

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 1, 2016, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City,  
Utah

**Thursday, September 1, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– John Bair, Chairman   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– John Bair, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– Kirk Woodward, Vice-Chair  | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Gregory Sheehan, DWR Director   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments<br>- Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator                        | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. Bobcat Management Plan<br>- Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator                                     | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2016-2017<br>- Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2016-2017<br>- Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Fee Proposal<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief                                | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 10. Expo Permit Audit<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief                          | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 11. Expo Permit Allocation<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief                     | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 12. Blue Ribbon Council Letter of Support<br>- Byron Bateman, Wildlife Board Member.                     | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 13. Proposed Modifications to the Mentor Program<br>- Greg Hansen, Asst. Attorney General                | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 14. Use of Public Hunters to Aid in Deer Research<br>- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Coordinator              | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 15. Other Business<br>- John Bair, Chairman  | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

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**Summary of Motions**

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

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the minutes from the April 28, 2016 and the August 16, 2016 meetings as presented.**

3) R654-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division’s proposal as presented.**

4) Bobcat Management Plan (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Division’s recommendations as presented.**

5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2016-2017 (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division’s recommendations as presented.**

6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2016-2017 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman, and passed with five in favor and one opposed (Kirk Woodward).

**MOTION: I move that we increase the number of permits from 11 to 14 on the Boulder unit, and from 12 to 16 on the Fishlake unit.**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton, and passed with five in favor and one opposed (Byron Bateman).

**MOTION: I move that we follow the RAC recommendations and increase the permits from 5 to 8 on the Manti unit, leaving it limited entry.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Division's proposals as presented.**

- 7) Fee Proposal (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the fee proposal as presented.**

- 8) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's expo permit audit as presented.**

- 9) Expo Permit Allocations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Calvin Crandall, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the expo permit allocations as presented.**

- 10) Blue Ribbon Council Letter of Support (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the letter of support for the Blue Ribbon Council as written.**

11) Proposed Modifications to the Mentor Program (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the proposed modifications as presented.**

12) Use of Public Hunters to Aid in Deer Research (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal as presented.**

Approved

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**Wildlife Board Members Present**

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

**Division Personnel Present**

Jason Vernon	Mitch Lane	Rick Olson
Mike Canning	Sarah Scott	Bryan Christensen
Staci Coons	Josh Pollock	Teresa Griffin
Jamie Martell	Kenny Johnson	Chris Wood
Lindy Varney	Bill Bates	Rory Reynolds
Judi Tutorow	Paul Gedge	Scott White
Karen Caldwell	Greg Hansen	Riley Peck
Kevin Bunnell	Leslie McFarlane	Dax Mangus
Phil Gray	Linda Braithwaite	Justin Shannon

**RAC Chairs Present**

Northern – Justin Dolling  
Northeastern – Dan Abeyta  
Central – Richard Hansen  
Southern – Dave Black  
Southeastern – Kevin Albrecht

**Public Present**

Allan Buskirk	Jeffrey Himsl	Stephany Alexander	Sundays Hunt
Chris Carling – SFW	David West	Maria Roberts	
Brian Perkes – Voices of Wildlife	John Ziegler	Camron Carpenter	
Sharon Cantwel – Voices of Wildlife	Marianne Bicksler		
Bill Christensen – RMEF	Kim Crumbo – Wildlands Network	Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy	
Jeremy Snitker – MDF	Julie Schleck	Cherise Udell	
Scott Bye – Voices of Wildlife	Dean Shepherd	Ken Strong – SFW	
Dan Cockayne – Utah Houndsmen Association	Mary Pendergast – Wild Utah Project	Carrie Reilly	
Gene Baierschmidt – Humane Society of Utah	Kent Fowder – Utah Trappers	Jeff Thomas	

Chairman Bair called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) 00:00:00—00:04:10 of 05:13:08

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

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) 00:04:45—00:06:29 of 5:13:08

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the minutes from the April 28, 2016 and the August 16, 2016 meetings as presented.**

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) 00:06:40—00:11:20 of 05:13:08

There were several action items that the board needed to discuss, which included: WMAs, CWMUs, and lead shot. The Board also had a question about closing the WMA to youth hunts.

- 4) DWR Update (**Information**) 00:11:33—00:21:50 of 05:13:08

Gregory Sheehan introduced Jason Vernon as the new Central Regional Supervisor. He replaced John Fairchild, who retired.

Bill Bates, the Wildlife Section Chief, was honored by WAFWA during the 2016 summer meeting.

The Tibble Fork Reservoir dam in American Fork Canyon is being renovated to make it taller in order to retain more water. During the process, construction crews had a higher discharge of water than anticipated and as a result it cut into some of the old mining tailings settlement. Water containing heavy metals went down the river, which resulted in about two miles of dead fish. Efforts are now being taken to route the water coming down the mountain around the dam and back into the river to avoid any more contamination by that sediment. The construction project is estimated to be completed by December 2016. Director Sheehan will keep everyone updated on the stream restoration process.

Both Utah Lake and Scofield Lakes had algal blooms this summer.

Utah is in the middle of fire season. A few fires have touched some Sage-grouse areas, but many have not had a long term or dramatic impact on wildlife. In some areas, the wildfires have actually been beneficial to wildlife.

The archery hunt started last week. Fall fishing should be excellent, and the Cutthroat Slam program has enjoyed phenomenal success. Upland hunts for chukar look good, and it should be a promising year for upland and waterfowl hunts.

5) R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments (**Action**) **00:22:04—00:32:15 of 05:13:08**

Leslie McFarlane, the Mammals Coordinator for DWR, presented the Furbearer Rule Amendments to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 00:28:56—00:29:49 of 05:13:08**

The Board wanted to know how close you could set a trap to the road.

**Public Questions: 00:29:50—00:29:56 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 00:29:57—00:30:40 of 05:13:08**

All RACs—the motion to accept the Furbearer Rule Amendments R657-11 as presented was passed unanimously.

**Public Comments: 00:30:41—00:31:39 of 05:13:08**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 00:31:47—00:31:58 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division’s proposal as presented.**

6) Bobcat Management Plan (**Action**) **00:32:25—01:07:53 of 05:13:08**

Leslie McFarlane, the Mammals Coordinator for DWR, presented the Bobcat Management Plan to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 00:43:31—00:44:07 of 05:13:08**

John Bair asked if there were instances were bobcats were coming into town.

**Public Questions: 00:44:08—00:54:31 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 00:54:44—00:55:34 of 05:13:08**

All RACs—the motion to accept the Bobcat Management Plan as presented passed unanimously.

**Public Comments: 00:55:36—01:05:17 of 05:13:08**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 01:05:22—01:07:21**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Division's recommendations as presented.**

- 7) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendation for 2016-2017 (**Action**)  
**01:07:55—01:19:20 of 05:13:08**

Leslie McFarlane, the Mammals Coordinator for DWR, presented the Divisions recommendations for the 2016-2017 furbearer and bobcat harvest to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 01:13:20—01:16:46 of 05:13:08**

Steve Dalton asked about how the number of permits is increased. Mike King had a question about the earlier success rates for bobcats.

**Public Questions: 01:16:48—01:18:05 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 01:18:06—01:18:07 of 05:13:08**

All RACs—the motion to accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2016-2017 as presented passed unanimously.

**Public Comments: 01:18:08-01:18:09 of 05:13:08**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 01:18:09—01:19:15 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendations as presented.**

- 8) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2016-2017 (**Action**)  
**01:20:41—04:11:15 of 05:13:08**

Leslie McFarlane, the Mammals Coordinator for DWR, presented the 2016-2017 Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 01:39:01—01:41:16 of 05:13:08**

Donnie Hunter inquired as to why the Division does not have a management plan on the Zion unit.

Steve Dalton had a question about the overall population of the female harvest, and if the Division had an estimate of total numbers.

**Public Questions: 01:42:56—01:55:54 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 01:56:05—02:11:33 of 05:13:08**

CRO—the motion to accept the Cougar Recommendations and Rule as presented passed 7:2.

NRO, NERO—the motion to accept the Cougar Recommendations and Rule as presented passed unanimously.

SERO—the motion to accept the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2016-2017 as proposed with the exception that the southwest Manti be made a split season unit and increase the permit numbers from 5 to 8 passed unanimously.

SRO— Motion: to accept the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2016-2017 as proposed with the exception that the Plateau Boulder, Thousand Lakes, and Fishlake unit permits be increased by 30% and the southwest Manti increase to 8 permits.

Amendment to Motion: That the Thousand Lakes unit be excluded from the increase.

Vote on Amendment: Motion carries with 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

Vote on Amended Motion: Motion carries with 8 in favor and 1 opposed.

**Public Comments: 02:11:43—03:21:37 of 05:13:08**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 03:21:40—04:11:10 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman, and passed with five in favor and one opposed (Kirk Woodward).

**MOTION: I move that we increase the number of permits from 11 to 14 on the Boulder unit, and from 12 to 16 on the Fishlake unit.**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton, and passed with five in favor and one opposed (Byron Bateman).

**MOTION: I move that we follow the RAC recommendations and increase the permits from 5 to 8 on the Manti unit, leaving it limited entry.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Division's proposals as presented.**

9) **Fee Proposal (Action) 04:12:05—04:28:13 of 05:13:08**

Kenny Johnson, the Administrative Services Section Chief, presented the proposed fees to the Board.

Mike King was excused from the meeting.

**Board/RAC Questions: 04:21:23—04:21:54 of 05:13:08**

The Board did not have any questions.

**Public Questions: 04:21:55—04:22:11 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 04:22:12—04:24:28 of 05:13:08**

NRO—the motion to accept the Proposed Fee Schedule with the exception of youth turkey tags and mitigation cow tags passed unanimously.

CRO—the motion to change the fee proposal for youth turkey permits from \$25.00 to \$15.00

passed with 6 in favor and 3 opposed. The motion to accept the remainder of the Division's recommendations passed unanimously.

NERO, SERO, SRO—the motion to accept the Proposed Fee Schedule as presented passed unanimously.

**Public Comments: 04:24:34—04:24:38 of 05:13:08**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 04:24:39—04:26:50 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the fee proposal as presented.**

10) **Expo Permit Audit (Action) 04:28:25—04:41:04 of 05:13:08**

Kenny Johnson, the Administrative Services Section Chief, presented the Expo Permit Audit to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 04:39:03—04:39:10 of 05:13:08**

The Board did not have any questions.

**Public Questions: 04:39:15—04:39:16 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**Public Comments: 04:39:17—04:39:36 of 05:13:08**

Public Comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 04:39:37—04:39:39 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's expo permit audit as presented.**

11) Expo Permit Allocation (Action) 04:41:05—04:45:20 of 05:13:08

Kenny Johnson, the Administrative Services Section Chief, presented the Expo Permit Allocation recommendations to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 04:42:00—04:44:40 of 05:13:08**

The Board did not have any questions.

**Public Questions: 04:44:47—04:44:48 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 04:44:50—04:45:20 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Calvin Crandall, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the expo permit allocations as presented.**

12) Blue Ribbon Council Letter of Support (Action) 04:45:26—04:50:46 of 05:13:08

Board Member Byron Bateman passed a copy of a draft letter regarding \$1.3 billion that could be allocated toward the Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) and applied to endangered species that the Division does not otherwise have the budget to help. The letter is from the Board saying that they support the Blue Ribbon Council.

**Board Discussion: 04:49:39—04:49:41 of 05:13:08**

The Board reviewed the letter that Byron Bateman drafted.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the letter of support for the Blue Ribbon Council as it is written.**

13) Proposed Modifications to the Mentor Program (Action) 04:50:55—04:59:40 of 05:13:08

During the August meeting, the Board asked that the Division re-examine modifications to the mentor program. Greg Hansen, the Assistant Attorney General for the division, presented the

proposed amendments to the Board.

**Public Questions: 04:56:10—04:57:04 of 05:13:08**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 04:58:40—04:59:00 of 05:13:08**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the proposed modifications as presented.**

- 14) Use of Public Hunters to Aid in Deer Research (**Action**) **05:00:07—05:11:20 of 05:13:08**

Justin Shannon, the Wildlife Coordinator for DWR, presented a Power Point about using hunters to help aid in deer research that would identify what is causing antler deformities to the Board.

**Board Questions and Discussion: 05:03:40—05:11:14 of 05:13:08**

The Board asked for more clarification and details about how the hunters would be selected, how they would take down the specific deer, and how this would affect the hunters' permits.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall, and passed unanimously, with one absence (Mike King).

**MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal as presented.**

- 15) Other Business (**Contingent**) **05:11:21—05:13:08 of 05:13:08**

The next Wildlife Board meeting will take place on September 29, 2016.

The December Board meeting has been moved from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>, and the January Board meeting has been moved from January 5<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.