

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
June 1, 2017, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/PAAwFymLR0U>

AGENDA

Tuesday, June 1, 2017, Board Meeting 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
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Utah Prairie Dog Update
- Martin Bushman, Assistant Attorney General | INFORMATION |
| 6. Upland Game and Turkey Hunt Table Recommendations
- Jason Robinson, Upland Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Falconry Rule Amendments for 2017
- Russ Norvell, Avian Conservation Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Other Business
– John Bair, Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 9. Wildlife Board Appeal – 1:00 p.m. TIME CERTAIN – Room 2000
Mr. Damien Davis
- Martin Bushman, Assistant Attorney General | ACTION |

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Summary of Motions

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

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

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

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting as presented.

3) Upland Game and Turkey Hunt Table Recommendations (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Upland Game and Turkey Hunt Table Recommendations as presented by the Division.

4) Falconry Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4 to 1. Mike King opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Falconry Rule Amendments with exclusion of the 54 species list and inclusion of the Division's alternative five point proposal.

5) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The Board voted Kirk Woodward as chair and Byron Bateman as vice-chair.

6) Wildlife Board Appeal (**Action**)

The Board approved the appeal for Damien Davis to reduce the suspension from three years to two years and six months.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

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

RAC Chairs

Central – Richard Hansen
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Chris Wood
Northeastern – Randy Dearth
Northern – John Cavitt

Division Personnel

Rory Reynolds	Lindy Varney
Mike Canning	Justin Shannon
Boyde Blackwell	Anita Candelaria
Kevin Bunnell	Avery Cook
Justin Dolling	Randy Wood
Jason Vernon	Eric Anderson
Staci Coons	Blair Stringham
Mike Styler	Bill Bates
Martin Bushman	Kim Hersey
Greg Hansen	Jesse Chase
Thu Vo-Wood	Rick Olson
Mike Christensen	Steve Newren
Jason Robinson	Sarah Scott
Russ Norvell	Linda Braithwaite
Paul Gedge	Heather Shilton
Sean Davis	Phil Gray
Jake Greenwood	Spencer Dushane

Public

McCall Iorg
Duane Reading
Todd Ballanttynne
Blaine Stewart
Ken Strong
Mark Housekeeper
Zach Fossum UT Falconers Assoc
Patrick Shane
Jamie Nogel – NWTF
Justin Searle
Caleb Stroh
Troy Justensen
Heather Dove – GSL Audubon
Lynn Carroll – Wasatch Audubon
Carter Wilford
Damien Davis
Ron Camp
Tara Edgler
Vinessa Dudley
Bryce Pilling
Jaren Hutchinson
Joshua Black
Lorelei Black
Monica Bair
Emma Bair
Rebecca Searle
Chris Carling

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<https://youtu.be/RXcCWjJmDw4> (part II)

(part I)

00:00:01 Chairman Bair welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs. Mike King was stuck in traffic and would arrive later. Calvin Crandall and Kevin Albrecht were excused.

00:02:44 **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**

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

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

00:03:07 **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting as presented.

00:03:39 **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**

Two items will be addressed during the meeting. Kirk Woodward will address the other action log items with Chairman Bair at a later time, mainly grammatical and sentence structure issues.

00:05:28 **4) DWR Update (Informational)**

Greg Sheehan acknowledged the outgoing Board members, John Bair and Mike King, as this was their last board meeting. He named the two potential board members under consideration. The Board will need to select a new chair and vice-chair today. He also announced the formation of a new council: Private Aquaculture Advisory Council.

Chairman Bair expressed appreciation for outgoing RAC chairs, John Cavitt, Richard Hansen, and Kevin Albrecht, for their dedication and hard work.

Lindy Varney updated the Board on the draw results with the new hunt structure.

00:20:26 **5) Prairie Dog Update (Informational)**

Martin Bushman gave an update on the prairie dog court ruling.

Mike King arrived during the presentation.

00:28:40 Board Questions/Discussions

The Board pondered options or avenues to address the ruling – emergency meetings, board appeals, executive orders. They asked if the ruling was affected by recovery goals that were met or not met under ESA.

00:33:11 6) Upland Game and Turkey Hunt Table Recommendation (Action)

Jason Robinson presented the recommendations and addressed action log items: youth hunts on WMAs for upland game and order of turkey hunts.

00:46:40 Board Questions

The Board asked about youth hunt opportunities and its effectiveness on recruitment and retention, impact of crane population due to permit and falconry hunts, and documentation of predators on sage-grouse.

00:56:12 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the Division's recommendations. Central and Northeast RAC proposed action log items addressing predator control program and seasons.

00:59:00 Public Comments

The Board accepted public comments.

01:01:04 Board Discussion

The Board discussed the crane hunt season, upland game predator program, tracking/monitoring youth recruitment and retention.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Upland Game and Turkey Hunt Table Recommendation as presented by the Division.

The Board further discussed youth recruitment and retention. They pursued the idea of an annual report that could be part of the agenda item, perhaps as part of the director's DWR Update or from the R3 coordinator.

01:14:57 **7) Falconry Rule Amendments (Action)**

Chairman Bair explained the meeting process and requested that everyone display respect and restraint.

Russ Norvell presented the falconry rule amendments.

01:34:18 **Board Questions**

Wildlife Board asked about adding species outside the list, ownership of birds not on the list, grandfathering in species, permissible birds for meets.

01:38:37 **RAC Recommendations**

All RACs passed the Falconry Rule Amendments with varying dissent. They had intense discussions about the 54 raptor list, adding an exclusion of the list to their motions and referencing the Federal list instead.

Russ Norvell addressed public feedback after the RAC process, which resulted in five alternative provisions that addressed concerns of parties involved. The Board asked for clarification on the intent of the stipulations proposed by the Division.

01:52:49 **Public Questions**

The Board accepted public questions.

01:55:39 **Public Comments**

The Board accepted public comments at this time.

Chairman Bair accepted one last question from the public.

02:18:30 **Board Discussion**

The Board asked for clarification on the Division's decision to exclude the federal list. They discussed the 15 native species as proposed in the Division's stipulations.

00:00:00 Russ Norvell and Greg Hansen expounded on the five alternative provisions.
(part II) Mike King asked about pressure on raptor species if the list is expanded.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4 to 1. Mike King opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Falconry Rule Amendments with exclusion of the 54 species list and inclusion of the Division's alternative five point proposal.

**00:14:38-
00:30:35** **8) Other Business** (Contingent)

The Board discussed who would become the next chair and vice-chair. The Board voted Kirk Woodward as chair and Byron Bateman as vice-chair.

9) Wildlife Board Appeals (Action)

Martin Bushman presented the appeal for Damien Davis.

Board Discussion

The Board asked for clarification on Mr. Davis's history, asked a few other questions, then deliberated in a separate room.

The Board approved the appeal for Damien Davis to reduce the suspension from three years to two years and six months.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved