

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 10, 2013, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, January 10, 2013, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION
 - Del Brady, Chairman

2. Approval of Minutes ACTION
 - Del Brady, Chairman

3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
 - Ernie Perkins, Vice-Chair

4. DWR Update INFORMATION
 - Greg Sheehan, DWR Director

5. Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 ACTION
 - Jim Parrish, Avian Coordinator

6. R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities ACTION
 - Kenny Johnson, Licensing Specialist

7. Certification Review Committee – Recommendation ACTION
 - Staci Coons, CRC Chairman

8. Other Business CONTINGENT
 - Del Brady, Chairman
 - Winter WAFWA Report

Thursday, January 10, 2013, Board Appeal 11:00 am

1. Board Appeal — **Time Certain 11:00 am** ACTION
 - Jack Bennett

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Calvin Crandall 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 December 5-6, 2012 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

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 place on the action log the motion from the Southeastern Region to look at allowing a specified companion hunter to finish off a wounded animal for a disabled hunter, who is paraplegic, quadriplegic, blind, or has lost use of his upper extremities. This is to be completed by the Bucks and Bulls Board Meeting in December 2013.

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

MOTION: I move that we place on the action log that the division looks at the use of crossbows to take carp by all fisherman and not just Disabled Anglers as well as looking into the use of a crossbow during the "any legal weapon" general season deer hunt by all sportsmen. This is to be completed by the Bucks and Bulls Board Meeting in December 2013.

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

MOTION: I move that we place on the action log the recommendation made by Mr. David Gurr and that we ask the division to consider this proposal as they are considering other statue changes relating to the transfer of tags.

- 4) Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Bill Fenimore and unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendations for the Falconry Guidebook and Rule 657-20 as presented.

- 5) R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities as presented.

- 6) Certification Review Committee – Recommendations (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Certification Review Committees' Recommendations for Mr. Web Parton and Ms. Carmen Smith as presented by the Division.

- 7) Bighorn Sheep Conservation Permit Season Date Variance Request (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep Conservation Permit Season Date Variance Request as presented by the Division.

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/13-1-10.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

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

RAC Chairs Present

Southern – Steve Flinders
Southeastern – Derris Jones
Central – Fred Oswald
Northern – Robert Byrnes
Northeastern - Floyd Briggs

Division Personnel Present

Judi Tutorow	Jim Parrish
Staci Coons	Scott McFarlane
Kevin Bunnell	Bruce Bonebrake
Thu Vo-Wood	Kenny Johnson
Robyn Pearson	Drew Cushing
Sid Groll	Rory Reynolds
Justin Dolling	Mike Canning
Mike Fowlks	Carmen Bailey
John Luft	Marty Bushman
Blake Ogden	Mark Hadley
Bill Bates	Tony Wood
Paul Birdsey	Robin Cahoon
Karen Caldwell	Greg Hansen

Public Present

Ryan Foutz – FNAWS
Dave Gurr & spouse
3 others who did not sign in

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:01:24 – 00:01:59 of 01:28:10**

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:00 – 00:02:43 of 01:28:10**

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 December 5-6, 2012 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) None.

4) DWR Update (**Informational**) 00:03:04 – 00:14:38 of 01:28:10

Greg Sheehan said the division may need to issue an emergency change to extend the brine shrimp season through February.

Fifty-one deer were successfully translocated this past week from the Parowan front area to north of Fillmore and Holden area. This is a research project sponsored by SFW.

Though the winter has been cold, there are no plans for deer feeding. Tests conducted during the translocation indicate the deer are in good condition.

The legislative session begins in two weeks. There are two bills to track that affect the Division – wasting of wildlife amendments and mentorship bill.

The Hunt Expo is February 21-24 at the Salt Lake Convention Center.

Rory Reynolds and Mike Canning are the new assistant directors.

DWR will be authorizing a depredation elk hunt in the Gunnison area.

5) Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 (**Action**) 00:15:12 – 00:23:27 of 01:28:10

Jim Parrish presented the recommended changes for Rule R657-20 – clarify and simplify language, address compliance issues, consolidate rules, and maintain consistency with the Federal rule.

Board Questions

Mike King wanted to know how many falconers are in Utah. Jim Parrish said there are approximately 200-250.

RAC Recommendations

The Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 recommendations passed unanimously at all RACs.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendations for the Falconry Guidebook and Rule 657-20 as presented.

6) R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities (**Action**) 00:23:29 – 00:46:23 of 01:28:10

Kenny Johnson presented the recommended changes for Rule R657-20 which includes moving the turkey season extension to seven days prior to the limited entry hunt; adding carp to the hunt

list for crossbows; and reducing veteran's disability percentage from 40% to 20% for discount fishing licenses.

John Bair wondered why the use of crossbows on carp is not an option for the general public if the aim is to reduce carp. Kenny Johnson explained that the disability rule is a good starting point for application of this weapon. The use of crossbows for the general public will be a future discussion.

Board Questions 00:28:17 – 00:29:28

Mike King wanted to know how a veteran's disability percentage was determined. Kenny Johnson said that the military assigns the percentage after performing an evaluation.

RAC Recommendation 00:29:36 – 00:33:30

All RACs unanimously passed R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities.

Northeast RAC unanimously passed a motion recommending the Board listen to Dave Gurr's proposal to donate surrendered tags to disabled vets. This topic will be discussed under 'Other Business' on the agenda.

Southeast RAC unanimously passed an additional motion to allow a specified companion hunter to finish off a wounded animal for a qualified disabled hunter.

Board Discussion 00:33:32 – 00:45:32

There was an extensive discussion about the legalities of a companion hunter or guide dispatching a wounded animal for a disabled hunter. Currently, the rule does accommodate companion hunting for those unable to use a legal weapon; however, there are no existing laws to address the use of someone else's license to take an animal. An amendment to the statute is necessary.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities as presented.

- 7) Certification Review Committee - Recommendation (Action) 00:46:24 – 00:53:38 of 01:28:10

Staci Coons presented the committee’s recommendations for two businesses to transport rattlesnakes.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Certification Review Committees’ Recommendations for Mr. Web Parton and Ms. Carmen Smith as presented by the Division.

- 8) Bighorn Sheep Conservation Permit Season Date Variance Request (Action) 00:53:43 – 01:00:10 of 01:28:10

Kevin Bunnell requested a season extension through the end of December. The sale of these conservation permits allow for continued management of bighorn sheep.

Questions/Discussion 00:56:24 – 00:59:17

The Board was in agreement that this request is good for the bighorn sheep program.

Robert Byrnes expressed concern that this would affect the variance rule. Marty Bushman confirmed that this is only part of the conservation permit variance rule, not the overall variance rule.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bighorn Sheep Conservation Permit Season Date Variance Request as presented by the Division.

- 9) Other Business (Contingent) 01:00:37 – 01:28:10

WAFWA-

Mike King said states expressed the same concern from the summer conference about federal intervention hindering their ability to manage wildlife, namely with the Endangered Species Act.

Ernie Perkins proposed some changes to the bylaws that govern the commissioners committee to ensure they are effective.

Utah proposed a topic of discussion that was accepted for the summer WAFWA conference.

Utah's conservation permit program received mixed reviews by several states. Different variations of the program are causing confusion and misunderstanding.

Surrendering Permits to Disabled Veterans-

Dave Gurr proposed to the Board that hunters, who are facing hardships, be given the option to surrender their permits to disabled veterans or next person in line. Disabled veterans must be sponsored by a nonprofit/charitable group or foundation.

The Board agreed this proposal has good merit, but would require a statute change. Although running a bill would be the quickest way to implement this proposal, Greg Sheehan pointed out that the Board and DWR need to maintain some control to determine how this would affect the draw process.

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Meeting adjourned.