

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 27, 2010, DNR Room 2130
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 3:00 pm

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
 - Rick Woodard, Chairman

2. CWMU Variance Requests to Amend CORs to Include Deer **ACTION**
 - Boyde Blackwell, Wildlife Program Coordinator

3. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
 - Rick Woodard, Chairman

Board Members in attendance:

Rick Woodard – Chairman

Bill Fenimore

Tom Hatch

Board Members participating by telephone:

Ernie Perkins – Vice-Chairman

Del Brady

Jake Albrecht

Board Members absent

Keele Johnson

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UTAH WILDLIFE BOARD MEETING
Summary of Motions
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MOTION: I move that we accept the agenda as presented.

2) CWMU Variance Requests to Amend CORs to Include Deer (**ACTION**)

The following motion was made by Tom Hatch, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the variance request for the Sharp Mountain CWMU COR for deer as requested by the Division.

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Board Members Present

Rick Woodard – Chair

Tom Hatch

Bill Fenimore

Jim Karpowitz – Exec Sec

Board Members Present by telephone

Ernie Perkins – Vice Chair

Del Brady

Jake Albrecht

Board Members Absent

Keele Johnson

Division of Wildlife Resources

Staci Coons

Cindee Jensen

Alan Clark

Rick Larson

Boyde Blackwell

Judi Tutorow

Lacy Welch

Bryan Christensen

Martin Bushman

RAC Chairs Present

No RAC Chairs present

Public Present

Chairman Woodard welcomed the audience, introduced the Wildlife Board members and indicated who was participating by telephone. He then covered the process for roll call voting. He reviewed the agenda and called for other business. There was no other business.

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The following motion was made by Tom Hatch, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

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

- 2) CWMU Variance Requests to Amend CORs to Include Deer (**Action**)

Boyde Blackwell presented the variance request from the Sharp Mountain CWMU (see handout). The request came from Bruce Peterson, president of the Sharp Mountain CWMU. He proceeded to read the request, dated January 6, 2010, to the Board. The request is to make an amendment to the Sharp Mountain CWMU COR. The variance request is to extend the application deadline to allow the Sharp Mountain CWMU to add deer to their current COR. This is the result of the 9-day general season hunting dates being shortened to 5 days. They are currently in contact with Scott McFarland and Darren DeBloois regarding the necessary changes.

Mr. Blackwell indicated that the Division is recommending approval of this request, for the following reasons: This is an existing CWMU, there is already a CWMU boundary in place, it is currently approved for moose, and it allows the CWMU to add species that have not previously been authorized on the CWMU. We will have an approved management plan for deer on this CWMU and it will provide two public permits to the drawing for the coming year.

Chairman Woodard called for questions from the Board.

Mr. Brady would like to clarify that all the Board is doing is amending the COR to include deer on the existing CWMU.

Chairman Woodard said yes, that is the case.

Mr. Hatch asked how many permits would be given for this CWMU prior to the vote on whether we would allow this amendment.

Mr. Blackwell indicated that 20 permits would be given.

Mr. Perkins indicated that this is not the CWMU that was in question. Isn't it in Summit County, up by Lost Creek Reservoir?

Mr. Woodard said they are not presenting that CWMU as of yet. He would like Mr. Blackwell to address that.

Mr. Fenimore asked if Sharp Mountain was just across from La Plata, west of Monte Cristo.

Mr. Blackwell said yes. It is next to Deseret.

Mr. Fenimore asked if the Sharp Mountain CWMU had been turned down for deer in the past.

Mr. Blackwell said no. They just did not ask for deer up to this point.

The following motion was made by Tom Hatch, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

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Mr. Blackwell said the second request would be to establish the numbers for the permits. The CWMU has worked through their area biologist and requested 20 permits. The biologist feels this is a good, viable number of permits for that unit. They are requesting a 90/10 split, therefore it would be 18 private and two public permits. They have

submitted a management plan that includes deer, which gives us their buck to doe ratios and how they will manage towards meeting those on the Sharp Mountain CWMU.

Mr. Woodard called for questions.

Mr. Albrecht asked how the CWMU handled the deer permits in the past.

Mr. Blackwell explained that this is a general hunt unit and in the past the operator would sell access permits, anywhere from 10 to 100 permits to general season permit holders. Now it would be closed to general season hunters and included as a limited entry permit.

Mr. Hatch said so their concern was with it late in the season and it would limit opportunity.

Mr. Blackwell said that is correct.

Mr. Albrecht asked if the operator was in attendance.

Mr. Blackwell said no. He told them he would present this for them if they desired, because of the short notice and the work week.

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Tom Hatch and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the deer permits for the Sharp Mountain CWMU as presented by the Division.

Mr. Blackwell said that was the only request received by the Division, and this was only presented by the Division because it was an existing CWMU with an existing boundary, and not a new CWMU request.

Director Karpowitz said in addition to that, the boundary has been verified along with the land ownership. This has been run past biologists and officers, and is much easier to handle than a new CWMU request, on short notice. This is the only reason we brought this recommendation to the Board as an amendment.

Chairman Woodard then called for questions and there were none. He then asked Director Karpowitz if he would like to discuss any legislative issues under "other business?"

Director Karpowitz said no.

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Del Brady and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that the meeting be adjourned.