

RAC AGENDA – September 2015



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor
5. Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13
- Drew Cushing, Warmwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
- Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
6. Hunting Technologies Discussion
- Mitch Lane, Sergeant

Region Specific Items – to be presented in the specified region only.

Meeting Locations

NR RAC – Sept. 8th 6:00 PM
Brigham City Community Center
24 N. 300 W., Brigham City

CR RAC – Sept. 9th 6:30 PM
Dept. of Natural Resources
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake

SR RAC – Sept. 15th 7:00 PM
Snow College Admin. Bldg
Richfield, UT

SER RAC – Sept. 16th 6:30 PM
City Council Chambers
460 E. Main Street, Green River

NER RAC – Sept. 17th 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

Board Meeting – Oct. 1st 9:00 AM
DNR - Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple
Salt Lake City, UT



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 25, 2015

To: Regional Advisory Council Member and Wildlife Board

From: Drew Cushing, Warmwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2016 Fishing Regulation Proposals

Statewide Rule Changes

Standardize Kokanee closure language to read as follows: Closed to the possession of kokanee salmon from September 10 through November 30. This change would include all streams that have a closure to the possession of kokanee in the fall as well.

CRO

Pole Canyon Pond, Utah County (Community Fishery)

Limit two fish

Bartholomew Pond, Utah County (Community Fishery)

Limit two fish

Deer Valley Lakes, Summit County (Community Fishery)

Limit two fish

Add the wording on the "Ladders" at Strawberry Reservoir to:

....and the *Central Utah Project Canal* (commonly known as the "steps" or "ladders") from the fenced-in upper concrete step structure upstream to the tunnel at US 40....

Remove the wording

~~From the reservoir up the channel to US-40, including that portion of the reservoir confined to the narrow “steps” or “ladders” channel.~~

- CLOSED TO FISHING YEAR ROUND.

NERO

Reinstate all statewide regulations for all species at Red Fleet Reservoir

SRO

Manning Meadow Reservoir, tributaries and spillway, Piute County- Two trout limit (two total regardless of species), artificial flies and lures only, closed Jan. 1 through the second Saturday in July

Fish Lake, Sevier County- 4 trout or kokanee, regardless of species, only one may be over 24”



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Date: August 21, 2015

To: Regional Advisory Council Member and Wildlife Board

From: Rick Olson, Law Enforcement Captain

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL ONLY - Review and Comparison of Utah's Hunting Weapon Regulations

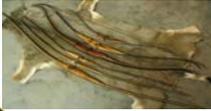
Highlights:

- Review and compare Utah's hunting weapon regulations with other western states in key areas the Division gets most frequently questioned about
- Direct comparisons between states are sometimes difficult to make due to differing hunt structures among states
- Approximately 77,000, 2014, Utah general season deer and elk permit holders, were surveyed and asked their opinion regarding hunting weapon technologies
- Over 19,000 responses to the survey were received - this is an extremely high response rate as compared to previous surveys the Division has sent out. This seems to indicate a high level of interest among Utah's hunters regarding these topics.

- Summary of survey results - Utah hunters:
 - Are opposed (60%) to allowing crossbows during the general season archery deer, elk, and limited entry archery deer, elk, and pronghorn seasons
 - Are opposed (69%) to allowing magnified scopes on crossbows if they were allowed
 - Are opposed (68%) to allowing the use of “draw locks” on bows during archery seasons
 - Are opposed (70%) to allowing magnified scopes on bows during archery seasons
 - Support (59%) the use of rangefinders attached to bows during archery seasons
 - Support (57%) the use of magnifying scopes on muzzleloaders during muzzleloader deer and elk seasons
 - Support (59%) the use of range finding scopes on rifles
 - Are opposed (71%) to the use of .50 caliber or larger firearms for hunting
 - Are opposed (84%) to the use of computer- assisted aiming firearms (“smart guns”) for hunting



Review and Comparison of Utah's Hunting Weapon Regulations



Purpose

- Review western states regulations
- Review technological advances
- Present survey results




Background

- Informational only
- Social Issues
- Questions from public, legislature, RAC/Board
- Has not been visited for 10-15 years
- Difficult to compare all of the different states' regulations

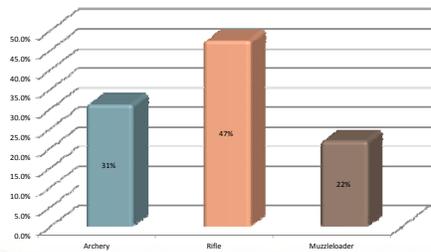


Hunter Survey

- Approx. 77,000 - 2014 general season deer and elk hunters 18+ years old
- Online by email invitation
- July 27 – Aug. 16
- Yes – No – No opinion
- 19,026 Survey Responses
- Over 7,000 additional comments



What weapon type do you hunt big game with most often (Archery, Rifle, Muzzleloader)?



Weapon Type	Percentage
Archery	31%
Rifle	47%
Muzzleloader	22%

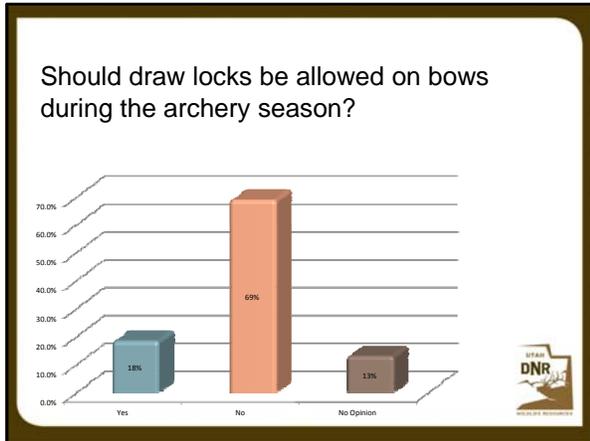


Archery

Allow use of draw-lock:

- Yes – 3
- No – 10
- Silent – 3
- Utah – No (except with COR)

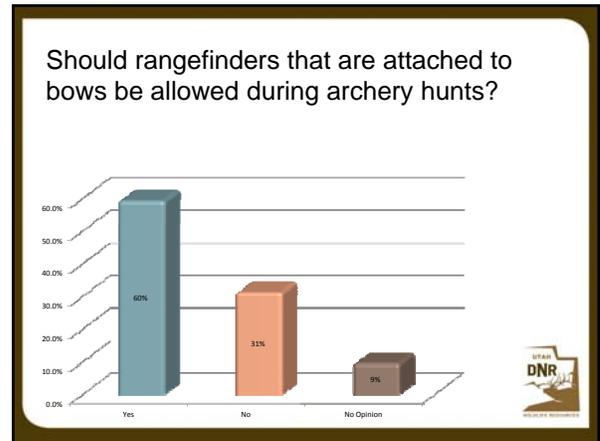
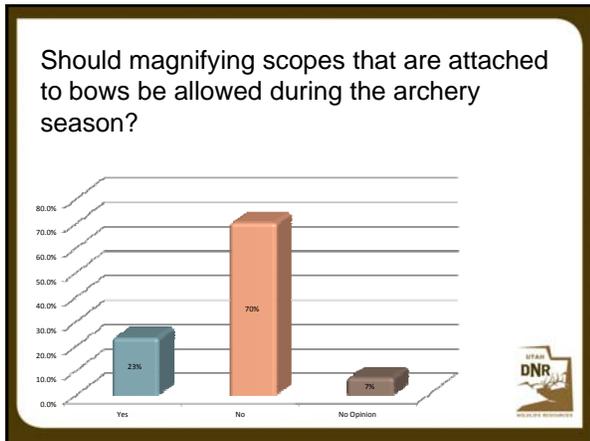


Archery

Allow magnifying scopes on bows:

- No – 7
- Silent – 8
- Utah – No

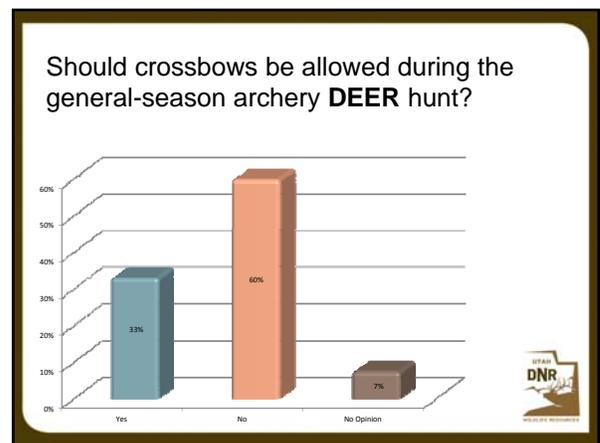


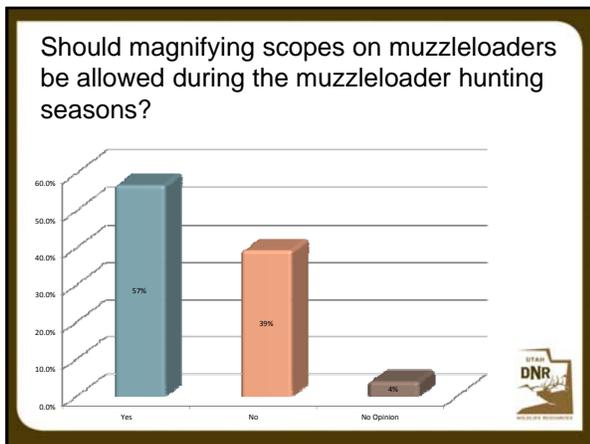
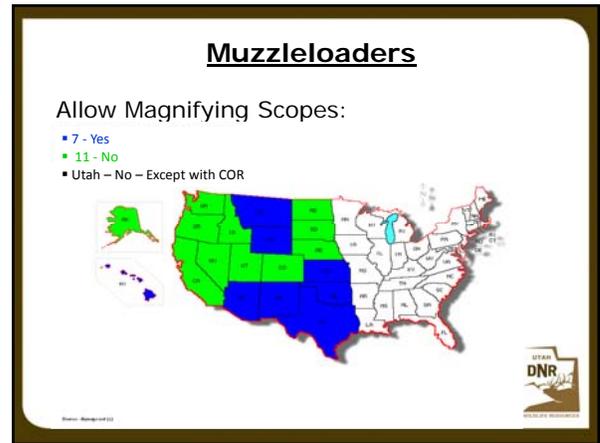
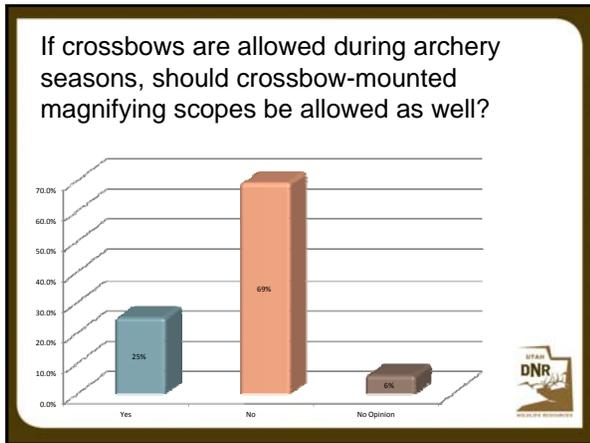
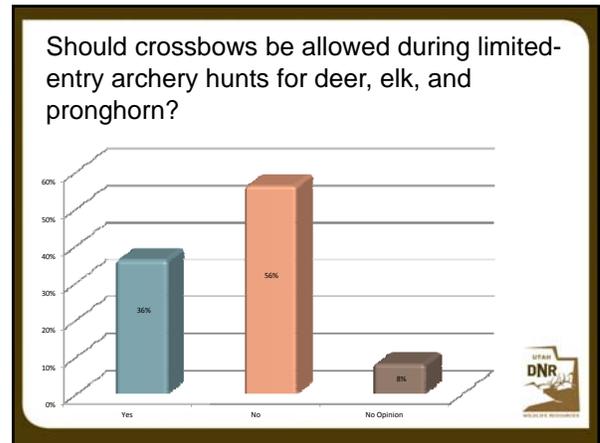
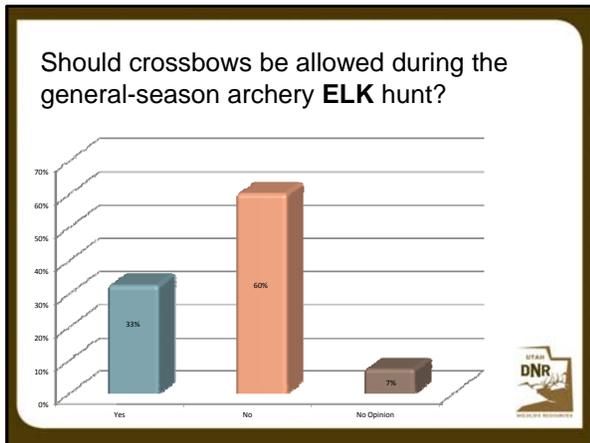
Crossbows

Crossbow use during general archery season:

- Yes - 5
- No - 12

Utah – No - Except with COR





- Rifles**
- Minimum caliber:
- 7 states have no minimum calibers
 - 4 states require .22 cal. or larger
 - 5 states require .24 cal. or larger
 - Utah - Center fire, expanding bullet

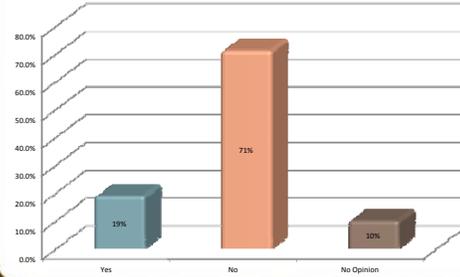
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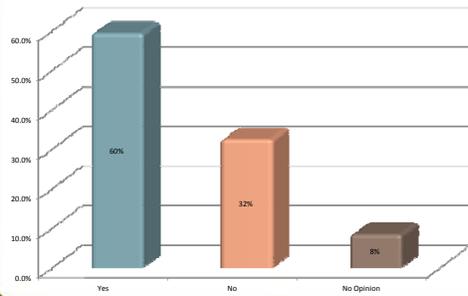
- ND has max. caliber of .49 cal.
- ID limits overall weight to 16 lbs.



Should hunters be allowed to use very large-caliber firearms during hunts (50 caliber center-fire rifles or greater)?



Should hunters be allowed to use rifle-mounted, range-finding scopes?



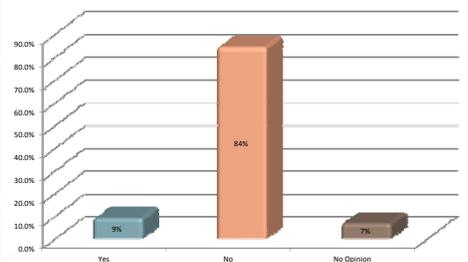
New technology

Smart-guns:

- Computer aided/precision guided
- No western states currently prohibit



Should hunters be allowed to use smart guns?



Summary

According to the survey, Utah hunters:

- Do Not support the use of crossbows
- Support rangefinders on bows
- Support scopes on muzzleloaders
- Do Not support the use of large calibers
- Do Not support the use of smart guns



