

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

December 6, 2012, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, December 6, 2012, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Del Brady, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Del Brady, Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Ernie Perkins, Vice-Chair | INFORMATION |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | ACTION |
| 5. Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2013 Season Dates and Application Timeline
– Anis Aoude, Wildlife Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013
– Scott McFarlane, Wildlife Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013
– Scott McFarlane, Wildlife Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. Other Business
– Del Brady, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

Thursday, December 6, 2012, Board Appeal 1:00 pm

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| 1. Motion to Dismiss— Time Certain 1:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cory Gleason | ACTION |
| 2. Board Appeal — Time Certain 1:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jack Bennett | ACTION |

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Summary of Motions

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

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

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

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 Wildlife Board Meeting as corrected.

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

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to report to the Board on the issues and concerns with using a magnifying scope on a muzzleloader, this is to be placed on the action log and the report shall be discussed at the May 2013 work session.

The following motion was made by Jake Albrecht, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to study the issues and concerns of making the Mineral Mountain Range (west side of Beaver unit) a limited entry buck deer unit and that it be discussed during the revision of the deer plan with the Deer Management Committee. This is to be placed on the action log.

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- 4) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2013 Season Dates and Application Timeline **(Action)**

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Ernie Perkins and passed 5 to 1 with Jake Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we allow an additional 20 percent of the total number of archery tags on each unit to be offered to the youth hunters (18 and under) over the counter for the 2013 general season.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline as presented by the division.

- 5) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Ernie Perkins, seconded by Jake Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the division to include changing the start date to default backwards to Saturday, August 31, 2013.

- 6) Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 **(Action)**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the Division.

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/12-12-06_part1.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

Del Brady – Chair
Ernie Perkins – Vice Chair
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Jake Albrecht
Bill Fenimore
Calvin Crandall
John Bair
Mike King

RAC Chairs Present

Southern – Steve Flinders
Southeastern – Derris Jones
Central – Fred Oswald
Northern – Robert Byrnes
Northeastern - Boyde Blackwell

Division Personnel Present

Judi Tutorow
Staci Coons
Kevin Bunnell
Thu Vo-Wood
John Fairchild
Anis Aoude
Justin Dolling
Mike Fowlks
Karen Caldwell
Dax Mangus
Justin Shannon
Mike Styler
Scott McFarlane
Bruce Bonebrake
Jodi Becker
Drew Cushing
Randall Thacker
Teresa Griffin
Dean Mitchell
Bryan Christensen
Anita Candelaria

Public Present

Ben Lowder – UT Bowmen Assoc.
Ken Strong
Tye Boulder – UWC
Jason Lone – UWC

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:01:52 – 00:02:29 of 02:44:38**

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

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:30 – 00:03:09 of 02:44:38**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 Wildlife Board Meeting as corrected.

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) 00:03:10 – 00:11:23 of 02:44:38

Ernie Perkins said per the discussion at the work session yesterday, the hunt structure proposal intended as an action log item for this meeting has been postponed. It was agreed that the Division will keep the unit by unit structure another year until further data could be gathered and analyzed. At the next work meeting the Division will provide an update to the Board and recommend the course of action needed.

Mike King reiterated the issue of magnification on muzzleloaders and its use for people with poor vision, especially those who are aging. He questioned what the ramifications would be in allowing magnifying scopes. Marty Bushman explained there is already a remedy in place for folks with less than perfect vision. Disabled people with visual acuity requirements – worse than 20/40 corrected acuity – can qualify for a COR for a scope. However, allowing the use of magnification during the any weapons hunt for anyone who wishes to use it is a different issue.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to report to the Board on the issues and concerns with using a magnifying scope on a muzzleloader, this is to be placed on the action log and the report shall be discussed at the May 2013 work session.

4) DWR Update (**Informational**) 00:11:24 – 00:34:12 of 02:44:38

Greg Sheehan thanked the Board, RAC chairs, DWR employees and constituent groups for their diligence and support throughout the years.

He briefly highlighted some of his administration's goals and announced a few personnel changes.

The coyote predator program implemented this past year has been quite successful and hopefully will create a positive impact on the deer herd.

The state of Wyoming is issuing a mercury advisory for their side of Flaming Gorge. DWR is conducting its own tests. Until the results are in, it is inconclusive that this is widespread throughout the water way.

Sheep translocations are taking place in Utah again after several years.

Mike King commended Outreach for their wildlife viewing programs, namely the sheep viewing event this past season at Green River.

DWR will be following up with several more tests to determine if a quagga infestation exists at Lake Powell.

Chairman Brady expressed his delight for having Greg Sheehan on the Wildlife Board.

Before proceeding to the next topic, Chairman Brady noted a discrepancy on the RAC summary of motion for the CWMU and Landowner issues. Southeast region was typed in twice and needs to be replaced with the Northeast Region (CWMU – unanimous; Landowner – passed 3-2).

5) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2013 Season Dates and Application Timeline (**Action**)
00:34:15 – 02:04:13 of 02:44:38

Anis Aoude presented the recommendations. Most of the general season dates will remain the same with no drastic changes.

In an attempt to increase youth involvement in hunting, a statewide recommendation was made to allow youths to purchase unlimited over the counter general season archery deer permits. This permit request is on top of the number of permits that will be recommended. These permits would be available to youths after the draw (July timeframe) who do not draw out during the hunt season. They could choose any unit in the state. A permit restriction could be placed on each unit should there be a high number of participants; however, the intent of this proposal is to encourage young hunters. The simpler and easier the process, the better chance they will get involved.

Aoude reviewed the recommended regional changes. Many of the changes clarify unit boundaries, address crowding, depredation and private/public land concerns, and create some consistency.

The application period for bonus and preference points and withdrawal has been extended to March 18 to allow folks extra time to submit their applications.

Other key dates for the 2013 season remain unchanged other than adjusting for the calendar year.

Board Questions 00:56:30 – 01:01:36

Ernie Perkins and Jake Albrecht wondered if there are any physical markers such as fences or white posts that outline the boundary of Capitol Reef National Park. Is it evident to hunters? Justin Shannon explained that there is a natural ridge which marks the boundary. DWR has been working with Parks to clearly and easily define the boundary. Though the boundary description has changed, it does not change the fact that Capitol Reef has always been excluded from hunting.

John Bair asked if it would be possible to shift the Manti boundary to include part of the Wasatch since there seems to be a growing moose population, especially in the north Manti area. Anis Aoude said this could be explored and discussed internally then presented to the Board at a later time.

Bill Fenimore observed there was a decline in moose herds by Mt. Green. Anis Aoude acknowledged there has been a decline statewide with the exception of the Wasatch unit, though they are rebounding. DWR is doing extensive research on the cause of their decline.

RAC Questions 01:01:52 – 01:04:16

Robert Byrnes restated a question he posed at the Northern RAC meeting about the rationale for not changing the Lockhart big horn sheep unit if the move is toward standardizing deer boundaries. Justin Shannon will look into the matter.

Public Questions 01:04:26 – 01:05:06

Ken Strong wanted to know if DWR had considered a hunt unit for the backside of Maple Mountain. Anis Aoude confirmed that it already belongs to a hunt unit to the north of Maple.

RAC Recommendations 01:05:16 – 01:11:31

Northern, Northeastern and Central RACs passed the 2013 season dates and application timeline recommendations unanimously. Southeastern had one dissenting vote. Southern passed it with exception that the youth archery permits be limited to 100 per unit. The vote was 6-3 with one abstention.

Other motions to establish action log items passed unanimously – investigating additional muzzleloader hunting opportunities; and consider making the west side of Beaver unit a limited entry buck deer unit.

Northeastern RAC had two other motions pass unanimously. One, require youths to take archery ethics course. Two, have Lance Hadlock prepare a written proposal to bring before the Board for consideration.

Public Comment 01:11:33 – 01:14:06

Ben Lowder, Utah Bowman's Association, recommended the Board approve the archery tag program for youths. He said it's a great way to encourage kids to participate in the sport and allow them to hunt if they don't draw a tag in the general draw.

When Chairman Brady asked Lowder his opinion on the youth ethics course, he said it wasn't necessary, but not opposed to it. His feeling on the issue was indifferent. It seems unusual to impose an ethics course if they purchase an over-the counter tag for the general season when it's not required if they draw a tag in the general draw.

Discussion ensued about the appropriate placement of issues on the action log, proper processes and procedures, importance, necessity, purpose.

The following motion was made by Jake Albrecht, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

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Jake Albrecht wanted clarification on the definition of youth and wondered if it could be standardized.

He also wanted to know what the economic effects and hunting challenges would be in allowing the archery youth tag program. He made a motion to have this discussed at the deer management committee and have them determine a fair percentage to distribute for each unit. The motion died for lack of support.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Ernie Perkins and passed 5 to 1 with Jake Albrecht opposed.

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Ernie Perkins suggested deferring the Hadlock proposal to the mule deer committee since it requires major changes to the draw.

The motion to require youths take an archery ethics course prior to purchasing an over-the-counter permit was tabled. Hunter education already provides a two hour component.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline as presented by the division.

- 6) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 (Action) 02:05:23 – 02:33:09 of 02:44:38

Scott McFarlane explained the three types of applications received and outlined the proposals.

He presented two solutions to the CWMU rule dilemma with Utah Code § 23-14-18(3) that prohibits the Board to begin any hunt season on a Sunday: default backwards to Saturday or default forward to Monday. The rule is up for revision next year, and it will be several more years before the Division has to face this conflict again. If no action were taken, the rule would defer to the legal interpretation of defaulting forward.

RAC Recommendation

The CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 passed unanimously as presented with the exception of the Northern RAC. The vote was 7-1 and one abstention.

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- 7) Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 (Action) 02:33:20 – 02:43:20 of 02:44:38

Scott McFarlane gave an overview of the Landowner Association program and summarized the 2013 voucher recommendations.

RAC Recommendation

Southern, Southeastern and Central RACs passed the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented unanimously. Northern RAC passed it 8-1.

Northeast passed it 3-2. The Diamond Mountain Association submitted a variance to allow the landowners control over which private individuals may enter their properties.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the Division.

8) Other Business (**Contingent**) **02:43:35 – 02:44:38**

Ernie Perkins and Bill Fenimore will not be present for the January 10, 2013 Board meeting. Chairman Brady said the meeting could still proceed in their absence.

Chairman Brady verified that he and Mike King will be at Winter WAFWA from January 3 – 6, 2013.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved