

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

December 1, 2014, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, December 1, 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 | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Deer Survey
- Kent Hersey, Big Game Project Leader | INFORMATION |
| 6. Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions
- Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2015 Season Dates and Application Timeline, Amendments to Rule R657-5
- Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Big Game Preference Point Recommendations
- Lindy Varney, License Specialist | ACTION |
| 9. CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2015
- Scott McFarlane, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Landowner Permit Numbers for 2015
- Scott McFarlane, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Landowner Permit Rule Amendments R657-43 (New permit type)
- Scott McFarlane, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 12. Certification Review Committee Recommendation – iGroEco LLC
- Staci Coons, CRC Chairman | ACTION |
| 13. Stipulation and Order
- Greg Hansen, Attorney | ACTION |
| 14. Other Business
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Mike King and passed 5-1 with Steve Dalton opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions as presented by the Division.

4) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2015 Season Dates and Application Timeline, amendments to Rule R657-5 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed 5-1 with Calvin Crandall opposed.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline, and Amendments to Rule R657-5 as presented by the division with the inclusion of the Wasatch Unit moose hunt boundary change and the change in season dates for the Nine-Mile Range Creek bighorn sheep unit to early (Oct 31-Nov 22) and late (Nov 7 – Nov 30).

5) Big Game Preference Point Recommendations (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we not approve the Big Game Preference Point

Recommendations as presented and instead leave the current preference point system as is.

- 6) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2015 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2015 as presented by the Division.

- 7) Landowner Permit Numbers for 2015 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2015 as presented by the Division.

- 8) Landowner Permit Rule Amendments R657-43 (New permit type) (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Rule Amendments R657-43 as presented by the Division.

- 9) Certification Review Committee Recommendation – iGroEco LLC (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the CRC recommendation for iGroEco LLC as presented by the Division.

- 10) Stipulation and Order (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Stipulation and Order for Chauncey Filler as presented.

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Wildlife Board Members Present

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

RAC Chairs Present

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

Public Present

Garrick Hall – Farm Bureau
Tom Mower – Bear Mt CWMU
Bill Christensen – RMEF
Ben Lowder – UT Bowmen’s Association
Dale Christiansen – Pilot Mt. Landowner Association
Lee Sorenson – Anderson Land Livestock Association
Paul Cowley – United Wasatch Cache & Ashley National Forest
Troy Justensen - SFW
Lee Tracy - UWC
Becky Wood
David Black

Division Personnel Present

Mike Fowlks
Mike Canning
Rory Reynolds
Staci Coons
Mark Hadley
Kenny Johnson
Paul Gedge
Brad Crompton
Troy Davis
Dax Mangus
Eric Edgley
Covy Jones
Anita Candelaria
Martin Bushman
Gary Ogborn
Justin Dolling
Karen Caldwell
Greg Hansen
Scott McFarlane
Dustin Schaible
Justin Shannon
Bryan Christensen
Phil Gray
Teresa Griffin
Kent Hersey
Riley Peck
Judi Tutorow
Randy Wood
Lindy Varney
Dean Mitchell
Bill Bates
Leslie McFarlane
Rick Olson
Avery Cook

Chairman Albrecht welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs. Gary Nielsen was not present. He was running late.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:02:00 – 00:02:17 of 05:52:22**

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

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:19 – 00:02:40 of 05:52:22**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:02:42 – 00:03:10 of 05:52:22**

Action log items will be addressed during the meeting.

- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:03:17 – 00:27:17 of 05:52:22**

Greg Sheehan reported on aquatics projects around the state; a watershed symposium DWR hosted in Ogden; the Colorado River Recovery Program; an upcoming aquatics informational meeting for RAC and board members (March); deer survey committee; the status of Utah prairie dog and development of management plan; bighorn sheep transplants; upcoming pronghorn transplant; wolf sightings around southern Utah area; pheasant release hunts; waterfowl hunting; the Forest Service conducting viability analysis on bighorn sheep; and sage-grouse forum.

- 5) Deer Survey (**Informational**) **00:28:32 – 01:01:04 of 05:52:22**

Kent Hersey presented the Deer Survey, which sought the hunting public's input on their preferences and options for deer management in Utah. The results would be used to help develop the 2014 statewide mule deer management plan.

Board/RAC Questions 00:42:00 – 00:57:22

The board delved into specifics of the survey questions and results.

Central Region RAC chair, Gary Nielsen, showed up to the meeting.

Public Questions 00:57:24 – 01:01:04

Public questions were accepted at this time.

- 6) Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions (**Action**) **01:01:08 – 02:24:25 of 05:52:22**

Justin Shannon presented the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions.

Board Questions 01:14:28 – 01:22:04

Steve Dalton focused on the southern region meeting timeline and the specifics of the southern region's unit plans.

Jake Albrecht asked about predator management, hunter education graduates, and late muzzleloader hunts.

RAC Recommendations 01:22:23 – 01:33: 24

Northern RAC unanimously passed the management plan revisions, adding an amendment to study antler shed hunting closures, which passed unanimously.

Northeast and Central RACs passed the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions as presented.

Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote. The Board expressed their disappointment with the southeast RAC members.

Southern RAC accepted the plan for only one year. They requested the committee revise the plan to address camping on water-holes, overcrowding, and strict limitations on the number of late season tags. This all passed 6 to 4.

Public Comments 01:33:28 – 01:42:51

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 01:42:54 – 02:24:25

Chairman Albrecht summarized the RAC votes.

The board revisited Northern RAC's amended motion on shed antler gathering and Southern RAC's motions on predator bounty program, camping on water-holes, and buck to doe ratio changes to its units.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Mike King and passed 5-1 with Steve Dalton opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Statewide Mule Deer Management Plan Revisions as presented by the Division.

- 7) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2015 Season Dates and Application Timeline, amendments to Rule R657-5 and deer transplant sties (**Action**) **02:28:08 – 03:06:10 of 05:52:22**

Justin Shannon presented the recommendations for the 2015 Bucks, Bulls & OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline, amendments to Rule R657-5 and deer transplant sites.

Board Questions 02:37:30 – 02:39:12

The board asked about the muzzleloader hunts.

Public Questions 02:39:20 – 02:53:37

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 02:53:40 – 02:58: 52

All the RACs voted to accept the 2015 recommendations with varying amendments, exceptions, and stipulations. Southeast RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

Public Comments 02:58:53 – 03:28:08

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 03:28:12 – 03:48:10

Jake Albrecht summarized the RAC motions.

Board discussion included the definition of mature goats and how to determine their age; the rationale of limiting landowners to one season hunt dates; collared sheep; extended archery; and baiting.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed 5-1 with Calvin Crandall opposed.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline, and Amendments to Rule R657-5 as presented by the division with the inclusion of the Wasatch Unit moose hunt boundary change and the change in season dates for the Nine-Mile Range Creek bighorn sheep unit to early (Oct 31-Nov 22) and late (Nov 7 – Nov 30).

- 8) Big Game Preference Point Recommendations (**Action**) **03:49:29 – 04:20:52 of 05:52:22**

Lindy Varney presented the Big Game Preference Point Recommendations.

Public Questions 03:56:15 – 03:59:12

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 03:59:13 – 04:04:30

Northern and Northeastern RAC unanimously passed the preference point recommendations.

Southern RAC passed the recommendations with opposition. Central RAC voted to keep the status quo and have the Division explore other options for next year. Both RACs proposed similar preference point system alternatives.

Southeastern RAC did not have a quorum to vote.

Public Comments 04:04:31 – 04:06:59

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 04:07:03 – 04:20:52

Chairman Albrecht summarized the RACs' reports.

Topic of discussion revolved around how and why the preference point system got to this stage and if making changes now would address any of the issues in the long term.

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

MOTION: I move that we not approve the Big Game Preference Point Recommendations as presented and instead leave the current preference point system as is.

- 9) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2015 (Action) **04:21:03 – 03:33:36 of 05:52:22**

Scott McFarlane presented the CWMU Management Plans and Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2015.

Board Questions 04:43:03 – 04:46:42

The board asked how permits are determined and justification for increases.

RAC Recommendations 04:46:52 – 04:48:48

All RACs passed the 2015 CWMU Management Plans, except for Southeastern RAC, who did not have a quorum to vote; however, Kevin Albrecht felt confident they would have passed the plans and permit numbers.

Board Discussion 04:48:58 – 04:49:30

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2015 as presented by the Division.

- 10) Landowner Permit Numbers for 2015 (Action) **04:49:37 – 05:56:11 of 05:52:22**

Scott McFarlane presented the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2015.

RAC Recommendations 04:53:51 – 04:57:11

Southern, Northeast, and Central RACs unanimously passed the 2015 Landowner Permit Numbers. Northern RAC also passed it, but requested a variance procedure for landowner association permits and one bull elk tag per three years for the Pilot Mountain Landowner Association.

Public Comments 04:57:16 – 05:00:59

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 05:01:03 – 05:04:30

The board clarified that the permits are on a three year management plan. Landowners will get only one permit during the three year term. There was also a discussion about the difference between vouchers and permits.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2015 as presented by the Division.

- 11) Landowner Permit Rule Amendments R657-43 (New permit type) (Action) **05:05:00 – 05:11:11 of 05:52:22**

Scott McFarlane presented the Landowner Permit Rule Amendments R657-43.

Board/RAC Questions 05:12:49 – 05:34:30

The Board asked for more details on the landowner appreciation permit. They wondered if the clarifications to the rule would remove Diamond Mountain's need to request a variance.

The board and RAC also focused on access issues by the public onto private lands and landowner associations.

Public Questions 05:34:34 – 05:35:42

Public questions were taken at this time.

RAC Recommendations 05:35:44 – 05:37:01

Northern, Northeast, Central, and Southern RACs passed the rule amendment with varying dissent.

Public Comments 05:37:04 – 05:37:51

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 05:38:01 – 05:38:28

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Rule Amendments R657-43 as presented by the Division.

- 12) Certification Review Committee Recommendation – iGroEco LLC (**Action**)
05:38:29 – 05:56:11 of 05:52:22

Staci Coons presented the CRC recommendation for iGroEco LLC.

Board Questions/Discussion 05:43:43 – 05:46:17

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the CRC recommendation for iGroEco LLC as presented by the Division.

- 13) Stipulation and Order (**Action**) **05:46:25 – 05:49:50 of 05:52:22**

Greg Hansen presented the stipulation and order for Chauncey Filler.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Stipulation and Order for Chauncey Filler as presented.

- 14) Other Business (**Contingent**) **05:49:51 – 05:52:22 of 05:52:22**

Greg Sheehan gave the Board details on the Parker Mountain pronghorn transplant for December 16.

Jake Albrecht asked if DWR could give the Board more notice when transplants or other activities take place so that they have time to plan and attend.

Meeting adjourned.