

The Utah Upland Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2005

Opening

A meeting of the Utah Upland Game Advisory Committee was held on this date.

Present:

Ballantyne, Todd
Gaskill, Jim (Chair)
Gaskill, Steve
Mitchell, Dean (DWR Upland Game Program Coordinator)
Perkins, Ernie
Potts, Dan
Bowers, Mike
Kyriakiois, Andy
Brunson, Clint
Hansen, Bart

Old Business

Walk-in Access Results from RAC Meetings

There was a unanimous acceptance of the Walk-in Access Program from all the RAC meetings, except for one opposing vote in the Northern Region. A walk-in access program logo is in development.

Youth Chukar Hunt

Preparations are complete for the youth chukar hunt in September. The Division received 81 applications for 30 spots (15 in the morning and 15 in the afternoon).

Youth Pheasant Hunt

The application deadline is Friday the 9th of September. Applications are arriving steadily. The Division is reporting challenges with mowing in preparation for the Willard Bay hunt.

Upland Game Master Plan*

- Continued discussion on wording of how upland habitat funds are to be expended, to reflect the sense of the committee that upland habitat funds expended on WMAs should provide specific benefit to upland game.
- Language discussed that would aggressively support federal and state programs that benefit upland game and upland game hunting, such as walk-in access, etc.
- Discussed adding language to support research programs to control diseases that might threaten upland game.
- Discussed language to encourage DWR regions to use local upland groups, clubs and conservation organizations in volunteer programs and to encourage feedback from the results of collaborations.

*A copy of the Master Plan with revisions from this meeting was recorded by Dean Mitchell.

New Business

Upland Game Survey (Dean Mitchell)

An upland game survey is currently being revised and is available for review.

Banded Birds

The committee discussed a proposal from Ernie Perkins to alert hunters to banded chukars.

Proclamation Comments

Changes to the table of contents, including a summary of pertinent seasons and limits were discussed. The table of shooting hours was also discussed.

Upland Game on the Internet

You can get more Utah upland game information at <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame/> including the past minutes for this committee, news, proclamations, and information about upcoming public meetings.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8th at 6:00 P.M. (This meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday December 6th, 2005) at the DWR State Office at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise agreed upon.

The agenda will include work on finalizing revisions to the Upland Game Master Plan. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings; it's an opportunity to get any issues you know about onto the table.

Let us know of donations, projects, etc., made by your group – we want to publicize good activities!

If you know of other interested parties who should get copies of the minutes, and who are involved in upland game organizations or programs, please get us their name. If you want to make an e-mail input, please send it to:

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Submitted ... Steve Gaskill