in its efforts to maintain transparency, has posted all the conservation permit reports online for anyone to view.

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

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

- 9) Conservation Permit Allocation – 1 year (**Action**) **03:15:07 – 03:18:36 of 03:23:24**

Bill Bates presented the conservation permit allocation for one year.

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

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

- 10) 2015 RAC/Board Dates (**Action**) **03:18:38 – 03:21:59 of 03:23:24**

Staci Coons presented the 2015 RAC/Board dates.

There was discussion about adding a March meeting for the Board.

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve 2015 RAC/Board Dates as presented by the Division.

- 11) Other Business (**Contingent**) **03:22:00 – 03:23:24 of 03:23:24**

The Board discussed the upcoming winter WAFWA conference in Las Vegas, NV. The conference runs January 8-11, 2015. Greg Sheehan said at least two Board members should attend the conference. Steve Dalton agreed to attend. The other possible board member may be Kirk Woodward.