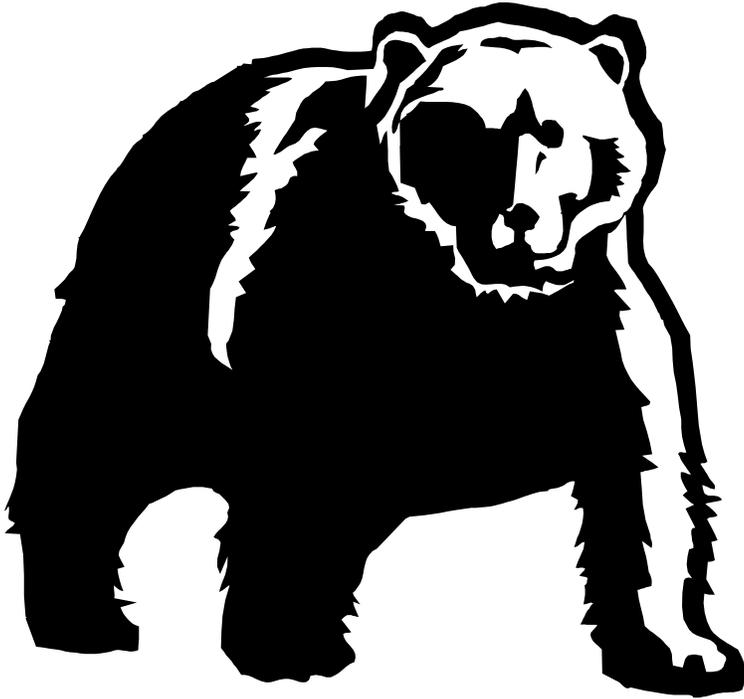


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The Wildlife Board

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WILDLIFE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS

Utah's five Wildlife Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) were created by the Utah State Legislature in the early 1990s to get more public input from citizens at the grassroots level concerning wildlife management, rules and regulations. Each RAC is made up of 12 to 15 people who represent various interest groups, including hunting and fishing, agriculture, public lands and non-consumptive uses. The RACs gather public input at regularly scheduled meetings throughout the state and present reports and recommendations to the Utah Wildlife Board.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Do you have an idea you would like the RAC and Wildlife Board to consider? There are three ways to do it:

1. Call or write the chairman of your RAC or your regional member of the Wildlife Board directly and tell them what you are thinking. Go to pages 5 through 10 of this booklet for phone numbers and addresses of all RAC chairs and Wildlife Board members.
2. Call or write the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Director or Regional Supervisor in your area and ask them to forward your idea or letter to the RAC and Wildlife Board. Go to pages 11-12 of this booklet for phone numbers and addresses of DWR offices.
1. Attend a RAC meeting in your area, fill out a comment card and speak out when your name is called. Check the RAC meeting schedule on the Utah Division of Wildlife Resource's website: www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings and select link 2004 RAC Schedule to find a list of RAC meeting dates. For instance, big game rules and regulations are covered in the March/April meeting.

Phone calls are OK, but a letter or e-mail is probably the best way to get your message across to the RACs and Wildlife Board. It is even better if you get up and speak at a RAC meeting. Remember, there is strength in numbers; if you really want to get their attention, ask others who share your ideas to come with you to meetings.

MEETING PROCEDURES

Regional Advisory Councils and the Wildlife Board follow similar meeting procedures. There is an agenda for each meeting and it is essentially the same for all RACs and the Wildlife Board. RAC chairs and the Wildlife Board chair conduct all meetings. Briefly, the meetings proceed as follows:

1. After each agenda item is introduced (which usually includes a presentation and/or recommendation from the DWR) there are questions from the RAC and then questions from the public.
2. After the questions, the RAC takes public comments from those in attendance.
3. After the public input process, the RAC discusses each agenda item.
4. After all questions, comments and discussions, the RAC votes on each agenda item that requires a vote.

The procedure is the same at Wildlife Board meetings, except that the Wildlife Board also gets a report and voting results from each of the RACs on each agenda item that requires it. Usually, the Wildlife Board votes the same way the RACs do. If not, the Wildlife Board chairman sends a document to the RACs explaining why the vote was different.

UTAH WILDLIFE BOARD

(Utah State Code 23-14-2, 2.5 & 3)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There is a Wildlife Board nominating Committee that consists of 11 Members. This committee is appointed by the Governor from nominees by the:

- Agriculture Industry
- Sportsmen groups
- Non-consumptive wildlife interests
- Federal land management agencies
- Utah Association of Counties
- Utah Chapters of the Society of Range Management and The Wildlife Society

The nominating committee solicits nominees statewide and then submits them to the Governor, who makes the final decision regarding appointments to the Wildlife Board.

CREATION-MEMBERSHIP-TERMS-QUORUM- MEETINGS

The Wildlife Board consists of seven members. The members shall have expertise or experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Wildlife management or biology;
- Habitat management, including range or aquatic;
- Business, including knowledge of private land issues;(and)
- Economics, including knowledge of recreational wildlife uses.

Each of the above areas of expertise shall be represented by at least one member of the Wildlife Board. The Senate shall confirm each appointment.

Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The director of the Division of Wildlife Resources shall act as secretary to the Board, but shall not be a voting member.

POLICY-MAKING POWERS OF WILDLIFE BOARD

The Division of Wildlife Resources may determine the facts relevant to the wildlife resources of this state. Upon determination of these facts, the Wildlife Board shall establish the policies best designed to accomplish the purposes and fulfill the intent of all laws pertaining to wildlife and the preservation, protection, conservation, perpetuation, introduction, and management of wildlife.

In establishing policy the Wildlife Board shall:

- recognize that wildlife and its habitat are an essential part of a healthy, productive environment;

- recognize the impact of wildlife on man, his economic activities, private property rights, and local economies;
- seek to balance the habitat requirements of wildlife with the social and economic activities of man;
- recognize the social and economic values of wildlife, including fishing, hunting, and other uses;
- seek to maintain wildlife on a sustainable basis;
- consider the recommendations of the regional advisory councils; (and)
- provide a written explanation to the regional advisory council should the Board reject a position or action recommended by the council.

Regional Advisory Councils

(Utah State Code 23-14-2.6)

There are five Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). Each council consists of 12 to 15 members.

The members include individuals who represent the following groups:

- agriculture
- sportsmen
- non-consumptive wildlife
- locally elected public officials
- federal land agencies, and
- public at large (including business).

The respective interest group or agency submits a list of nominees. The executive director of the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the director of the Division of Wildlife Resources, makes the final selections.

The councils shall:

- hear Utah Division of Wildlife Resources input, including recommendations, biological data, and information regarding the effects of wildlife;
- gather information from staff, the public and government agencies; (and)
- make recommendations to the Wildlife Board in an advisory capacity.

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MEET THE WILDLIFE BOARD



Max G. Morgan, M.D., Chairman

Max Morgan is the chairman of the Utah Wildlife Board and the appointee from the Southeastern Region. He was appointed to the Board in 1992 and reappointed in 1995. He earned a bachelor's degree in zoology and worked toward a master's degree before he was accepted to medical school. He served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve as a flight surgeon and currently works as a physician in Price, Utah. He is a member of the Grand Slam Club, National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.



Richard Diamond, Vice Chair

Richard Diamond is a Wildlife Board appointee from the Northern Region. He has served as President and CEO for a publisher, and as the Chief of Policy and Mayor of Pleasant View, Utah. He is also a partner in a cattle and horse ranch and is an active member of the American Paint Horse Association. Richard was also a Deputy State Fish and Game Conservation Officer for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources as well as a member and chairman for the Northern Region RAC. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Weber State University.



Jim Bowns, Ph.D.

Jim Bowns is the Wildlife Board appointee from the Southern Region. He was born and raised in the small coal-mining town of Castle Gate, Utah. His fondest memories are of the times he spent fishing and hunting with his father and brother. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, which provided him with the opportunity to see many interesting places. The G.I. Bill provided him an incentive to obtain degrees in range management, forestry and wildlife. He has enjoyed a long career in academia where he has had the opportunity to teach, conduct research and volunteer.



Brenda Freeman

Brenda Freeman is a Wildlife Board appointee from the Northern Region. She has lived in Utah her entire life and enjoys its resources and recreational opportunities. She has a master's degree in human resources and economics from Utah State University and is currently a State Farm Insurance agent. Brenda is a member of several conservation groups and civic organizations. She has been an instructor and counselor at the NRA Whittington Center Youth Camps and has instructed classes for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' Becoming an Outdoors Woman program.



Lee Howard

Lee Howard is the Wildlife Board appointee from the Central Region of Utah. Before being appointed to the Board in October 2003, he served two terms on the Central Region Wildlife Regional Advisory Council. He was a co-founder of the Foundation for North America Wild Sheep and has served as a Director for Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife. He has extensive knowledge about grazing issues statewide and has developed good working relationships with the BLM and many ranchers throughout the state. A graduate of BYU, Mr. Howard and his wife live in Salt Lake City.



Paul Niemeyer

Paul Niemeyer is the Wildlife Board appointee from the Southern Region. He grew up in the Sevier Valley and is the Sales Manager for Jorgenson Ford in Richfield, Utah. He has been active in Utah wildlife issues for more than 25 years. In addition to being the chair of the Southern Region RAC, he has served in leadership positions in conservation groups like the Sevier Wildlife Federation, Utah Wildlife Federation, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He has also worked as a volunteer hunter education instructor since 1973.



Allan Smith

Allan Smith is the Wildlife Board appointee from the Northeastern Region. Alan earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Utah and ran a cattle ranching operation in the Uintah Basin for 37 years. His family ranch received the Utah Century Award and the Environmental Stewardship Award from the National Cattlemen's Association and the Bureau of Land Management. Alan has been honored by the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management with their Rancher of the Year Award. He has served on many livestock owner associations in various capacities at the local, regional and state level. His goal as a Wildlife Board member is to ensure sustainable wildlife populations consistent with Utah's diverse ecosystems.

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