

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 9, 2014, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Revised January 8, 2014

Thursday, January 9, 2014, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Bill Fenimore, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Presentation on Highway Deer Mortality
- Daniel Olson, Utah State University | INFORMATION |
| 6. R657-27 Licensing Agent Procedures Rule Amendments
- Phil Gray, Business Analyst | ACTION |
| 7. R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Rule Amendments
- Jordan Nielson, AIS Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. R657-43 Landowner Permits Rule Amendments
- Regional Wildlife Biologist | ACTION |
| 9. R657-10 Cougar Rule Amendments
- John Shivik, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Certification Review Committee – Recommendation
- Staci Coons, CRC Chairman | ACTION |
| 11. Bucks, Bulls, OIAL Season Date Corrections
- Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 12. Other Business
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| • Winter WAFWA Report | |

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) R657-27 – License Agent Procedures Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-27 License Agent Procedures Rule Amendments as presented.

4) R657-60 – Aquatic Invasive Species Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Rule Amendments as presented.

5) R657-43 – Landowner Permits Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-43 Landowner Permits Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

6) R657-10 – Cougar Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-10 Cougar Rule Amendments as presented by the Division at all the RAC meetings with the understanding that depredation is not included in the harvest objective. The Division will present a progress report every 3 years to the Wildlife Board in conjunction with the Cougar Recommendations.

7) CRC Recommendations (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Certification Review Committees' Recommendations for Carl Wilson's nuisance COR to include bats.

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 Richard Williams's COR request for commercial growing of black tiger prawns and Malaysian river lobster as presented by the Division and as contained within the documentation.

8) Bucks, Bulls, OIAL Season Date Corrections (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Bucks, Bulls, OIAL season date corrections as presented.

9) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the stipulation orders for Bruce Spencer and Cory Spencer as presented by the Division.

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/14-1-9.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

Jake Albrecht – Chair
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Bill Fenimore
Mike King
Calvin Crandall
Kirk Woodward
John Bair - Excused
Steve Dalton - Excused

RAC Chairs Present

Southern – Kevin Bunnell
Southeastern – Kevin Albrecht
Central – Gary Nielsen
Northern – Robert Byrnes
Northeastern - Carrie Mae Messerly

Division Personnel Present

Mike Fowlks
Rory Reynolds
Mike Canning
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Kevin Bunnell
Justin Dolling
Boyde Blackwell
Chris Wood
Roger Wilson
Bill Bates

Phil Gray
Jordan Nielson
John Shivik
Judi Tutorw
Lindy Varney
Justin Shannon
Dean Mitchell
John Fairchild
Greg Hansen
Kenny Johnson
Martin Bushman

Karen Caldwell
Mike Styler
Dax Mangus
Randy Wood
Robin Cahoon
Troy Davis
Justin Robinson
Covy Jones
Scott McFarlane
Mike Styler

Public Present

John Young, Young Bros. Livestock
Spencer Gibbons, UT Farm Bureau
Tonia Fuller, UT Wool Growers Assoc.
Dan Cockayne, UT Houndsmen Assoc.

Mike Linnell, FWS
Daniel Olson, USU
Bret Selman

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:02:14 – 00:02:40 of 03:09:26**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:42 – 00:03:13 of 03:09:26**

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) None.
- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:03:24 – 00:29:30 of 03:09:26**

Greg Sheehan summarized the ongoing Division projects; the WAFWA meeting; the Blue Ribbon visit to Lee Kay; the results of bald eagle deaths and the upcoming Bald Eagle Day; and the upcoming legislative session and several bills the Division is supporting.

- 5) Presentation on Highway Deer Mortality (**Informational**) **00:31:53 – 00:58:00 of 03:09:26**

Daniel Olson from Utah State University presented the findings on highway deer mortality.

He will send Staci Coons a copy of the presentation to disburse to interested parties.

The Board wanted to know if the data collected showed any benefits; indication for concern with human fatalities and injuries; or correlation to seasons.

- 6) R657-27 License Agent Procedures Rule Amendments (**Action**) **00:58:03 – 01:07:01 of 03:09:26**

Phil Gray presented rule amendments for License Agent Procedures R657-27.

Board Questions 01:03:02 – 01:04:56

Jake Albrecht expressed concern about technology accessibility in rural areas. Phil Gray assured the Board there would be no loss of current licensed agents since they are already set up with the required equipment.

RAC Recommendation 01:04:58 – 01:06:30

All RACs except Northeast unanimously passed R657-27 License Agent Procedures Rule Amendments. Northeast RAC failed to have a quorum of RAC members in attendance; however, they all agreed to move forward with the rule amendments.

Board Discussion 01:06:30 – 01:07:01

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-27 License Agent Procedures Rule Amendments as presented.

- 7) R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Rule Amendments (**Action**) **01:07:03 – 01:26:00 of 03:09:26**

Jordan Nielson presented R657-60 Invasive Species Rule Amendments.

Board Questions 01:16:51 – 01:19:02

Sampling of water bodies is done annually and more often – once a week or once a month – through Bureau of Reclamation or Water Conservancy.

Water quality (high calcium content) is a factor in their survival rate and ability to spread rather than elevation or temperature.

RAC Recommendation 01:19:12 – 01:20:19

All RACs except Northeast unanimously passed R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Rule Amendments. Northeast RAC could not take any motions since they failed to have a quorum of RAC members in attendance; those in attendance did agree to move forward with the rule.

Board Discussion 01:20:25 – 01:26:00

The Division is working on funding, cooperative partnerships, manpower, and other details to enable checkpoints at all major Utah highway borders.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Rule Amendments as presented.

- 8) R657-43 Landowner Permits Rule Amendments (Action) 01:26:47 – 01:31:39 of 03:09:26

Scott McFarlane presented R657-43 Landowner Permits Rule Amendments.

RAC Recommendation 01:30:16 – 01:31:16

All RACs except Northeast unanimously passed R657-43 Landowner Permits Rule Amendments. Northeast RAC failed to have a quorum of RAC members in attendance, but did agree to move forward with the rule.

Board Discussion 01:31:10 – 01:31:39

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-43 Landowner Permits Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

9) R657-10 Cougar Rule Amendments (Action) 01:31:43 – 02:47:00 of 03:09:26

John Shivik presented R657-10 Cougar Rule Amendments. He did not present this to the Southeast and Northeast RAC. Regional managers, Dax Mangus and Guy Wallace, presented the rule amendments to their respective RAC.

Board Questions 01:38:50 – 01:45:45

The Board expressed concern about the issuance of these permits and the potential for rampant takes of cougars. To deter this action, no incentives are given for the permits. Ranchers cannot keep the cougar; there has to be historical documentation of depredation issue; they have to work with Wildlife Services and the Division.

The take through this permit program will be counted toward the quota; however, takes from Wildlife Services do not count against the quota.

The program does not negate the depredation program.

If there are any usable cougar hides, the Division will sell them at auction. Otherwise, the Division will dispose them.

Public Questions 01:45:51 – 01:48:34

Public questions were taken at this time.

RAC Recommendation 01:48:36 – 02:07:54

Southern RAC unanimously passed R657-10 Cougar Rule Amendments.

Southeast RAC unanimously accepted new definitions of cougar rule amendments, but also unanimously rejected the landowner depredation amendments as presented.

Central and Northern RAC passed the rule amendments with varying dissent and provisions.

Northeast RAC could not take any motions since they failed to have a quorum of RAC members in attendance. Those present were in favor of the proposal.

Mike Linnell from Wildlife Services provided the Board their perspective on the cougar issue. He also added an explanation about the 72 hour rule.

Bill Bates read the 72 hour rule to help clarify the board's concerns. More discussion ensued.

Public Comments 02:07:56 – 02:21:12

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 02:21:18 – 02:47:00

Chairman Albrecht summarized the RACs recommendations and asked Martin Bushman for input on quotas. John Shivik and the Board tackled this topic at length.

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

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10) CRC – Recommendations (Action) 02:47:22 – 02:59:00 of 03:09:26

Staci Coons presented the Certification Review Committee's recommendations.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Certification Review Committees' Recommendations for Carl Wilson's nuisance COR to include bats.

The Board asked Mr. Williams for an explanation and details of his request.

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 Richard Williams's COR request for commercial growing of black tiger prawns and Malaysian river lobster as presented by the Division and as contained within the documentation.

11) Bucks, Bulls, OIAL Season Date Corrections (Action) 02:59:05 – 03:03:11 of 03:09:26

Justin Shannon presented the corrected season dates for the Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Buks, Bulls, and OIAL season date corrections as presented.

12) Other Business (Contingent) 03:03:12 – 03:09:26

Martin Bushman presented stipulation orders for Bruce Spencer and Cory Spencer. He requested Bruce Spencer's suspension end, effective today January 9, 2014. Cory Spencer's suspension would be reduced to two years and three months, starting October 10, 2013, to January 9, 2016.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the stipulation orders for Bruce Spencer and Cory Spencer as presented by the Division.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved