

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

August 27, 2015, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
AGENDA

Thursday, August 27, 2015 – 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– John Bair, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– John Bair, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Kirk Woodward, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Cougar Management Plan
– Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016
– Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016
– Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60
– Jordan Nielson, AIS Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments
– Rick Olson, Captain | ACTION |
| 10. Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment
– Rick Olson, Captain | ACTION |
| 11. Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland
– Rick Olson, Captain | ACTION |
| 12. 5-Day Falconry Meet Request
– Carter Wilford, Director of Events, IEEA | ACTION |
| 13. Fee Proposal
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 14. Red Fleet Management Plan
– Trina Hedrick, NERO Aquatics Manager | ACTION |
| 15. Expo Permit Audit
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 16. Expo Permit Allocation
– Mike Fowls, Deputy Director | ACTION |
| 17. Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr
– Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 18. Certification Review Committee Recommendations
– Staci Coons, CRC Chair | ACTION |
| 19. Other Business
– John Bair, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a listing of state youth hunts, their restrictions and preclusions on WMAs, and the feasibility of closing these areas during youth hunts. The findings will be presented at the next upland game meeting.

4) Cougar Management Plan (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Cougar Management Plan as presented by the Division with the addition of the term mountain goat as pertaining to transplants that was approved in the Southern RAC.

5) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5:1. Kirk Woodward opposed.

MOTION: I move that we change the strategies on the following units to harvest objective: Pine Valley North and South, Cache, Southwest Desert, and Paunsaugunt.

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

MOTION: I move that the Nebo and Nebo West Face be managed under the split season strategy.

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

MOTION: I move that we adjust the numbers on the following units: Southeast Manti to 13, Book Cliffs to 29, Pahvant to 10.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 as presented by the Division.

- 6) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 as presented by the Division including a one week season extension for all furbearer except for beaver and mink.

- 7) AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the AIS Rule Amendments R657-60 as presented by the Division.

- 8) Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments as presented.

- 9) Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Self Defense Against Animals Rule Amendments as presented.

- 10) Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland as presented by the Division.

- 11) 5-Day Falconry Meet Request (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the 5-Day Falconry Meet Request.

- 12) Fee Proposal (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fee Proposal as presented by the Division.

- 13) Red Fleet Management Plan (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Red Fleet Management Plan as presented by the Division.

- 14) CRC Recommendation (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Certification Review Committee Recommendations as presented by the Division for Carl Watson, Allison Spittler, and Stephanie Merzel.

15) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

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

16) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by Mike Fowlks including Chalk Creek/Kamas and removing Paunsaugunt.

17) Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr (**Action**)

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

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/14-08-28.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

John Bair – Chair
Kirk Woodward – Vice-Chair
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Mike King
Calvin Crandall
Byron Bateman
Donnie Hunter
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs Present

Central – Richard Hansen
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Brandon Behling
Northeastern - Randy Dearth
Northern – John Cavitt

Public Present

Chris Carling
Hal Mecham
Mike Stephens
Guy Webster
Jesse Painter
Craig Laub
Ken Strong
Mike Linnell
Melissa Kemp

John Kimball
Guy Webster
Colby Dolun
Ken Painter
Aaron Johnson
Colton Bellistan
Carter Wilford
David Stoner
Allison Spittler

Mike Fowlks
Rory Reynolds
Mike Canning
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Kenny Johnson
Leslie McFarlane
Nathan Owens
Rick Olson
Trina Hedrick
Bill Bates
Covy Jones
Pam Martin

Dan Potts
Bob Brister
Tony Elegante, UHA
Daniel Davis, UHA
Dan Cockayne, UHA
Robert Byrnes
Jamie Newman
Ernie Millgate
Bryce Pilling, SFW
Danica Lawrence
Jeremy Harris

Division Personnel Present

Kevin Bunnell
Justin Dolling
John Fairchild
Boyde Blackwell
Chris Wood
Martin Bushman
Greg Hansen
Guy Wallace
Teresa Griffin
Dax Mangus
Randy Wood
Scott White
Russ Norvell

Darren Debloois
Lindy Varney
Judi Tutorow
Kevin Bunnell
Mark Hadley
Anita Candelaria
Mike Christensen
Paul Gedge
Krystal Tucker
Scott McFarlane
Craig Walker
Torrey Christophersen
Krissey Wilson

Ray Matthews, Western Wildlife Conservancy
Troy Justensen, UFNAWS
Lee Tracy, United Wildlife Cooperative
Jon Larson, SFW, Utah Bowman's Association
Kim Crumbo, Wildlands Network
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Bret Selman, Utah Woolgrowers
Kent Fowden, Utah Trappers Association
Autumn Elegante, UHA
Sundays Hunt, US Humane Society
Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (Action) 00:05:37 – 00:06:16 of 06:01:04

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

- 2) Approval of Minutes (Action) 00:06:23 – 00:07:00 of 06:01:04

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 Wildlife Board Meeting.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:07:04 – 00:07:19, 00:17:00 – 00:19:46 of 06:01:04**

Chairman Bair asked Justin Shannon for an update on the Primitive Weapons Restriction action log item.

Chairman Bair requested an action log item be added concerning youth hunts on WMAs.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a listing of state youth hunts, their restrictions and preclusions on WMAs, and the feasibility of closing these areas during youth hunts. The findings will be presented at the next upland game meeting.

- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:07:21 – 00:16:59 of 06:01:04**

Greg Sheehan summarized the Tri-state meeting with Colorado and Wyoming. Byron Bateman gave a short synopsis of the meeting and highlighted some of the discussion: sage-grouse, invasive species, cutthroat trout, and funding.

Greg thanked new members of the RAC for their willingness to serve. He gave a status update on Utah's fire season, the archery deer hunt season, fishing, aquatic invasive species, and wolf delisting.

- 5) Cougar Management Plan (**Action**) **00:21:20 – 02:06:55 of 06:01:04**

Leslie McFarlane presented the Cougar Management Plan.

Board Questions 00:44:05 – 00:46:12

Mountain goats and GPS data usability was discussed.

Public Questions 00:46:25 – 00:55:17

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 00:55:20 – 00:57:54

All RACs unanimously approved the Cougar Management Plan. Southern RAC recommended a change in language.

Public Comments 00:57:57 – 01:29:48

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 01:29:50 – 02:06:55

Greg Sheehan, Byron Bateman, and Mike King commented on the plan, the process and approach to developing the plan.

There was an in depth discussion on SFW's proposal for language change on the transplant from the Southern RAC meeting. Kirk Woodward and Mike King sought clarification on the change and if it affected the plan.

Chairman Bair commended the Division for their work. He reviewed some of the letters and comments that were received about the plan. He corrected and dispelled some misinformation and misconception about the state's approach to cougar.

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

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- 6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 (Action) **02:07:04 – 03:30:52 of 06:01:04**

Leslie McFarlane presented the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016.

The Board sought clarification on all female cougars in harvest reports – adults, sub-adults (under 2 years).

Public Questions 02:27:25 – 02:35:24

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 02:35:24 – 02:43:10

Northern, Central, Northeast, and Southeast RACs unanimously passed the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016. Southern RAC passed it 10:1.

Central, Northeast, Southeast, and Southern RAC had various motions and exceptions.

Public Comments 02:43:44 – 02:58:54

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 02:59:48 – 03:30:52

Chairman Bair summarized the RAC votes. The Board discussed how the board should formulate the motion – as one whole motion or address each issue. Each regional wildlife program managers clarified some points on their recommendations.

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- 7) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 (Action) **03:30:53 – 03:56:45 of 06:01:04**

Leslie McFarlane presented the furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations.

Board Questions 03:38:49 – 03:40:20

Chairman Bair asked about female bobcat harvest and its affect on the recommendations.

RAC Recommendations 03:40:51 – 03:46:07

All RACs unanimously passed the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 with some exceptions.

Public Comments 03:46:12 – 03:48:06

Public comments accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 03:48:12 – 03:56:45

Chairman Bair noted all RACs voted with the same exceptions.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 as presented by the Division including a one week season extension for all furbearer except for beaver and mink.

Greg Sheehan updated the audience on the death of a Utah resident of plague; media release was done this afternoon. He also mentioned the passing of former vice chairman Bill Fenimore.

8) AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60 (Action) **03:56:47 – 04:11:19 of 06:01:04**

Nathan Owens presented the AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60.

Board Questions 04:04:40 – 04:05:50

Calvin Crandall asked for clarification on the amendment, specifically ballast tanks.

Public Questions 04:06:00 – 04:07:58

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 04:07:59 – 04:09:24

All RAC unanimously passed the AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60. Northern RAC included an exception to allow boat owners to remove the tag after an acceptable dry time or other acceptable decontamination methods.

Public Comments 04:09:25 – 04:10:14

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 04:10:16 – 04:11:19

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the AIS Rule Amendments R657-60 as presented by the Division.

- 9) Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments (Action) 04:11:36 – 04:27:15 of 06:01:04

Rick Olson presented the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments.

Board Questions 04:15:05 – 04:16:45

The Board asked for clarification on who the rule was geared toward and if there are any limits to participants.

Public Questions 04:16:51 – 04:19:13

Public questions were taken at this time.

RAC Recommendations 04:19:14 – 04:20:16

All RACs unanimously approved the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments.

Public Comments 04:20:17 – 04:23:02

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 04:23:43 – 04:27:15

The Board discussed outreach opportunities and promotion of the program.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments as presented.

- 10) Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment R657-63 (Action) 04:27:17 – 04:35:40 of 06:01:04

Rick Olson presented the Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment.

Board Questions 04:32:32 – 04:34:31

Steve Dalton asked how the rule would apply in an open field with a potential threat of a charging buffalo.

Board Discussion 04:34:40 – 04:35:40

Chairman Bair noted that all RACs passed the rule amendment unanimously.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Self Defense Against Animals Rule Amendments as presented.

- 11) Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland (**Action**)
04:35:41 – 04:43:17 of 05:11:24

Rick Olson presented the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland.

RAC Recommendations 04:41:54– 04:42:16

All RACs unanimously passed the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland.

Board Discussion 04:42:19 – 04:43:17

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland as presented by the Division.

- 12) 5-Day Falconry Meet Request (**Action**) **04:43:20 – 04:48:00 of 06:01:04**

Carter Wilford presented the 5-Day Falconry Meet Request.

Board Questions 04:45:09 – 04:46:25

Kirk Woodward wanted to know what happens after the approval occurs.

RAC Recommendations 04:46:28– 04:46:58

Central RAC unanimously approved the request.

Board Discussion 04:47:07 – 04:48:00

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the 5-Day Falconry Meet Request.

13) Fee Proposal (Action) 04:48:13 – 04:50:30 of 05:11:24

Kenny Johnson presented the Fee Proposal.

Northern RAC unanimously approved the proposal.

Board Discussion 04:49:40 – 04:50:30

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fee Proposal as presented by the Division.

14) Red Fleet Management Plan (Action) 04:50:32 – 05:09:32 of 06:01:04

Trina Hedrick presented the Red Fleet Management Plan.

Board Questions 05:03:54 – 05:08:30

There were some questions about the rotenone supply planning; clarification on pike minnow size, family, and sportfish opportunities; and concerns of hook remaining in pike minnow.

Board Discussion 05:08:45 – 05:09:32

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Red Fleet Management Plan as presented by the Division.

15) Certification Review Committee Recommendation (Action) 05:09:33 – 05:20:33 of 06:01:04

Staci Coons presented the CRC recommendations for Carl Watson – personal possession of captive bred bobcat; Allison Spittler – reclassification of hedgehog tenrecs from Classification and Specific Rule List; and Stephanie Merzel – personal possession of injured spotted skunk.

Board Questions/Discussions 05:17:19 – 05:20:33

The Board asked about safety considerations for the bobcat.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Certification Review Committee Recommendations as presented by the Division for Carl Watson, Allison Spittler, and Stephanie Merzel.

16) Expo Permit Audit (Action) 05:20:45 – 05:32:48 of 06:01:04

Kenny Johnson presented the Expo Permit Audit.

Board Discussion 05:31:06 – 05:32:48

The Board requested that the expo permit numbers be made public. Kenny agreed to work with Outreach to publish the audit on the wildlife website.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

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

17) Expo Permit Allocation (Action) 05:32:50 – 05:42:26 of 06:01:04

Mike Fowlks presented the Expo Permit Allocation.

Public Questions/Comments 05:35:51 – 05:41:08

Public questions and comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 05:41:09 – 05:42:26

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by Mike Fowlks including Chalk Creek/Kamas and removing Paunsaugunt.

18) Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr (Action) 05:42:27 – 05:54:24 of 06:01:04

Bill Bates presented the Conservation Permit Allocation.

Board Discussion 05:48:56 – 05:54:24

The Board commented on how conservation permits have afforded the Division the ability to move forward and complete much needed wildlife and habitat projects. The Board applauded the Division for the efforts.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr as presented by the Division with the addition of the two cougar tags, four Plateau cow elk tags, and the bighorn sheep clarification.

19) Other Business (Contingent) 05:54:25 – 06:01:04 of 06:01:04

Troy Justensen brought up an issue with CWMU voucher reallocation. This was reassigned to Judi Tutorow and Martin Bushman for proper procedural protocol in addressing the issue.

Greg Sheehan advised the Board review the results of the Primitive weapons survey for the next upcoming RAC sessions.

Meeting adjourned.