

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

October 1, 2015, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, October 1, 2015, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda – John Bair, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes – John Bair, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log – Kirk Woodward, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update – Gregory Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 - Drew Cushing, Aquatic Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. Hunting Technologies Discussion - Mitch Lane, Sergeant | INFORMATION |
| 7. Conservation Permit Annual Report - Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 8. Conservation Permit Audit - Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. Conservation Permit Allocation – 1 & 3 year - Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 10. 2016 RAC/Board Dates - Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Mexican Wolves - Martin Bushman, Asst. Attorney General | ACTION |
| 12. Other Business – John Bair, Chairman <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winter WAFWA | CONTINGENT |

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Wildlife Board Motions

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

August 2015 – Target Date – Primitive Weapons

MOTION: I move that we put the following on the action log item to be presented at the August 2015 Wildlife Board: The Division will prepare an informational status review of allowable primitive and non-primitive weapons usages compared with other states. Additionally, the Division will prepare a review of evolving technologies in hunting weapons and related peripheral devices and optics. That review should include, but not be limited to, the use of crossbows of various categories of archery hunts, magnified optics on muzzleloading rifles, calibers of firearms allowed on rifle and pistol hunts, draw poundage and sighting devices on archery equipment, as well as the use of self firing rifles.

Motion made by: Kirk Woodward

Assigned to: Law Enforcement

Action: Under Study

Status: Informational item to be presented at the September RAC meeting/ October Board Meeting

Placed on Action Log: March 5, 2015

December 2015 – Target Date – Northern Goose Zone

MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations as presented by the Division and put on the action log item an informational survey to gather input from other waterfowl hunters who use the area in the northern region. This will be presented at the December meeting.

Motion made by: Bill Fenimore

Assigned to: Blair Stringham

Action: Under Study

Status: Informational item to be presented at the December board meeting

Placed on Action Log: June 4, 2015

May 2016 – Target Date – Manti Unit

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log item that the Southeastern Region consider options for splitting the Manti unit as they review their management plan and present their findings (i.e., advantages, disadvantages, how it affects the buck:doe ratio) to the Board in May 2016.

Motion made by: Mike King

Assigned to: Justin Shannon

Action: Under Study

Status: Informational item to be presented at the May board meeting

Placed on Action Log: April 30, 2015

Fall 2016 - Target Date – Impacts of lead poisoning

MOTION: To add a provision into R657-19, Taking of Non-Game Mammals, for proper disposal of non-game mammals shot with lead ammunition as proposed by Derris Jones in the Southeast RAC and report back to the Board at a later time.

Motion made by: Mike King

Assigned to: Kim Hershey

Action: Under Study

Status:

Placed on Action Log: March 5, 2015

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a listing of state youth hunts, their restrictions and preclusions on WMA's and the feasibility of closing these areas during youth hunts. The findings will be presented at the next upland game meeting.

Motion made by: Byron Bateman

Assigned to: Jason Robinson

Action: Under Study

Status:

Placed on Action Log: August 27, 2015

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AGENDA

Thursday, August 27, 2015 – 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
– John Bair, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
– John Bair, Chairman
3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
– Kirk Woodward, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update **INFORMATION**
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director
5. Cougar Management Plan **ACTION**
– Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator
6. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 **ACTION**
– Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator
7. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 **ACTION**
– Leslie McFarlane, Mammals Coordinator
8. AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60 **ACTION**
– Jordan Nielson, AIS Coordinator
9. Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments **ACTION**
– Rick Olson, Captain
10. Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment **ACTION**
– Rick Olson, Captain
11. Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland **ACTION**
– Rick Olson, Captain
12. 5-Day Falconry Meet Request **ACTION**
– Carter Wilford, Director of Events, IEEA
13. Fee Proposal **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
14. Red Fleet Management Plan **ACTION**
– Trina Hedrick, NERO Aquatics Manager
15. Expo Permit Audit **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
16. Expo Permit Allocation **ACTION**
– Mike Fowlks, Deputy Director
17. Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr **ACTION**
– Bill Bates, Wildlife Section Chief
18. Certification Review Committee Recommendations **ACTION**
– Staci Coons, CRC Chair
19. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
– John Bair, Chairman

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
August 27, 2015, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
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 Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a listing of state youth hunts, their restrictions and preclusions on WMAs, and the feasibility of closing these areas during youth hunts. The findings will be presented at the next upland game meeting.

4) Cougar Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Cougar Management Plan as presented by the Division with the addition of the term mountain goat as pertaining to transplants that was approved in the Southern RAC.

5) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5:1. Kirk Woodward opposed.

MOTION: I move that we change the strategies on the following units to harvest objective: Pine Valley North and South, Cache, Southwest Desert, and Paunsaugunt.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 5:1. Mike King opposed.

MOTION: I move that the Nebo and Nebo West Face be managed under the split season strategy.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we adjust the numbers on the following units: Southeast Manti to 13, Book Cliffs to 29, Pahvant to 10.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 as presented by the Division.

- 6) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 as presented by the Division including a one week season extension for all furbearer except for beaver and mink.

- 7) AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the AIS Rule Amendments R657-60 as presented by the Division.

- 8) Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments as presented.

- 9) Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Self Defense Against Animals Rule Amendments as presented.

- 10) Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland as presented by the Division.

- 11) 5-Day Falconry Meet Request (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 5-Day Falconry Meet Request.

- 12) Fee Proposal (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fee Proposal as presented by the Division.

- 13) Red Fleet Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Red Fleet Management Plan as presented by the Division.

- 14) CRC Recommendation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Certification Review Committee Recommendations as presented by the Division for Carl Watson, Allison Spittler, and Stephanie Merzel.

15) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

16) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by Mike Fowlks including Chalk Creek/Kamas and removing Paunsaugunt.

17) Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr as presented by the Division with the addition of the two cougar tags, four Plateau cow elk tags, and the bighorn sheep clarification.

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/14-08-28.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

John Bair – Chair
Kirk Woodward – Vice-Chair
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Mike King
Calvin Crandall
Byron Bateman
Donnie Hunter
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs Present

Central – Richard Hansen
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Brandon Behling
Northeastern - Randy Dearth
Northern – John Cavitt

Public Present

Chris Carling
Hal Mecham
Mike Stephens
Guy Webster
Jesse Painter
Craig Laub
Ken Strong
Mike Linnell
Melissa Kemp

John Kimball
Guy Webster
Colby Dolun
Ken Painter
Aaron Johnson
Colton Bellistan
Carter Wilford
David Stoner
Allison Spittler

Mike Fowlks
Rory Reynolds
Mike Canning
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Kenny Johnson
Leslie McFarlane
Nathan Owens
Rick Olson
Trina Hedrick
Bill Bates
Covy Jones
Pam Martin

Dan Potts
Bob Brister
Tony Elegante, UHA
Daniel Davis, UHA
Dan Cockayne, UHA
Robert Byrnes
Jamie Newman
Ernie Millgate
Bryce Pilling, SFW
Danica Lawrence
Jeremy Harris

Division Personnel Present

Kevin Bunnell
Justin Dolling
John Fairchild
Boyde Blackwell
Chris Wood
Martin Bushman
Greg Hansen
Guy Wallace
Teresa Griffin
Dax Mangus
Randy Wood
Scott White
Russ Norvell

Darren Debloois
Lindy Varney
Judi Tutorow
Kevin Bunnell
Mark Hadley
Anita Candelaria
Mike Christensen
Paul Gedge
Krystal Tucker
Scott McFarlane
Craig Walker
Torrey Christophersen
Krissey Wilson

Ray Matthews, Western Wildlife Conservancy
Troy Justensen, UFNAWS
Lee Tracy, United Wildlife Cooperative
Jon Larson, SFW, Utah Bowman's Association
Kim Crumbo, Wildlands Network
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau
Bret Selman, Utah Woolgrowers
Kent Fowden, Utah Trappers Association
Autumn Elegante, UHA
Sundays Hunt, US Humane Society
Garrick Hall, Utah Farm Bureau

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (Action) 00:05:37 – 00:06:16 of 06:01:04

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) 00:06:23 – 00:07:00 of 06:01:04

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 Wildlife Board Meeting.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:07:04 – 00:07:19, 00:17:00 – 00:19:46 of 06:01:04**

Chairman Bair asked Justin Shannon for an update on the Primitive Weapons Restriction action log item.

Chairman Bair requested an action log item be added concerning youth hunts on WMAs.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a listing of state youth hunts, their restrictions and preclusions on WMAs, and the feasibility of closing these areas during youth hunts. The findings will be presented at the next upland game meeting.

- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:07:21 – 00:16:59 of 06:01:04**

Greg Sheehan summarized the Tri-state meeting with Colorado and Wyoming. Byron Bateman gave a short synopsis of the meeting and highlighted some of the discussion: sage-grouse, invasive species, cutthroat trout, and funding.

Greg thanked new members of the RAC for their willingness to serve. He gave a status update on Utah's fire season, the archery deer hunt season, fishing, aquatic invasive species, and wolf delisting.

- 5) Cougar Management Plan (**Action**) **00:21:20 – 02:06:55 of 06:01:04**

Leslie McFarlane presented the Cougar Management Plan.

Board Questions 00:44:05 – 00:46:12

Mountain goats and GPS data usability was discussed.

Public Questions 00:46:25 – 00:55:17

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 00:55:20 – 00:57:54

All RACs unanimously approved the Cougar Management Plan. Southern RAC recommended a change in language.

Public Comments 00:57:57 – 01:29:48

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 01:29:50 – 02:06:55

Greg Sheehan, Byron Bateman, and Mike King commented on the plan, the process and approach to developing the plan.

There was an in depth discussion on SFW's proposal for language change on the transplant from the Southern RAC meeting. Kirk Woodward and Mike King sought clarification on the change and if it affected the plan.

Chairman Bair commended the Division for their work. He reviewed some of the letters and comments that were received about the plan. He corrected and dispelled some misinformation and misconception about the state's approach to cougar.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Cougar Management Plan as presented by the Division with the addition of the term mountain goat as pertaining to transplants that was approved in the Southern RAC.

- 6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016 (Action) **02:07:04 – 03:30:52 of 06:01:04**

Leslie McFarlane presented the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016.

The Board sought clarification on all female cougars in harvest reports – adults, sub-adults (under 2 years).

Public Questions 02:27:25 – 02:35:24

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 02:35:24 – 02:43:10

Northern, Central, Northeast, and Southeast RACs unanimously passed the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2015-2016. Southern RAC passed it 10:1.

Central, Northeast, Southeast, and Southern RAC had various motions and exceptions.

Public Comments 02:43:44 – 02:58:54

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 02:59:48 – 03:30:52

Chairman Bair summarized the RAC votes. The Board discussed how the board should formulate the motion – as one whole motion or address each issue. Each regional wildlife program managers clarified some points on their recommendations.

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- 7) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 (Action) **03:30:53 – 03:56:45 of 06:01:04**

Leslie McFarlane presented the furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations.

Board Questions 03:38:49 – 03:40:20

Chairman Bair asked about female bobcat harvest and its affect on the recommendations.

RAC Recommendations 03:40:51 – 03:46:07

All RACs unanimously passed the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 with some exceptions.

Public Comments 03:46:12 – 03:48:06

Public comments accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 03:48:12 – 03:56:45

Chairman Bair noted all RACs voted with the same exceptions.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2015-2016 as presented by the Division including a one week season extension for all furbearer except for beaver and mink.

Greg Sheehan updated the audience on the death of a Utah resident of plague; media release was done this afternoon. He also mentioned the passing of former vice chairman Bill Fenimore.

8) AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60 (Action) **03:56:47 – 04:11:19 of 06:01:04**

Nathan Owens presented the AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60.

Board Questions 04:04:40 – 04:05:50

Calvin Crandall asked for clarification on the amendment, specifically ballast tanks.

Public Questions 04:06:00 – 04:07:58

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendations 04:07:59 – 04:09:24

All RAC unanimously passed the AIS Rule Amendments – R657-60. Northern RAC included an exception to allow boat owners to remove the tag after an acceptable dry time or other acceptable decontamination methods.

Public Comments 04:09:25 – 04:10:14

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 04:10:16 – 04:11:19

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the AIS Rule Amendments R657-60 as presented by the Division.

- 9) Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments (**Action**) **04:11:36 – 04:27:15 of 06:01:04**

Rick Olson presented the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments.

Board Questions 04:15:05 – 04:16:45

The Board asked for clarification on who the rule was geared toward and if there are any limits to participants.

Public Questions 04:16:51 – 04:19:13

Public questions were taken at this time.

RAC Recommendations 04:19:14 – 04:20:16

All RACs unanimously approved the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments.

Public Comments 04:20:17 – 04:23:02

Public comments were taken at this time.

Board Discussion 04:23:43 – 04:27:15

The Board discussed outreach opportunities and promotion of the program.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Youth Fishing Exemption Rule Amendments as presented.

- 10) Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment R657-63 (**Action**) **04:27:17 – 04:35:40 of 06:01:04**

Rick Olson presented the Self Defense against Animals Rule Amendment.

Board Questions 04:32:32 – 04:34:31

Steve Dalton asked how the rule would apply in an open field with a potential threat of a charging buffalo.

Board Discussion 04:34:40 – 04:35:40

Chairman Bair noted that all RACs passed the rule amendment unanimously.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Self Defense Against Animals Rule Amendments as presented.

- 11) Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland (**Action**)
04:35:41 – 04:43:17 of 05:11:24

Rick Olson presented the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland.

RAC Recommendations 04:41:54– 04:42:16

All RACs unanimously passed the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland.

Board Discussion 04:42:19 – 04:43:17

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Possession of Firearms Rule Amendments – Waterfowl and Upland as presented by the Division.

- 12) 5-Day Falconry Meet Request (**Action**) **04:43:20 – 04:48:00 of 06:01:04**

Carter Wilford presented the 5-Day Falconry Meet Request.

Board Questions 04:45:09 – 04:46:25

Kirk Woodward wanted to know what happens after the approval occurs.

RAC Recommendations 04:46:28– 04:46:58

Central RAC unanimously approved the request.

Board Discussion 04:47:07 – 04:48:00

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 5-Day Falconry Meet Request.

13) Fee Proposal (Action) 04:48:13 – 04:50:30 of 05:11:24

Kenny Johnson presented the Fee Proposal.

Northern RAC unanimously approved the proposal.

Board Discussion 04:49:40 – 04:50:30

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fee Proposal as presented by the Division.

14) Red Fleet Management Plan (Action) 04:50:32 – 05:09:32 of 06:01:04

Trina Hedrick presented the Red Fleet Management Plan.

Board Questions 05:03:54 – 05:08:30

There were some questions about the rotenone supply planning; clarification on pike minnow size, family, and sportfish opportunities; and concerns of hook remaining in pike minnow.

Board Discussion 05:08:45 – 05:09:32

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Red Fleet Management Plan as presented by the Division.

15) Certification Review Committee Recommendation (Action) 05:09:33 – 05:20:33 of 06:01:04

Staci Coons presented the CRC recommendations for Carl Watson – personal possession of captive bred bobcat; Allison Spittler – reclassification of hedgehog tenrecs from Classification and Specific Rule List; and Stephanie Merzel – personal possession of injured spotted skunk.

Board Questions/Discussions 05:17:19 – 05:20:33

The Board asked about safety considerations for the bobcat.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Certification Review Committee Recommendations as presented by the Division for Carl Watson, Allison Spittler, and Stephanie Merzel.

16) Expo Permit Audit (Action) 05:20:45 – 05:32:48 of 06:01:04

Kenny Johnson presented the Expo Permit Audit.

Board Discussion 05:31:06 – 05:32:48

The Board requested that the expo permit numbers be made public. Kenny agreed to work with Outreach to publish the audit on the wildlife website.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

17) Expo Permit Allocation (Action) 05:32:50 – 05:42:26 of 06:01:04

Mike Fowlks presented the Expo Permit Allocation.

Public Questions/Comments 05:35:51 – 05:41:08

Public questions and comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 05:41:09 – 05:42:26

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by Mike Fowlks including Chalk Creek/Kamas and removing Paunsaugunt.

18) Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr (Action) 05:42:27 – 05:54:24 of 06:01:04

Bill Bates presented the Conservation Permit Allocation.

Board Discussion 05:48:56 – 05:54:24

The Board commented on how conservation permits have afforded the Division the ability to move forward and complete much needed wildlife and habitat projects. The Board applauded the Division for the efforts.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Conservation Permit Allocation 1yr and 3yr as presented by the Division with the addition of the two cougar tags, four Plateau cow elk tags, and the bighorn sheep clarification.

19) Other Business (Contingent) 05:54:25 – 06:01:04 of 06:01:04

Troy Justensen brought up an issue with CWMU voucher reallocation. This was reassigned to Judi Tutorow and Martin Bushman for proper procedural protocol in addressing the issue.

Greg Sheehan advised the Board review the results of the Primitive weapons survey for the next upcoming RAC sessions.

Meeting adjourned.

**Summary of Motions
September 2015
Regional Advisory Council Meetings**

FISHING GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-13

NRO, SERO, NERO:

MOTION: To accept the Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 as presented.
VOTE: Unanimous

CRO: **MOTION:** To accept the Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 as presented.
VOTE: Passed 11 in favor, 1 abstention

SRO: **MOTION:** To accept the Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 as presented.
Also to ask the Division to look into putting an emergency limit suspension on lakes and reservoirs with a high likelihood of winter kill.
VOTE: Unanimous

Northern Regional Advisory Council
Sept 8, 2015
Brigham City Community Center
Brigham City, Utah

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Begins: 6:00 p.m.

RAC Present

John Blazzard- Agric.
John Cavitt- Chair
Chad Jensen- Elected
Matt Klar- At Large
Mike Laughter- Sportsman
Russ Lawrence- At Large
Kevin McLeod- At Large
Justin Oliver- At Large
Robert Sanchez- Forest Service
Kristin Purdy- Noncon.
Robert Sanchez- Forest Service
Bryce Thurgood- At Large
Craig VanTassell- Sportsman
John Wall- At Large

DWR Present

Jodie Anderson
Rick Olson
Chris Penne
James Abbott
David Beveridge
Justin Dolling
Paul Birdsey
Drew Cushing
Greg Sheehan

Wildlife Board

RAC Excused

Bruce Sillitoe- BLM

RAC Unexcused

Joel Ferry- Agric

Agenda:

Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
Approval of Agenda
Approval of July 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes
Wildlife Board Meeting Update
Regional Update
Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13
Hunting Technologies Discussion

Item 1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure

Welcome: John Cavitt- Chair
Introduction of RAC Members
RAC Procedure: John Cavitt- Chair

Item 2. Approval of Agenda and July 28, 2015 Minutes

John Cavitt- If there is no objection, the agenda for tonight's meeting will be approved as presented. There being no objection, the agenda for tonight's meeting has been approved.

Everyone should have received a copy of the minutes. Are there any question on the minutes? If there is no objection, the minutes will be approved as circulated. Seeing none, the minutes are approved as circulated.

Item 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update

Justin Dolling- Regional Supervisor

Our RAC recommended the cougar management plan be adopted by the Wildlife Board and they did adopt 99.9% with one addition being that they wanted to have mountain goats listed as a species that would come under consideration for predator management. Particularly with new transplants that may occur in the future. For the cougar rule recommendations and amendments, the RAC recommended that we accept that rule and move that recommendation to the Wildlife Board. They did change a few things. The hunting strategy for the Cache unit went from a split strategy to a harvest objective strategy. Permit numbers stayed the same. The Board adjusted permit numbers on some of the units outside our region. Furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations were essentially approved as the RAC recommended with the one week extension or for bobcat and all species excluding beaver and mink. The AIA rule amendments essentially passed as presented. Our RAC had discussions about the possibility to move the permanent seal if you go through proper decontamination or if your boat has met the dry time requirements. After further review at the board meeting, it appears that has already been covered in the rule language. They just moved that forward as recommended. The three rule amendments presented by law enforcement was passed as presented as recommended by the Northern RAC. The fee schedule, our RAC wanted to consider adding the multi-season fees to the fee schedule. The division will implement that next year and passed as presented.

Matt Klar- Did they make the bobcat season a permanent thing or just extended for one more year?
Justin Dolling- It was just extended for this particular season. The bobcat management plan is up for review this coming year. Based on data collected over the last 2 years, it looks like that one week extension does allow for the harvest from females to males. It will probably be part of the working strategy for the plan.

Item 4. Regional Update

- Justin Dolling, Regional Supervisor

Wildlife- Re-organization of the Great Salt Lake Eco-system program. Moved all Waterfowl Management Areas. Waterfowl working on the phragmites control. Open on the 17th, youth hunt on the 19th. Started a study on Dusty grouse in Cache County. Flight for goats on Willard Peak. Counted 200 goats.

Habitat- Bids for habitat projects in Cache, West Box Elder County and North Slope.

Aquatics- Chemical treatment for Otter Creek September 21st-23rd. June Sucker transfers in West Box Elder County. Uintah's are fishing well, Beaver Lake in particular.
Administrative Services- Selling Any Bull and Spike Only Permits.
Outreach- Upland Game workshop in Cache County went really well.
Law Enforcement- Youth Waterfowl Fair on September 12th at Farmington Bay. Archer deer hunt starting to pick up.

Bryce Thurgood- You said the Willard goats are over population. I know they passed that new management plan. Do you know when they are going to start re-introductions?
Justin Dolling- It is my understanding that goat population is naturally expanding so we are just going to allow that to occur. When those sub-units have populations that can stand hunting, we will then allow permits in those areas.
Bryce Thurgood- They don't have any plans of introducing populations?
Justin Dolling- Moving them around?
Bryce Thurgood- Not moving them around but introducing?
Justin Dolling- I would have to double check with Randy but there are a group of goats that will be transplanted from Willard and moved to Mt. Dutton this fall. We also increased our permits to try and keep that population closer to objective.
Bryce Thurgood- They don't have any plans on dispersing them?
Justin Dolling- When you say dispersing them, you mean dispersing them within the larger Willard unit?
Bryce Thurgood- Above Honeyville or Deweyville or Logan Canyon.
Justin Dolling- To my knowledge, we are not going to pick them off Willard to move them up there. We are just going to let them naturally disperse.
Kristin Purdy- Comment from one of the Wasatch Audubon Members. Noticed improvements happening for access at the north end of Ogden Bay.
Justin Dolling- Have a new manager at Ogden Bay. You will see a lot of changes, I will pass that along. Thank You.

Item 5. Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13

- Drew Cushing, Warm water Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
- Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator

See RAC Packet

RAC Questions

Craig VanTassell- Where are the Deer Valley Lakes in Summit County?
Drew Cushing- They are at the top on the Park City side of Deer Valley. They have been treated as community fisheries for 2 years.

RAC Comment

Russ Lawrence- Thank you for managing this well. Get good comments back from the public.

Motion

Motion-John Blazzard- Recommend the Wildlife Board accept Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 as presented.
Second- Kristin Purdy
Motion Passes-Unanimous

Item 6. Hunting Technologies Discussion

- Rick Olson, Captain

See RAC Packet

RAC Questions

Bryce Thurgood- When are you going to look at making some proposals?

Rick Olson- We will be prepared in the November round of RAC and board meetings to have a proposal for the coming year.

John Cavitt- At the beginning of the presentation, did you say that the different constituencies were analyzed separately and you found no difference so you pooled them?

Rick Olson- Yes.

Public Comment

Troy Burgess- Thanks to the department for doing the survey. It was good seeing the public input.

RAC Questions

Mike Laughter- On those proposals, those that were not supported by the public, will we see those again in November or is that just off the table?

Rick Olson- Do you mean the survey results?

Mike Laughter- Yes. The proposals that Bryce asked about.

Rick Olson- When we do a proposal, I am not sure if we work these results into our proposal. We probably will.

Mike Laughter- I guess to clarify, the ones that were not supported by the public, will those just go away or be presented again? Will they address each one of them?

Rick Olson- Yes, the purpose of this round is to put the information out there. We have gathered public comment. We would also be interested in how the RAC and Wildlife Board feels.

RAC Comment

John Blazzard- Went through the crossbow disability process to be able to use a crossbow during archery season. I did it for 3 years and it became a pain to drive to SLC to renew my paperwork every year. When you only hunt archery for 2 days out of the season, it is pretty hard to dedicate another day to driving to SLC and stand in line for a permit. If crossbows are not going to be allowed, I would like to see a process where you need a doctors excuse to do that and then see that COR carry over or at least be able to do it online so that you don't have to spend a day driving to the city. Crossbows are great for those who cannot pull a bow back.

Rick Olson- We can look into that. I thought you could do that through our regional office.

John Blazzard- My other choice is to drive to Ogden.

Rick Olson- I don't know if there is a possibility to have something like that online or to have a multi-year. We would have to look at the law that allows COR's to see if a multi-year could be allowed in a situation like that.

John Blazzard- It makes it difficult for those who cannot use a bow anymore to be able to qualify.

Rick Olson- Crossbows have their place, I think. It allows some hunters, who could not hunt any other way, to hunt with an arrow.

Justin Oliver- Has there been any statistics to show the kill as far as the harvest? The traditional archery compared to a crossbow?

Rick Olson- No, we didn't look at that. It is really hard to compare. Even those western states are whitetail deer states. For some reason, crossbows are more popular in whitetail country. I think that is because you are hunting out of tree stands a lot. You're not walking as much. It is not as open country. What would happen on the success rate, we don't know. If these were allowed, and the success rate did skyrocket, then we would have to look at permit numbers to compensate for that. That is still an unknown.

John Blazzard- It might be interesting, next time you do a survey, to ask archery hunters how many deer they hit before they harvest one. That is a concern I have with archery hunting.

Matt Klar- On allowing the use of magnifying scopes on muzzleloaders, are you moving in a direction in your opinion on that?

Rick Olson- No, this is totally informational right now. We'll come back in November and tell you what we think.

Mike Laughter- On the survey to the public, was this specific to medical circumstances in regard to use of a crossbow?

Rick Olson- It was just crossbow in general.

Russ Lawrence- Back to the magnified scope on the muzzleloader, I have personally been opposed to that for years. The people I talk to are also leaning in that direction. I am thinking a scope like that might help my daughter. People need to know their distances still. I am worried if you just say "magnified scope", it might give them too much leeway. There still needs to be some limits on what the magnification should be.

Justin Oliver- My understanding is that a two power scope is basically like using your naked eye, is that correct? And then a one power scope that Utah allows right now is actually looking through a further distance.

Rick Olson- I am not an ophthalmologist but I know when I look through a one power scope, the target looks smaller than with just my naked eye.

Chad Jensen- With my experience with a one power scope, all that gives you is a crosshair to look at. What is the feet per second of a crossbow? Do they shoot consistent with the regular compound bow speed wise?

John Blazzard- I think they are a little bit faster.

Chad Jensen- I was just more curious than anything because I have never played with a crossbow. Is the bow from a crossbow same as the arrow from a bow?

John Blazzard- Yes, I am not a professional because I gave up on it after 3 years. It was not worth it to me to drive to SLC to get permission to use by crossbow.

Craig VanTassell- I am concerned about animals that are hit and wounded and are never recovered. I don't know if technology would help that or not and I think that ought to be looked at. All weapons are progressing but I think we need to look at having regulations in place so people are making ethical shots and kill shots and not losing so much game because we are not recovering the game.

Public Questions

Troy Burgess- Question regarding waterfowl hunting. Is the use of artificial material to simulate open water an illegal hunting method?

Rick Olson- We would not prohibit that with the way the regulations are written right now. As long as you can't eat the water.

John Cavitt- Next RAC meeting to be held in November at different locations. It will be at Weber State University on November 10th, same time, in the student union building, room 404. Free parking after 4:00 pm except reserved stalls.

Motion to adjourn-

If there is no further business and there is no objection, the meeting will be adjourned. There being no objection the meeting is adjourned.

Meeting Ends: 6:57 p.m.

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Central Region Advisory Council
DNR Board Room
1594 W North Temple, Salt Lake
September 9, 2015 ☞ 6:30 p.m.

Motion Summary

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

MOTION: To accept the agenda and minutes as written
Passed 11 in favor, 1 abstention

Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13

MOTION: To accept the fishing guidebook and rule as presented
Passed 11 in favor, 1 abstention

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Members Present

Ron Camp, Sportsmen
Matt Clark, Sportsmen
Larry Fitzgerald, Agriculture
Michael Gates, BLM
Richard Hansen, At large, RAC Chair
Karl Hirst, Sportsmen
Ben Lowder, At Large
Kristofer Marble, At large
Danny Potts, Non-consumptive
Jacob Steele, Native American
Christine Schmitz, Non-consumptive
Ken Strong, Sportsman
Alan White, Agriculture

Members Absent

Greg McPhie, Elected
Sarah Flinders, Forest Service

Others Present

Greg Sheehan, Director

- 1) **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes (Action)**
- **Richard Hansen, RAC Chair**

VOTING

**Motion was made by Matt Clark to accept the agenda and minutes as written
Seconded by Ken Strong
Motion passed 11 in favor, 1 abstention (Danny Potts)**

- 2) **Wildlife Board Meeting Update (Information)**
- **Richard Hansen, RAC Chair**
- 3) **Regional Update (Information)**
- **John Fairchild, Central Regional Supervisor**

Aquatics

- Jordanelle fishery management planning effort kicks off October 6
- Jordanelle and Deer Creek gillnet survey October 6-7
- Mill Creek Restoration Project Phase III to be initiated September 15, 2015
- Jordanelle food web study in progress, Blue Ribbon funded (fish collection and stable isotope analysis by USU)
- Strawberry Kokanee Festival September 19th
- Yuba creel survey concludes in December
 - Fishing expected to pick up for pike in October and November
 - Reservoir level is very low
- Community Fisheries getting stocked with rainbows again as waters cool

- Leatherside chub sampling coming up this fall
- Utah Lake
 - Provo River Delta Restoration Project
 - Record of Decision signed by Mitigation Commission Executive Director and Assistant Secretary of the Interior in May 2015
 - Alternative B, Option 2 was selected which strikes a compromise on the amount of land to acquire and maintaining water in the lower section of the Provo River
 - Pending funding, project is expected to take up to five years to complete
 - Carp removal continues and there's an indication that the removal is starting to have a significant effect on the population (avg. carp size is increasing and numbers are down)
 - Pike still a concern

Wildlife

- Several cities planning to take advantage of the new Urban Deer Control Administrative Rule
- Elk Management Plan to go before the Wildlife Board in November
- Rocky Mountain Goat aerial surveys in August showed numbers stable on Timpanogos and Cascade Ranges and up on Lone Peak and Nebo
- Getting 10 goats from Willard Peak to be released on Box Elder Peak (with satellite collars)
- Elk classification - 58:100 calves/cows on Wasatch West Elk Subunit, which is average for the unit
- Forest grouse (dusky and ruffed grouse) numbers up along with cottontail and snowshoe hare
- Deer removal operations in Heber (ag fields in Center Creek) and elk removal in Nephi (corn)

Habitat

- Habitat Restoration Projects
 - 1000-acre treatment in Spanish Fork Canyon (bullhog treatment in Cheep Creek and lop and scatter in Mill Creek)
 - Dog Valley p-j chaining on private land
 - Chaining and bullhog treatment in the Vernon area (sage-grouse habitat improvement)
 - Fuels reduction project on the Santaquin WMA in partnership with USFS (bullhog)
- Upland game guzzlers installed with help from the Utah Chukar and Wildlife Foundation on the West Hills Unit of the Santaquin WMA

Conservation Outreach

- Kokanee Festival Day September 19th
- Check out DWR event information on the DWR-Central Facebook page

Law Enforcement

- Still targeting Deer Creek and Daniel Port-Of-Entry with additional enforcement of AIS regulations

4) **Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 (Action)**

- **Drew Cushing, Warmwater Sportfish Coordinator**
- **Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator**

Questions from the RAC

Danny Potts – On the survey we have always had the concern that the old retired people who don't have computers might not be involved in that survey. What proportion do you think that might be?

Drew Cushing – To be honest we don't know. The reason we use the internet survey is it is the best way to reach the most people. There are more formal ways. You are right, the internet probably does skew it one way or the other. We asked that question on the 2011 survey. Paul may know.

Paul Birdsey – We did capture the age of the people that responded to the survey. I didn't do a formal analysis of the information but just scanning through we did see a lot of range anywhere from 18 years old up to 65 plus. In the 2011 statewide survey which was a much more formal survey conducted by Utah State University what we found there was that it was exactly the opposite of what you feel like. There were actually a higher proportion of people 60 years old plus that responded in the survey than are present in the population so I believe that there is somewhat of a misconception as to the accessibility of these surveys to senior citizens.

Matt Clark – What prompted the kokanee regulation?

Drew Cushing – Simplification. We had a number of general regulations. Some of them were September first through November 30th. There were a number of regulations all trying to do the same thing developed by different regions at different times. We wanted to standardize and give the protection but keep it simple for folks.

Questions from the Public

John Schultz – What prompted the discussion on going back to corn?

Drew Cushing – Every year that we have done these surveys it comes up. There is a segment of our population that wants to use corn. We figured it was a good time to ask. The last question of the survey is a write in where they can write anything they want. Some of them are not worth reading but that one is. There were a number of folks annually that were curious about corn.

From what I have heard it is one of the best kokanee baits behind your dodger that you can use. I don't know that but I have heard that.

Comments from the Public

RAC Discussion

Danny Potts – Relative to corn, as a long time common carp fisherman there couldn't possibly be a better bait for common carp than corn. Chumming is still an issue. I feel like there might be a compromise, and I know it complicates the regulation but the use of corn on warm water fisheries where you don't have trout and ice fishing it might be a compromise.

Matt Clark – Is there any biological data on corn? What is the basis for not using corn?

Drew Cushing – There was a study done. In the wild nothing has been done but there is a clinical study that looked at trout and their digestion of corn versus other food and they found they didn't

digest it well which reduced growth and some other things. What it does in the wild? Probably minimal if anything. We are one of few states that has a prohibition on corn. It's more of a social issue. Historically it has been a littering and perception issue with chumming. Those are reasons it was outlawed.

VOTING

Motion was made by Kristofer Marble to accept the fishing guidebook and rule as presented

Seconded by Ron Camp

In Favor:

Opposed: none

Motion passed 11 in favor 1 abstention (Ken Strong)

5) Hunting Technologies Discussion (Information)

- **Rick Olsen**

Questions from the RAC

Ben Lowder – On the slide about power scopes on muzzleloaders it said you could use a scope with a COR. I am not familiar with that, could you explain that?

Rick Olsen – If you are legally blind you can get a COR to put a scope on a muzzleloader or a crossbow for a disabled person.

Ben Lowder – I was not aware of that. On the range finder attached to a bow I remember vaguely when that law was put into place bushnell came out with a rangefinder that attached to a bow and shortly thereafter it was outlawed. I believe it was outlawed in many states. I don't remember why. Could you clarify that?

Rick Olsen – I'm not sure either. I never have been able to answer that question very easy in the field when I check a hunter.

Danny Potts – This doesn't relate to any of that but it is consistent to what you are trying to accomplish here. While I was in graduate school in the southeast Louisiana and I think Alabama and several other states were using poison pods on their arrows and I have never heard any reason why that wouldn't work here. People say you shoot farther but there was a study done and they found that the hunters were not really doing that and their recovery rate was much higher and there wasn't the issue with public seeing critters running around with arrows sticking out of them because the blood toxins would put the animal down relatively efficiently. What do you know about any of that?

Rick Olsen – I don't really know anything about that specific topic. I do know that there are a lot of other issues with weapon technologies than what we discussed here. It is too big of an issue to deal with it all at one time so you have to break it up in chunks. When you send surveys out history has shown us that if you ask 20 to 30 questions people probably won't take it because it takes too long. If you want good results you have to ask less questions. We didn't look at broadhead size or arrow weight or electronic ignition on muzzleloaders. There are all kinds of other issues that we can look at later.

Richard Hansen – What is the effective range of a crossbow?

Rick Olsen – The data shows that a crossbow will shoot about the same distance. They will come out a little bit faster other than the brand new up to date bows. Ben could talk about that probably more than I could. But they lose their energy quicker because the arrow is lighter. So they might shoot just as far but they are probably not going to be as lethal at say sixty yards as a traditional bow is.

Richard Hansen – Aren't those bolts a little bit shorter too?

Rick Olsen – Yes.

Richard Hansen – On the survey was there any place on there that you knew whether or not they were a dedicated hunter? Because they could hunt with archery, rifle and muzzleloader.

Rick Olsen – No we did not. If a dedicated hunter got one of these he would have had to choose which weapon they predominantly hunt with.

Richard Hansen – On the caliber question would you be inclined to recommend different minimum caliber sizes for deer versus elk?

Rick Olsen – We are not recommending anything at this point so I couldn't really answer that. We got pretty much what 19,000 members of the hunting public think. Now we are looking at what do the RAC and Board members think. The Division will go back and come up with any recommended changes in the November meeting.

Ken Strong – Putting a scope on a muzzleloader for the muzzleloader hunt, were you thinking any power scope or were you thinking of limiting the power?

Rick Olsen – We just asked a question about allowing a variable power scope. Currently you can only put a one power scope on. When I look through a one power scope the target looks smaller to me than if I just look with the naked eye. I think you would have to have about a two power scope to be equal to the naked eye but that is just me talking. No we didn't look at if it should be limited.

Ron Camp – I was just going to state the fact that last year I appreciate you giving me that excuse for why I missed my deer with the one power scope on my muzzleloader. I thought it looked pretty small as well. As a commentary I think it is pretty evident that most of our hunting public wants to keep our hunting pure and fair chase and giving everybody the opportunity as well as giving the animal the opportunity to escape and elude you rather than turn it around and put themselves in the situation that is an automatic. I think the lure of hunting to a certain degree is the satisfaction of putting the effort in and going out in nature and using your skills and honing your skills in to become a better hunter. I think your survey actually addresses that pretty well on the answers you received.

Rick Olsen – We were a little surprised at some of the results. I was not surprised about the variable scopes on muzzleloaders. When you work in the field checking hunters that was a common thing you heard time and time again.

Larry Fitzgerald – What about the caliber of the bullet, did you consider asking a question not about the caliber of the bullet but the weight or grain of the bullet?

Rick Olsen – No, we just looked at caliber.

Larry Fitzgerald – One of the issues I have is that for a .22 caliber bullet they have heavier grain bullets that are .22 caliber which are very effective.

Rick Olsen – We didn't ask any questions related to that. Like I said there are lots of other things we could ask about. We have to take off one chunk at a time to look at this.

Questions from the Public

Kelly Hicks – I am representing those people in Utah that hunt with a crossbow. Ben Lowder and Director Sheehan sat next to me at the senate hearing earlier in the spring. I currently hunt with a crossbow. I do have a COR due to bad shoulders and some other things. Some of the things presented here may or may not be 100 percent accurate. Someone asked what is the difference between a crossbow and a vertical bow? There is a ton of difference between the two. A crossbow yes absolutely is faster right off the bat. You can buy crossbows now that shoot 400 feet a second right off the bat. They do shoot an arrow that is 22 inches long but because of its size and length it loses its effective kinetic energy a lot quicker than a bow does. The point was made also that crossbows all come with a scope and they are pretty much all a three power scope

right now. There is only one manufacturer that makes even a sight that you can look through that looks something like what a vertical bow has. The effective range on those scopes is only 80 yards and that is a single pin type scope that you dial to the range so you are set at that point. All the others are basically a three power scope and you are right when you look through a one power scope you are seeing half of what you typically see with your eyesight. If you look down a muzzleloader you see the barrel. It is not worth having. Are crossbows effective? I think they are very effective in certain situations. You mentioned back east a lot of people use them because they are sitting in a tree stand or a ground blind with very little movement. I have carried mine for two years. If you are walking around these hills there is nothing easy with carrying a crossbow. I think the fear the public has is we are going to put a crossbow in people's hands and they are going to kill everything they see. But I guarantee you that is not the case. You might as well carry a boat anchor on your back because that is what it feels like. They are heavy. Mine weighs probably about 12 pounds. What does a vertical bow weigh? Kris, your bow probably weighs seven and a half to eight pounds maybe. I love the vertical bow world. I don't think there is any chance the two are going to meet. I think once most people pick up a crossbow they are going to say this is not for me. They are very difficult. In certain situations they are very effective. I hunt the Wasatch front a lot. You can't walk through the oak brush with a crossbow loaded. There is no way. You are going to lose your arrow or something. I do walk around with mine cocked and I have a dry fire mechanism so even if something hits the trigger it won't go off but I mostly hunt out of a tree stand because of that. They are great weapons. People are not going to go out and kill more animals. I know archers right now that have sights on their bows that can shoot up to 140 yards and they take those shots and they kill animals. At 60 plus yards I have to just sit there and watch. There is nothing I can do. I have no mechanism that tells me where that arrow is going to end up and I'm not going to try to shoot at something and guess so I just let it go. I've done it many times. I am a proponent and I think crossbows have a place. Today anyone can hunt with crossbow on a turkey hunt. It is a perfect hunt for turkeys. Someone can take their kids and take them hunting, sit in a ground blind and wait for those turkeys to come and kill one. Perfect example for use of a crossbow. Could someone's kid use one, absolutely. Could that kid pull a bow back, probably not. You can hunt turkeys when you are nine years old. Those kids aren't going to kill a turkey with a vertical bow but a crossbow they might. We might get more people into the hunting market that are not there today. Ben, what do you think? You were there that day.

Ben Lowder – I have strong opinions about the use of crossbows and there are a number of other things I would like to comment on. Mr. Chairman, when it is appropriate I would like to make those comments.

Travis Richmond – I came mainly over the issue of putting scopes on muzzleloaders. I really appreciate the comments about honing your skills and learning the game and getting close. When I took up muzzleloader hunting at the time it was considered to be a primitive weapon and it has evolved considerably over the years. I took the survey and I voted against magnifying scopes and when the results came out I suspected what the results would be. I looked up on my phone and it took me about two minutes to find a video of a guy shooting an antelope at 715 yards with a muzzleloader. I have a good buddy who is a proponent of the scopes and we have had the argument several times that if you have the scope you shoot more accurately and you can harvest game more cleanly. My argument is if you have the scopes you are going to extend the range. The maximum shot used to be 150 yards and it is now 300 to 400 yards. I found that video and it took me a couple more minutes to find an advertisement for a company that has the slogan put them in a pile from a quarter of a mile with a 500 yard muzzleloader. To me that really takes away from the hunt. We have a season where we can use rifles with scopes for people who want to go out the day before and take a few shots at a target and be able to have some chance of harvesting their game and I think we need to keep the seasons for the rest of us who like a little solitude and who like to challenge ourselves. Those are my feelings on

the matter. I probably won't get far. I can guarantee you if it is approved I will probably be one of the first guys to go out and buy a scope but because I am losing my sight but I would like to see it stay as it is.

Ken Strong – Would you be objected to a four power or less scope or would you just say leave it alone?

Travis Richmond – I like it the way it is.

Comments from the Public

RAC Discussion

Ken Strong – My big concern about all of this is are we going to have primitive weapon hunts or are we just going to let them evolve into what they are starting to evolve into now? As far as a muzzleloader I would never like to see it go above four power and if it stayed where it was that wouldn't hurt my feelings because that has always been a primitive weapon. The same with the archery, it has always been a primitive weapon although the bows that we have now days are starting to change that drastically. I think we need to decide if we are going to keep it as primitive weapons or are we going to go ahead and change into the modern day and see what happens. I know in Colorado if you hunt with a muzzleloader you still use flintlocks.

Ben Lowder – I would like to address a couple of these survey questions individually. First I'll discuss crossbows and draw locks. Currently they are legal during the any legal weapon or with a medical exception during the archery hunt. In short personally I feel that we have the right combination of laws as it is right not where if you want to hunt with a crossbow and you don't have a medical exception you have that option during the any weapon hunt. If during the archery hunt you want to archery hunt and you have a medical exception that allows you to hunt with a crossbow or a draw lock that option is there as well for those who need it. I would like to make a distinction between hunting with a crossbow and hunting with a vertical bow. I don't discount at all the effectiveness of a crossbow and their ability to take an animal cleanly. I don't have any problems with that. Where I make the distinction between a crossbow and a vertical bow as far as archery bow hunting goes is the movement that is required in order to shoot a vertical bow and this really comes into play heavily when you are hunting an animal like elk and typically you are calling them in and they are coming into you close range, they are approaching you. With a vertical bow you have that movement of drawing the bow and that is a key element to shooting a vertical bow. I can personally tell you that makes a difference. I have had elk that with a crossbow would have been a slam dunk because I would have been set up waiting for them and with a vertical bow when I try to draw they blow out of there. Also the holding weight of the vertical bow, with a crossbow you can set up and wait and with a vertical bow it will fatigue you over time if you are holding it at full draw. Those are the two I think very important distinctions between a vertical bow and a crossbow. Personally I like the laws the way they are now concerning both the crossbows and the draw locks. In summary I agree with survey results there. Rangefinders attached to a bow, I'm kind of indifferent there. I guess I don't have an opinion there. The smart guns, I have looked at that website and it is incredible technology, fascinating technology, awesome for military and law enforcement purposes but I don't believe they have a place in hunting. Finally the scopes on a muzzleloader, I'm kind of torn on that as well. As we start putting powered scopes on muzzleloaders it feels like we are turning that into a single shot rifle hunt and it is getting away from the primitiveness. I hear the arguments both ways as a gentleman mentioned earlier if that

law were to change I would be one of the first to go out and buy a scope with whatever maximum power would be allowed by law. To that point you are extending the range of a muzzleloader when you put a powered scope on the muzzleloader. That wraps up what I have to say. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Karl Hirst – On the scope on muzzleloaders, I could live with the way it is or up to four power. Higher than that I think I would oppose. With crossbows, why I have always felt that it was better in the any legal weapon hunt, and this is the first time I have heard of somebody carrying a crossbow cocked but not loaded. Everybody else I have talked to you are cocked and loaded, it is not the mechanism of an arrow hitting an animal, it's the fact that you are carrying a loaded weapon and you raise it like a rifle and you fire it like a rifle rather than the vertical bow which you have to in the presence of the animal very close have the movement of drawing and supporting that by your own muscles. So the shot of a crossbow to me is more similar to a firearm than a bow. That is why I would support separating them.

Ken Strong – I need to make a correction. Sometimes my brain and my mouth don't work. I meant flintlock on the muzzleloaders.

Danny Potts – Having spent too many years in college this survey is extremely highly significant. I'm going to support the public on all the things they think is right.

Kristofer Marble – I've been on a few committees and had this discussion with numerous folks. From my perspective it comes down to two different issues. It generally comes down to wounding rates and success rates. I think we have to be really clear with the public the best that we can with each of these technologies and what impacts it will have. I think the public in my opinion is going to be generally accepting of something that is going to help us more cleanly harvest an animal but we have to be aware of success rates. If success rates go up that means tag numbers have to go down. We talk about ethical hunting, we talk about a pile from a quarter mile, we talk about those different things and I think we have to be very cognizant of that and that is my biggest concern. I don't have an issue with muzzleloader scopes other than does it increase my odds of success because if it does then in two or three years less people get to hunt with a muzzleloader because success rates go up. That's my biggest concern. I think if we can approach these different technologies from those perspectives and clearly understand what the impacts are going to be whether that be with studies or whatever information we have I think that helps a lot of people make a decision on some of these issues. Does a vertical bow versus a crossbow increase archery success rates? I think a lot of people would like to know that and I'm sure there are some strong opinions already in this room. I would like to know that. How much does it increase success rates? We know as archery hunters we can get within range often but the motion of drawing a bow... does a crossbow impact that? The same thing with the difference between a one power and four power on a muzzleloader. Does that change your success rates? For me that is a determining factor in being able to make that decision. Thank you.

Danny Potts – I agree with everything you said. The one thing I learned while I was back east as was indicated here is there is a huge difference between spot and stalk and shooting from a blind or tree stand. I think what you would see if we started liberalizing

those crossbows is you would see a migration to more blind hunting and more tree stand hunting and I am addicted to tree stand hunting it's just so much different and so much fun. I think you are right the evolution and the approach to hunting has changed.

Richard Hansen – Do we even attempt to get some kind of data on wounding rates? Is that even possible? Do we do a survey that would somehow you could extrapolate that information?

? – They do randomly select hunters and conduct phone surveys where they ask did you hunt in your unit and one of the questions is did you wound any animals. I'm pretty sure most people are going to say no.

Richard Hansen - Is there an acceptable rate of wounding loss, is that put into how we determine permit numbers? Not right now, okay.

Kristofer Marble – On the mule deer survey didn't we have some wounding rates from the survey itself at least for mule deer?

Richard Hansen – It seems like we did and I guess we just have to trust that the public is being legit with their answers on that. Muzzleloaders for example when I first started hunting with muzzleloaders we had to pull that back and put the cap on and try to shoot and sometimes it didn't shoot. Now the in-lines have made it so rifles and muzzleloaders have come closer together and their ability to harvest. I see that with advancement of bows. It is unbelievable. I started out with a re-curve that I made in high school shop. Now my boys have compound bows with trigger mechanisms, it's pretty amazing stuff. It seems like to me instead of keeping them as primitive weapons we are getting a little closer to rifles all the time. I think it is important that the Board think about where do we want to be and also weight out whether or not this thing that Kris was talking about, wounding, are you more efficient or less efficient and what is acceptable. I would encourage all of you to think about these things. They are looking for some direction and some focus on some of this stuff and what the Board has opinion wise with these things makes a difference and they will formulate something I'm sure that we will be able to look at and decide whether or not we agree with that. Large caliber rifles over 50 caliber personally I don't think should allowed. There is a big push about that and it is kind of feather in your hat right now if you can kill a deer at 12,00 yards with a 50 caliber gun but is that what we want hunting to become?

Matt Clark – This isn't an action item so they are asking for opinions and my opinion is exactly what the public says.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

40 in attendance

Next board meeting October 1, 2015 at the DNR boardroom, Salt Lake

Next RAC meeting Thursday November 12, 2015 at the Springville Civic Center

**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Sevier Valley Center (Snow College Building)
Richfield, UT
September 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

1. REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

MOTION: To accept minutes and agenda as written.

VOTE: Unanimous.

2. FISHING GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-13

MOTION: To accept the Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 as presented. Also to ask the Division to look into putting an emergency limit suspension on lakes and reservoirs with a high likelihood of winter kill.

VOTE: Unanimous

3. 2016 RAC SCHEDULE

MOTION: To schedule the November and December meetings at 5:00 p.m. and to otherwise keep the meeting locations and start times for 2016 the same as 2015.

VOTE: Unanimous

**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Sevier Valley Center (Snow College Building)
Richfield, UT
September 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

| RAC Members Present | DWR Personnel Present | Wildlife Board Present | RAC Members Not Present |
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| Rusty Aiken Dale Bagley Dave Black (chair) Gene Boardman Nick Jorgensen Sean Kelly Craig Laub Mack Morrell Layne Torgerson | Lynn Chamberlain Giani Julander Richard Hepworth Kevin Bunnell Seth Decker Gabe Patterson Drew Cushing Paul Birdsey Rick Olson | Steve Dalton Donnie Hunter | Wade Heaton Brian Johnson Harry Barber Brayden Richmond Mike Worthen (vice-chair) |

Dave Black called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. There were approximately 7 interested parties in attendance in addition to RAC members, members of the Wildlife Board, and Division employees. Dave Black introduced himself and asked RAC members to introduce themselves.

Dave Black: Okay, we'd like to call this meeting to order. We welcome you out this evening to the Southern Region RAC meeting. My name's Dave Black, I'm the chairman. I'm from St. George; represent the community at-large. I'd like to start down here on my far left with Nick and we'll have the RAC introduce themselves and who they represent.

Nick Jorgensen: My name's Nick Jorgensen, out of the St. George area and I represent the non-consumptive folks.

Rusty Aiken: Rusty Aiken from Cedar City and I'm a at-large.

Craig Laub: Craig Laub from Iron County and I'm represent agriculture.

Dale Bagley: Dale Bagley from Marysvale. I represent an elected official.

Kevin Bunnell: Kevin Bunnell, I'm the regional supervisor for the Division in the Southern region.

Layne Torgerson: Layne Torgerson from Richfield. I'm a sportsman's representative.

Gene Boardman: Gene Boardman from Hinkley, at-large.

Mack Morrell: Mack Morrell, Bicknell, agriculture.

Sean Kelly: Sean Kelly, Fillmore; representing the Forest Service.

Dave Black: Tank you. I'd also like to recognize two of the Wildlife Board members that we have in the audience tonight. We have Steve Dalton and Donnie Hunter. We appreciate their attendance and all the time and effort that they put in.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes (action)

Dave Black: The first action item is the review and acceptance of the RAC minutes and agenda, and I'll entertain a motion for that. Okay.

Layne Torgerson: I'll make a motion that we accept the RAC minutes from our last meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

Dave Black: Okay, do we have a second? Okay from Dale. All those in favor? It looks like that's unanimous.

Layne Torgerson made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting as written. Dale Bagley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Board Update:

-Dave Black, Chairman

Dave Black: Uh, the next item is an informational item, which is the Wildlife Board Update. If you recall at our last RAC meeting the big item there was the cougar management plan and then also the cougar recommendations. And the cougar management plan passed as presented with one exception where they added mountain goats into the verbiage and that was for transplants. Other than that it was pretty much accepted as presented. The cougar recommendations um, if you recall we had a number of recommendations that went up to the Board from the Southern RAC; and all of those were approved with the addition that the Book Cliffs numbers went to 29 permits and the Manti to 13. So they pretty much went along with the recommendations that we had and sent up to the Board. I think everything else was approved as presented. And I'll turn the time over now to Kevin for a regional update.

Regional Update:

-Kevin Bunnell, Southern Regional Supervisor

Kevin Bunnell: Thanks Mr. Chairman. With our aquatics section I'm going to turn some, let Richard talk about some of the treatments that they're doing here in just a minute but before he talks about that just a little update on what's been going on with the Quagga mussel issue down at Lake Powell. We had a crew down there this year working the state line and Wahweep ramps and have done a phenomenal job in making sure the boats that are leaving that lake are following the law and protecting the rest of the

waters in the state. For example, we were down there the day after Labor Day and talked to that crew and on Labor Day, that Monday which is probably the last big boating weekend on Lake Powell, they checked 850 boats in one day leaving, leaving Lake Powell. And with a crew of about 8 or 10 people they were able to process all 850 of them with very few people having to wait for very long, maybe 15 or 20 minutes at the most. So that's turned out to be a, we had a crew down there that just really jelled and did very well this year. But let me, I'll ask Richard to talk about, there's three different treatments that have recently happened or will be happening in the region and I wanted him to talk about those a little bit.

Richard Hepworth: Um, yeah just some are, probably in the last month or so we've had two treatments that we've completed and got one more on the books coming up here the first of October. The first one was in upper Mammoth Creek on Cedar Mountain, that is part of a cutthroat restoration project to reintroduce Bonneville cutthroat to those upper tributaries of Mammoth Creek. The other two we've got going this summer or done, were both down in Washington County, one was Stratton, and some of you may know it as Grandpa's Pond. That one had some illegal introductions of coy, carp, goldfish and fathead minnows that we had to get rid of. What was really interesting to me when we did that one, um, the pond was so full of those coy and those carp that we only found one sport fish. There was one large mouth bass that we found in there when that was done. So they'd pretty much out competed everything that was there. The other one that we've got coming up the first of October is Gunlock Reservoir. That one is being treated to remove an illegal introduction of smallmouth bass. With the Virgin River situation and the endangered species down there, we've agreed as the state of Utah to not allow smallmouth bass in the drainage because they are problematic with these native fish. We can have largemouth and bluegill which is really a better fishery in that lake, but smallmouth bass have shown up in there and they're doing very well so we've got to go down and remove those. So that will be treated here the first of October and then hopefully restocked shortly thereafter if we feel like we did a good job. Just real quick, these illegal introductions really hurt us this summer. We had three of the best lakes on the Boulder Mountain that have had fish illegally introduced into them that will probably ruin those lakes within the next three years and will cause us to have to go back in and do some additional work there. So just one of those things to always keep in the back of your mind, if you see somebody moving fish around, even if you're not sure if it's one of us or now, let us know just in case, you know, so we can get on top of it and try and stop this the best we can. That's all I had.

Kevin Bunnell: Any questions for Richard? Go ahead Dale.

Dale Bagley: So on Piute, earlier in the year you talked about doing a treatment on that again, is that still in the plans or is that not?

Richard Hepworth: We did that last year, and no, we did not plan on doing it this year. There was some rumors going around that we might treat that again but there was no reason for us to do it again this year. They drained it down to almost nothing, as soon as that starts filling again I've got fish ready to go back in there. And hopefully we get water to keep it full for a couple of years; we'll have great fishing if we do.

Dale Bagley: Okay, thanks.

Kevin Bunnell: Any other questions for Richard from?

Rusty Aiken: Yeah, Richard on the upper Mammoth, have you stocked the, was it Lauder and Castle, is that the two you did?

Richard Hepworth: We haven't stocked them yet. We just hit those two, we hit one last week and we'll do one next week; have those two done and then we'll do them once more early in the summer as soon as run off is over. We'll treat them one more time to insure we got the brook trout out and then we'll have the fish ready to go to put back in there right afterwards. So they will be without fish for a little less than a year.

Rusty Aiken: So next summer, next fall?

Richard Hepworth: Yeah. By fall we'll have fish going back in there. We'll move some adults but mostly it will be younger fish. But it will come back fairly quick.

Rusty Aiken: So the rumor is you're going to put tigers in there as well?

Richard Hepworth: We're going to put tigers in Lauder Pond and we may use some in the stream as well until the cutthroat population better establishes.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay, thanks Richard. And the only thing I would add is on the treatment there at Grandpa's Pond or Stratton Pond there's bass and bluegill are going back in there this week and so that one, it will be fishable again by this time next week I would guess. Stratton Pond, with bass and bluegill going back in. Moving on to our habitat section. We've, we had two fires in the region over the last month or so. The Oak Grove fire, the one that's been in the news down by, in Washington County on the Pine Valley. There was some concern with that one that it would jump over a ridge and be into the drainage that provided the municipal water for St. George. Luckily that didn't happen; it stayed in a canyon in an area where it probably did some good as far as habitat down there. And our guys are already starting to coordinate with the Forest Service on rehabilitation and making sure that we take advantage of the opportunity to make the habitat better in that area. The other one was the Solitude Fire, which is on the backside of the Pahvant, just not far from here. Again, that was a good fire from a wildlife standpoint. It burned slow. It burned through some areas that will really help the aspen regenerate and come back, and that one will benefit wildlife as well for in the coming years. The other thing our habitat guys are just hot and heavy right now in the restoration season. Just in the Southern Region over the next three or four months we'll treat 20 plus thousand acres of pinion juniper. There's an annual goal of about 10,000 and we'll double that this year. And if any of the RAC members, I've made this offer before, I don't know if anybody has ever taken us up on it, but Gary Bezzant our habitat manager would be more than happy to take, if any of the RAC members are interested in going out and seeing how that's done whether it's a bullhog where they're grinding up the trees or a chaining he'd love to have, to organize a trip to go look at that and talk about the wildlife benefits of some of those treatments. So if any of you have that interest let me know tonight or shoot me an email and we can certainly set something up. From our wildlife section the youth chucker hunt is coming up this Saturday so if . . . That's an opportunity for just youth to be in the field prior to the general opener. So if you have kids or if you know kids that could benefit from that opportunity I'd encourage you to get out and take advantage of that. The other opportunity for youth is our pheasant hunts at both the Pahvant and the Redmond WMAs. Those will be November 14th. There's limited slots for those. There's a morning session and an afternoon session at both places. But you need to call the Southern Region office and hold a spot for each person that's, or each youth that wants to be involved. Giani, how many slots do we have

left?

Giani Julander: I think we're about half full.

Kevin Bunnell: About half full on both? So there are still opportunities there. But that's an event that we partner with SFW on. I think there's three birds planted for every hunter that goes out. Everybody is successful. It's a good opportunity to get kids excited about hunting. And so if you have anybody that fits that description I encourage you to get involved. Lastly here within the next couple of weeks we'll get a final decision from the Fish and Wildlife Service relative to sage grouse and that listing that I think most everybody's heard about. We're anticipating that it will be a not warranted decision meaning that they'll decide that sage grouse do not, or shouldn't be listed under the protections of the endangered species act. We could still be surprised on that but that's kind of where, if we're reading the tea leaves correctly where the information seems to be leading us. So you'll see a lot of media surrounding that announcement when it comes out; and it has to be done before September 30th, they're under a court order to do it before then. So it could happen any day now really. That's really all I have Dave unless there's any questions for me. Okay, thank you.

Dave Black: Okay, thank you Kevin, thank you Richard for the update. Our next item is an action item. Before we turn the time over to them I just want to go through the meeting procedures real quick. I'm sure most of you have been to a RAC meeting before but we'll listen to the presentation. Following the presentation we'll entertain any questions from the RAC. And then there will be time for questions from the audience. And at this time, this is usually where we have the confusion, but if you just have questions. And then in order to comment there's an opportunity to come forward and speak at the mic. And if you have a comment please fill out a comment card, give that to one of the officers and they'll bring that forward and then you'll have up to five minutes to comment on the particular items. So with that we'll move forward to item number 5 which is the Fishing Guide Handbook and Rule, R657-13, and that's Drew Cushing and Paul Birdsey.

Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 (action) 15:53 to 27:07 of 1:16:26
-Drew Cushing, Warm water Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
-Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
(see attachment 1)

Questions from the RAC:

Dave Black: Thank you. Any questions from the RAC? Gene.

Gene Boardman: On this, where you close it to an area for Kokanee, can the average fisherman, or the less than average fisherman, the big guys that just go to catch, can they tell a Kokanee when they catch one?

Paul Birdsey: Kokanee are pretty easy to tell, especially at that time of the year. If they're mature Kokanee, they're turning red or in the case of the late running fish they get almost black. The other ones are pretty distinctive from your standard Rainbow. And they're not; they're kind of a special fish. They don't typically respond to bait. So if you're going to catch a Kokanee it's pretty much because you're fishing for Kokanee.

Questions from the public:

Dave Black: Okay, do we have any questions from audience? Okay, come forward. This mic over here and please state your name please.

Brad Bradley: My question is Mr. Birdsey on the Internet surveys, do you send out a random invitation or just announce that in the newspaper and people answer to it?

Paul Birdsey: This particular survey is a non-scientific survey in that we simply allow people to respond to a link on the web page. However, we have many standard statistically valid surveys, which correspond closely with the information that we receive through this non-scientific survey.

Dave Black: Brad, can we get you to state your name just so we have it on the minutes?

Brad Bradley: Oh, okay, Brad Bradley from Manti. I was just curious because on the Internet surveys I don't have a lot of faith in them. I'm going to crank the clock back as an example to about 2000 when there was a lot of wilderness avocation in the state. And SUWA and environmental communities started putting up Internet surveys and listed them as these are scientific surveys of what people want. And the off-roaders it didn't take very long for them to build up a network so that every time that SUWA listed do you want wilderness the emails went out across the network and SUWA's survey came out with 500,000 people against wilderness and 2,000 of their members for wilderness. So it didn't take long to build up a network of, to route that survey the direction you want it to go. So I just have a hard time with Internet surveys. My personal experience with people in the field and interviewing them, when I ask them a question what is your opinion of what should be changed or tell me, actually I ask them tell me about fishing. Tell me why you fish or why you don't fish. And the number one complaint among all of those, and I should, when I say number one I would say like 50 percent of people that I talk to, and I did this for 35 years, to relay information back to other supervisors, the number one complaint that came up was too damn many regulations. So I'm kind of having a hard time with the Internet results. If it was Rocky Mountain Anglers, they all of a sudden contacted all of their guys and said quick respond to this survey because we want to change the regulations on this pond, we want more regulation. That's just my comment on Internet surveys.

Dave Black: Okay, thank you Paul, or Brad. Any other questions? Okay, we have two comment cards. Was this your comment then Brad that you, did you have anything else? Okay.

Comments from the public:

Dave Black: So this is the time for comments. So if you want to come up please come up and do that.

Brad Bradley: So this is the entire fisheries presentation for the night? Okay. First off, I really wanted to congratulate Mr. Hepworth and what they did up at Fish Lake last winter. I don't know that it made a dramatic change in the perch population but it's probably the neatest thing I've seen done since Gene Snow in 1985 on Yuba. When he showed up with his little 20 foot van from Anglers Inn and was selling

jigs and fishing lures and everything else and turned the perch into a game fish over night. It went from nobody on the ice to within two weeks you had thousands of people on the ice. So I think anything that promotes fishing like that, I don't know if you have it planned this year, I hope you do. Do it two or three weekends. That will give you something to do. The next thing I'd like to suggest is you know that I appeared here a couple of years ago and advocated the 8 fish limit. Just a straight 8 fish limit, not the 4 and 4 fish limit that we have now. I can see that the Boards aren't ready to, aren't willing to go to that straight 8 fish limit. We're stuck with the 4 and 4. However, along with the regulation thing I would really like to see the DWR app, that's another one I got to congratulate you on. I think that's one of the neatest things since canned milk. To be able to pull up that app and I hope that your officers back there also recognize that when you show that on app I have my fishing license, is that acceptable? Along with that I'd like to see that app expanded. If you are going to go to more regulations it would be really cool if on that app any water that you're going to in the state you could search that by county, of water and county because you have to have that because some waters had the same name in two different counties. But if you could search that and hit that water and know what the regulations are for that water that would be a great thing to have in that app. The other thing I would like to see expanded in that app is the ability to notify for emergency openings and closures. Another great job that Mr. Hepworth did this year was at Piute when the water was dropping to open that up and increase the limit on it. I had to find out about it through the grape vine, I didn't see it in the news. But I'm sure it was there, but anyway it would have been really neat if that app would have had an alarm that popped up and said, hey there's a change in the regulation. That could be used either for emergency closures or I want to call them an emergency openings, but any regulation change that's brought up in the middle of the season. And if you do that I would suggest one more thing, and that is we have a lot of high mountain lakes that end up winter killing and the fish don't carry over; they are put and take fisheries. I've got a half a dozen of them in my area that I frequent regularly. By the end of the season, September 15th or so, it would be really cool if that app would pop up and say, you know what, all those fish are going to die so in Shingle mill and WPA and Deep Lake, the limit is now lifted from now until January 1st. And people could harvest those fish out at the end of the season before they winterkill. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

Dave Black: Thank you Brad, good comments. We have a comment card from Bryce; did you want to come up? Okay he just wants to, uh, indicate his support from SFW on the DWR's recommendations.

Lynn Chamberlain: Bryce's last name please?

Dave Black: Pilling. That's all the comment cards I have.

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Dave Black: Do we have any comments from the RAC? Okay, I just want to summarize then that the comments, uh, mainly it looks like from Brad was to expand the app to include, these are good comments, I don't know that these are necessarily be, would they be part of the regulation or would they be suggestions that would go?

Kevin Bunnell: Some of them may have implications for the guidebook, yeah.

Dave Black: So we could include those in a motion if you so desire. So those were to expand the app to include regulations by water and county, also that it would indicate emergency openings and closure alerts and include emergency regulations to remove limits on lakes with winterkill.

Paul Birdsey: Mr. Chairman, if I might respond. There was a meeting last week at the Division office for some of those things such as the tying the regulations to the water to the app; that is currently in development right now through our E products and services. Those other things have not been included that I'm aware of but I'm assuming that the committee would be open to incorporating them in the future. But as far as that one goes, it already is in development.

Dave Black: Okay, thank you. That's helpful. Okay, I'm ready to entertain a motion.

Dale Bagley: So do we have any closures or limits lifted on lakes that are going to winter kill now? Is that something that happens now or is that something that needs to be addressed?

Kevin Bunnell: Richard do you want to comment on that? Do you think that would be relevant to the Southern Region; or if Drew or Paul wants to comment on that?

Richard Hepworth: I can address it really quick for the Southern Region. This was brought up last year at the RAC with the lakes mainly up here on Cold Mountain, which is Deep Lake and some of those. Right now we do not have any seasonal increases in limits based on winterkill but we have been discussing it. And I would guess that next year it will be part of our survey, at least for the Southern Region we're going to approach it at some lakes. Does that help?

Dale Bagley: Yeah.

Richard Hepworth: No we don't right now but yes we're looking into it for possibly down the road.

Kevin Bunnell: Is that something you'd be in favor of Dale? Where are you coming from on this?

Dale Bagley: Well I'm just trying to decide if we even need to include it in the motion so I was wondering if we have anything in place right now or if that needs to be included.

Kevin Bunnell: It never hurts to include it.

Paul Birdsey: Um, speaking from a stateside perspective, no we have not address it through a change in regulation, but as a former manager in the Southeast Region the way that I addressed it on a few lakes that I knew that had a high likelihood of winterkill was that I would schedule the stockings to be of a size and timing that most of those fish would be removed through the course of normal fishing pressure and I have to guess that Richard and the other managers do that. The biggest problem with having kind of a across the board it's going to have a doubling of the limit or no limit or whatever on an annual basis is that we may wind up with a winter like last year where it's entirely possible that we did not experience a winterkill and all but, or non, but maybe just a few of those waters. So while we're very cognizant of the idea that fish that are stocked cost money and that they are there for the fisherman, we also want to make sure that we are not eliminating opportunity based on maybe even a five out of seven year norm or whatever. So we do try and take it into account but I don't know how to address it moving forward in terms of just having a standard regulation.

Dave Black: So you still can leave it in your motion if you'd like.

Dale Bagley: I'll make a motion to support Rule 657-13 as proposed and also look at putting emergency limit suspensions on lakes and reservoirs that have a high likelihood of winterkill

Kevin Bunnell: We can look into that rather than make a regulation change right now, is that what you're suggesting Dale?

Dale Bagley: Yeah, to look into that changing that.

Dave Black: Okay, do we have a second?

Rusty Aiken: I'll second it.

Dave Black: Okay we have a second by Rusty. Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor? Unanimous. Thank you.

Dale Bagley made the motion to support rule R657-13 as proposed and also to look at putting an emergency limit suspension on lakes and reservoirs with a high likelihood of winterkill. Rusty Aiken seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Black: Do we have, is there a second part to the presentation or is that, that's the item? Okay. Well it has two people, and cold and warm. I was just checking. Next item is informational and it's the Hunting Technologies Discussion and Rick Olson will be presenting that.

Hunting Technologies Discussion (informational) 42:50 to 58:55 of 1:16:26
-Rick Olson, Captain
(see attachment 1)

Questions from the RAC:

Dave Black: Okay are there any questions from the RAC?

Rusty Aiken: It seems to me a survey, people are concerned about maybe wounding animal so the range finders with bows and a little better quality optics for the muzzleloader, so maybe there was some concern that with the wounding.

Rick Olson: I think we can't, sometimes it's hard to interpret what people think. I think on the scope issue, uh, people just want to be able to see better and they think that that will increase the likelihood of making a good shot. Now the downside to that is if you can put a 9-power scope on a muzzleloader will that cause you to take an 800-yard shot because you can see it?

Dave Black: Do I have any questions from the audience?

Questions from the public:

None.

Comments from the public:

Dave Black: Okay, so the Brice Pilling, SFW supports the survey results and wanted to extend that support. That's the only comment card from the audience so we'll turn the time over for comments from the RAC.

Comments from the RAC:

Kevin Bunnell: I know we have a couple of gentleman that came just for this item. Did you guys want to make a comment? Okay, I just wanted to make sure.

Dave Black: Okay, Craig.

Craig Laub: I was one of the ones that took this survey. I got the survey and took it. I thought it was really good. But I, in fact the only thing I disagreed with it on, of the results on is I think I'm not in favor of the muzzleloader scopes because these modern day muzzleloaders you put a 9-power scope of them you might as well send them rifle hunting. So it takes the sport out of a muzzleloader. So that was my only comment. Well and the other question I guess I had, will we see this later on coming in as regulations or?

Rick Olson: Yeah, we'll come back in the November RAC and Board process with some sort of proposal. Now we don't know what this proposal is going to look like yet and that's why we need you guys to comment on this to help us. What do you guys want? We know what the public wants.

Craig Laub: And that's my only comment. I agreed with every one of these except that one.

Dave Black: Okay, Gene.

Gene Boardman: On this large caliber, I don't see how you're going to police it. If you say 50 calibers they'll, somebody is going to neck down a Browning machine gun to a 49 caliber. If you say 49 they'll neck it down to 48. According to your survey people don't want that but you're going to have hunters that are going to work at long-range guns no matter what you do; they'll always to improve the technology within the limits that they can. And so I don't see how you're going to be able to make a regulation that's going to slow down, well you can slow it down but I don't think you're going to defeat this long-range idea.

Rick Olson: Yeah, I'm not sure. There's a lot of other calibers that are a lot smaller than 50, you gun guys, I can't think of them right now, that will shoot a long, long way. But uh, for some reason the public just doesn't want a bullet right now that you carry one bullet in your hand.

Dave Black: Okay, I guess, as far as my comments go, I did receive just a couple e-mails and my wife took the survey as well. And the comments on the e-mails pretty much mirror the results of survey as far as the majority vote on that. So they go right in line with the survey that I've seen.

Dale Bagley: I had the opportunity to do the survey too and my comments pretty much agree with your summary, I'm one of the blind guys that would like a magnifying scope on a muzzleloader. But I can see the draw back, the negative aspects to it also.

Kevin Bunnell: All right you guys, Rick's looking for your opinions so those of you that haven't shared I'm going to ask you to share it. So Sean what are your thoughts?

Sean Kelly: Well I didn't take the survey but my own personal thoughts kind of fall along the line with that. And the fact that you did the survey I'm impressed with; and you got such a response kind of tell you that you're right, you do have some pretty serious people and are thinking about it. Yeah, yeah that's, yeah I guess I agree with what the other people are saying on it.

Rick Olson: Yeah, just one comment on that. We actually had a lot of people call up our office, our biometrician that handles these surveys and they were upset, I want to take that survey. And she said, sorry you didn't get picked. And they, I mean they almost wanted to talk to the governor; how do I get a chance to take this survey.

Mack Morrell: I think I support what the survey results are. I don't have any problem with that.

Layne Torgerson: And just from the sportsmen that I've talked to, you know, the coffee shop talk, and of course with the hunting season upon us, we sat around the campfire and talked about some of this stuff just the other night. And there's a resounding support for a magnifying scopes on muzzleloaders; I mean that's kind of across the board. And I think a lot of the guys that I talked to, or that I hang around with, are pretty adamant; a lot of our adamant muzzleloader hunters and part of their response was that they feel like they could be, take a lot less chance of wounding an animal if they were able to see it better and make an ethical shot, and shot placement would be better if they could use a magnifying scope.

Rusty Aiken: I took the survey as well. I'm a little bit hesitant on the muzzleloader optics.. Maybe, can you limit it to a 4 power? Would that keep them from taking a 300-yard shot?

Rick Olson: Yeah, we can make it anything we want I guess.

Rusty Aiken: Do they make those small scopes with just 4?

Rick Olson: It does make it harder for us to enforce if we, if we made it 4 power or whatever we would find guys . . .

Rusty Aiken: It's no different than a zero power.

Rick Olson: We'd find guys with 3x9, but honest I only leave it on 4.

Rusty Aiken: No, no.

Nick Jorgensen: I kind of agree with what Craig had to say. My understanding is initially muzzle loading is kind of a primitive sport and that it was supposed to be an extra challenge. I'm not going to disagree with what the public wants but my opinion would be that we ought to leave it that way. Thank

you.

Kevin Bunnell: Does that give you what you need Rick? You've got everybody's opinion now.

Rick Olson: They go from everywhere. But really this is my 3rd RAC I've presented this to and uh, your comments are right in line with all the other RACs. .

Dave Black: The only other thing that I might add is I'm not sure how you regulate the long distance guns but those, the guys I talk to everyone of them was opposed to having hunters out there shooting over 1,000 yards with long distance guns. They think there's a place for that but not out hunting. So . . .

Rick Olson: Yeah, well while you're around your campfire, now everybody's got a tablet like Brad's on right now, just Google tracking point and look at that stuff.

Dave Black: Okay. Thank you. Our next action item is from Kevin Bunnell and it's the Draft to 2016 RAC and Board Meeting Dates.

Draft 2016 RAC and Board Meeting Dates (action)
-Kevin Bunnell, Southern Regional Supervisor

Kevin Bunnell: Okay gentlemen, this is your chance to influence now. What's on that you can, we can't adjust dates, okay? The dates are set. Or when the Wildlife Board votes on this they will be set. But uh, right now we have three of the meetings that start earlier than 7 o'clock, the April meeting, the November meeting, and the December meeting. And we can go to different places. And so we can leave the schedule just the way it is, I'm fine with that as well, but I wanted to give you an opportunity to hear your thoughts on maybe different venues for different meetings and also if you think any of the other meetings need to start at different times than what we have them right now. So what are everybody's thoughts? Are we happy with the way it is or are there some changes you'd like to see made? Go ahead Craig.

Craig Laub: I just want to make one suggestion there. The November one, it just tends to be a long one and that late in the year we'd go to 5 instead of 6.

Kevin Bunnell: So Craig's suggestion is to make the November meeting also a 5 o'clock start time instead of a 6 o'clock start time. Does anybody have any heartburn with that?

Layne Torgerson: I think that's a great idea.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay, Layne supports that as well. And Dale, it seems like there's general consensus that that might probably be a good idea. Yeah, that's a long meeting. The December meeting, does it need to be at 6 o'clock? The bear stuff's gotten less controversial lately. Would you want, do you like to keep it where it is at? It's also during the winter so it's dark a lot earlier and maybe 6 o'clock makes more sense just from a travel standpoint that way. Okay, everybody's okay with that? What about, what about locations?

Lynn Chamberlain: Off mic.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay, so the December meeting, let's make it either 7 o'clock or 5 o'clock. I think that's a good suggestion from Lynn. What's the preference there? Do you want to go an hour earlier or an hour later? Go at 5 o'clock? Okay, so that would give us three meetings at 5 o'clock, the April, the November, and the December. That sounds like a, sounds good. What about locations? Are we happy with locations? We've been coming here to Richfield at least once or twice a year. This is a good venue. We have a couple in Beaver. And we went to St. George for the first time last year; we hadn't been there for quite a while. And traditionally we've done at least one in Cedar City. Does that seem to be a good mix for everybody? I see a lot of head nodding that we're okay with the locations. All right. So we have this down as an action item. Somebody make a motion for me to, I think the only changes that we're talking about is the November and December meetings to be 5 o'clock start times instead of 6 o'clock start times.

Craig Laub: I'll make that motion that we change those two times and other than that adopt the agenda for the meetings next year that we've got.

Kevin Bunnell: Okay, a second on that? I'm doing your job here Dave, sorry. I'll let you call for the vote.

Dave Black: Okay, any discussion. We've got a comment from Rusty.

Rusty Aiken: December 13, I know the dates are set, that's a really tough time. Right in the middle of December a lot of programs, a lot of kid programs so it's way hard to make those. So maybe in the future try to do that either in January or later in November.

Kevin Bunnell: I think you've got two board members here. They have the freedom to move things a little bit and so they've heard that comment. When you guys address this at the Board meeting, you know, maybe take that into consideration.

Layne Torgerson: I just have one comment. The dates that are set here, I know that we've tried to the last couple of years Kevin we've tried to have it so the Southern Region was not always the first meeting in the series of RAC meetings. Is that, is that addressed in here?

Kevin Bunnell: So, so for years we were the first. This is the first year where we've been, we're now the third. And this, I think this proposal keeps us third. The way the rotation is going, and I think that puts us in a better position. So this schedule sets up the way this year, you'll have the Northern region and the Central region one week. And then you'll have the Southern, Southeastern, and Northeastern the following week. So we're third of five, right in the middle.

Dave Black: Mack, I don't want to pick on you but it seemed like you've had some comments on times and stuff in the past, are you okay with this schedule? That good? Okay. Thanks; I just wanted to make sure. Now is the time to address it. The only other thing that I'd suggest is like tonight, not in this particular meeting, it was, I think this is a great opportunity to have the informational presentation that we had, otherwise it's a fairly light agenda historically. And so if we could encourage some type of presentation next year at this time I think that's a great time for us to be educated and kind of fills the meeting up a little better. .

Mack Morrell: Dave, I've got a question. What about having an update on what's happening on the

Monroe Mountain, on studies going on there for next year or something?

Kevin Bunnell: At this September meeting? I think that's, I was just going to ask and solicit ideas because I think Dave's comment is right. This is normally one of our shorter meetings. There's a lot of work going on on Monroe Mountain. I'd be glad to arrange to have the guys from BYU come down and kind of give us some of the results. Why don't we just plan on that for this meeting next year. Okay, good suggestion Mack. Are there any other particular issues that you guys would like to know more about that we could fit in as informational items, even if they're just coming to the Southern region? Um, I'm catching you cold with that but if you do have those things zip me an e-mail and we can, I'll try to accommodate those things and get you the information you're looking for.

Dave Black: Okay, we have a motion and a second. All those in favor? That's unanimous. Motion carries..

Craig Laub made the motion to schedule the November and December meetings at 5:00 and to otherwise keep the meeting locations and start times for 2016 the same as 2015. Seconded by Layne Torgerson. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business (contingent)

-Dave Black, Chairman

Dave Black: I have no other business tonight. Does anybody else have anything they'd like to bring up? Okay, we'll call this meeting adjourned.

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Southeast Region Advisory Council
Green River City Hall
460 E. Main
Green River, Utah
September 16, 2015**

Motion Summary

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

**MOTION: To accept the agenda and minutes as written
Passed unanimously**

Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13

**MOTION: To accept the Fishing Guidebook and Rule as presented.
Passed unanimously**

**Southeast Region Advisory Council
Green River City Hall
460 E. Main
Green River, Utah**

September 16, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Keith Brady, Elected Official

Trisha Hedin, Sportsperson

Todd Huntington, At Large

Kent Johnson, At Large

Derris Jones, Sportsmen

Darrel Mecham, Sportsmen

Gerrish Willis, Environmental

Chris Wood, Regional Supervisor

Members Absent

**Kevin Albrecht, USFS and Chairman
Sue Bellagamba, Environmental**

Blair Eastman, Agriculture

Karl Ivory, BLM representative

Christine Micoz, At Large

Charlie Tracy, Agriculture

Others Present

Mike King

**1) Welcome, RAC introductions and RAC Procedure
-Todd Huntington, Vice Chairman**

I am Todd Huntington, vice chairman of the Southeastern RAC and I am filling in for Kevin Albrecht, our chairman who is currently in California fighting fires for work.

**2) Approval of the Agenda and Minutes (Action)
- Todd Huntington, Vice Chairman**

We will begin with the approval of the agenda and the minutes. Has everybody had a chance to look at the minutes from the July meeting? Ares there any questions or concerns about those minutes?

Keith Brady-I don't have a problem with them. I would like to go ahead make a motion to accept the minutes.

Todd Huntington – We have a motion to accept the minutes and we have a second from Darrel Mecham. All in favor? Any opposed? Passed unanimously.

Todd Huntington – We would like to make a motion on the agenda as well. This is just to approve the agenda.

Todd Huntington – Motion made by Darrel Mecham and seconded by Kent Johnson to approve the agenda.

Todd Huntington – All in favor? Any opposed? Passed unanimously

VOTING

Motion was made by Keith Brady to approve the minutes of the August 5 meeting as printed

Seconded by Darrel Mecham

Motion passed unanimously

VOTING

Motion was made by Darrel Mecham to approve the agenda of tonight's meeting as printed.

Seconded by Kent Johnson

Motion passed unanimously

3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update -by Chris Wood, Regional Supervisor

Let's take a quick minute and have Gerrish introduce himself. He is our newest RAC member. He wasn't here last time and neither was I. Gerrish, please tell us who you are and maybe a little background about yourself.

Gerrish Willis – My name is Gerrish Willis. I live in Moab. I am a retired from the U.S. Forest Service. I used to hunt and I still fish a little bit. I am non-consumptive representative here on the RAC and am glad to be here.

Chris Wood – I was not here at the last RAC meeting. I had a family reunion I needed to attend, so I apologize for that. I had Brandon Behling sit in for me here and at the Wildlife Board meeting as well. I will do my best to report to you how the Wildlife Board meeting went down. The big topic at the board meeting was on cougars. At our RAC meeting we approved the cougar management plan as presented. It passed unanimously here at the southeastern RAC. The board also passed the cougar management plan as presented.

Keith Brady – Was that approved as it was presented?

Chris Wood-The cougar management plan passed unanimously with one exception. Part of the cougar management plan has a predator manager component that says if you're going to reintroduce bighorn sheep, mule deer, bighorn sheep and "goats" within a year, the unit will be placed under predator management along with that reintroduction. The

Southern Region's motion was to change the word "goats" to "Mountain goats". That passed unanimously. The next item on the agenda was cougar management and rules. There were four different motions. At our RAC I understand there was a lot of discussion about the Humane Society letter that you received. There were several non-consumptive representatives at the Board Meeting to oppose our cougar management plan. A lady by the name of Sundays Hunt, who is the State Director of the Humane Society chapter in Utah, came with a written statement. I don't know how effective she was, to be honest with you. She read the letter and left quickly to go talk to the media. There was not a lot of engagement on her part with the Board. Part of the Humane Society letter talked about best available science and our plan, from our perspective, was full of great science. In the end, I think the Wildlife Board decided that the cougar management plan was based on good sound science and they ended up approving the plan.

Chris Wood – With that, are there any questions at all?

Chris Wood – Mike King, is there anything you would like to add?

Mike King – No, that is a how it went down.

Chris Wood – The next thing on the agenda were cougar recommendations for the upcoming year. There were four different motions that passed. The big discussion item from this region was the cougar numbers on the Book Cliffs. The Division of Wildlife Resources' recommendations were 38 cougars. The houndsmen and sportsmen were recommending 20 permits. The Board heard from the public and the division. There was one side saying 20 and the other side saying 38. After some discussion, they decided to meet in the middle and came up with 29. So they approved 29 permits for the Book Cliffs. That was different from the Division's recommendations. The Pahvant went to 10 permits and the only one that was different was the southeast Manti which had ten permits last year. For this year, there was some concern regarding the deer that they weren't doing very well and with that perception the board gave three more permits. That leaves the southeast Manti with a total of 13 permits. That passed unanimously. There was also a motion to change the strategies on the following units to harvest objective. That was Pine Valley north and south, Cache, southwest desert, and Paunsagunt. There was also a motion to move the Nebo and the Nebo west to be managed under a split season strategy. The remainder of the cougar management plan passed unanimously.

Chris Wood – Are there any questions on those?

Derris Jones – On the southeast Manti, did what the board passed fall within the cougar management plan guidelines, or did they go outside the cougar management plan to add those three extra tags?

Chris Wood – That's a good question, I don't know.

Mike King – (Inaudible. He was away from the microphone.)

Chris Wood – Okay, the furbearer and bobcat recommendations for the upcoming year were approved. They did add the extension, including the one-week extension for all furbearer species with the exception of beaver and mink. That was in line with what this RAC and the other RAC's proposed. Mike King made that motion and it passed unanimously. The other items on the agenda were the AIS amendments that also passed unanimously. There was also a youth fishing exemption rule that tweaked our youth fishing rule by allowing the youth to be 17 or under in that group for fishing events. The self-defense against animals rule amendment was presented and passed unanimously.

Chris Wood – Are there any more questions?

Todd Huntington – Thanks again, Chris. You are up again for the regional update.

4) Regional Update

-Chris Wood, Regional Supervisor

Chris Wood – This has been a busy time of year for us, but it's been a great time of year also. I hope you all are enjoying the weather that we've had and the great hunting and fishing opportunities that fall provides. Every section has been really busy so I will go through some of the things that we have been doing. Just last Wednesday, did a rotenone treatment in the Ferron Creek drainage. Big and Little Bear creeks were treated, and they will be treated again next fall. The idea is to remove the fish in those tributaries and we will expand treatment through the rest of the drainage. We will reintroduce the native cutthroat trout in those drainages. That treatment was a success. Our aquatics crew and seasonals did a great job of doing that. With Lake Powell being infested with quagga mussels, we have had a lot of effort and resources at Lake Powell this summer, and we will continue to work down there throughout fall. They have been doing some scuba diving and monitoring at that body of water and of course we have other seasonals and biologists at other waters in our region as well as throughout the state. We had a kids' fishing event on August 8 at the county fair. On the 26th, here in Green River Utah at the State Park pond, we will have a kids fishing day. Our recreation program is busy planning and doing things and teaming up with our aquatic section in putting on these events. It's time for our fall gill netting, where we put out nets in specific reservoirs and to see if our management plans are working or not. We also see what is growing in the water. The first day we set the nets, and pull them the next day. It gives us a good indicator of what type of fish we have, how big the fish are, and what management strategies are working or not. If you are interested in going to one of these events, please let me know. This is a great opportunity for the public and our RAC, board members, and sportsmen's groups to come out and help with the nets and help take the fish out of the nets. This year we are going to Mammoth, Scofield, Electric Lake, and Joe's Valley. This will all occur during the first two weeks of October. We have dates already assigned at specific reservoirs but the dates change sometimes, so get ahold of me and I will put you on the email list and let you know the correct days and times. We had a waterfowl hunting clinic this past Saturday at Desert Lake. The idea is to educate the public and specifically target inexperienced or youth hunters on how to hunt waterfowl. We did it last year for the first time and we had a huge turn-out. This year we advertised and were hoping for a huge turn-out, but we only had about 20 people there. That was just a little disappointing but there were a lot of things going on last Saturday around the community. It was still a success. People still turned out and had a good time. We had seven different stations that included the duck calling station, trap shooting station, duck identification, dog training, and decoy sets. It was a great introduction to waterfowl hunting. The state fair is going on right now. I just worked last night. It is right there on North Temple. We have a big building that is full of fish tanks, mounts, and a pheasant pen. It is really a well-attended exhibit. We had a bat watch on September 5. It was on a Saturday night before Labor Day so our attendance was down. But we did catch 21 bats and five

different species. So in that perspective that event was a success. We have learned that people do not want to go to wildlife events on holiday weekends because they're out-of-town. Next year we will host events on different weekends. This weekend is Melon Days. To go along with that event, Walt will be hosting a 3-Gun Shoot here in Green River from noon to five. Our habitat section has been busy as well. We are doing habitat projects that require us to get seed on the ground in the fall so the seed will get all of that winter moisture and things will sprout in the spring. Some of the projects that will be happening in this region are working on state and private lands from lowlands to upland aspen and everything in between. Some of the projects are sagebrush steppe restoration projects. This is where we are taking out juniper and pinyon pine that are encroaching into sagebrush communities. That is where we use a bull hog which is a D8 cat that has a mulching head on it that removes the juniper and pinyon pine. Robbie Edgel, our energy biologist has been placing guzzlers for chukars in our region. The chukars in our region are pretty inaccessible. They are either too high up or in steep cliff areas, so we are trying to bring down water to those areas, so hopefully the birds will move down so the public can take advantage of that great opportunity in our region. The additional water will also help the population expand. At our Nash Wash WMA, we are building a fence enclosure. Nash Wash looks really good right now. We had some water this year and we also have a new caretaker. Robbie is over that WMA. The water is really tricky out there because there is not that much. What we do have, we try to get on the ground to grow something for wildlife. It's not really a working ranch anymore, and it never will be due to the water or lack thereof. That is probably one of the reasons that the Cunningham family sold the ranch to us. We do what we can out there with the resources that we have. We are planning some shrubs and we actually need some help doing this. If you are interested in helping us plant shrubs on September 22, we will be planting 90 trees and 400 shrubs. The fence they are building is just going to be a temporary fence. It will be removed after the shrubs get to a certain height. Meanwhile we do not want the deer to eat all of the fresh new plants. We will just use the fence to keep them out for a few years. Law enforcement has also been busy. Patrolling, responding to UTIP calls and making some cases. Look at the top left corner of the slide. We had a tip come into our office that somebody here in Price had a bald eagle in their house, so our officers investigated, and sure enough someone had found a bald eagle and stuffed it themselves and had in their house on display. Of course that is not legal. I think the gentleman is a little naïve, but in any case, we confiscated the eagle and educated him accordingly. The picture on the right was a deer that was shot with an archery permit just down the street from our office in Carbonville in Price. The gentleman had a Manti tag but east of SR-6 is the Nine Mile unit. We made a case on that and educated him that he was in the wrong unit. We are working with the public in cases like that, trying to educate them. The officers are in the mountains each weekend and during the week, working with hunters and the public and responding to different calls. The wildlife section has been busy as well. We hosted some open houses to discuss the mule deer plan. We are going to be re-writing a plan for several units in this region. We had one in Moab, Monticello, Price and one in Castle Dale. We had anywhere between 15 to 25 people attend each one. We heard a lot of good input. So with that input along with the input we had from email and mail-in surveys, we will have what we need to write our mule deer management plans. They will be presented to the RAC in the near future. Some of the big issues on the Manti are splitting the unit into three different units, which would include the north Manti, south Manti and the San

Rafael unit. Right now this is one big unit, and collected a lot of input on that suggestion. The theme for the Moab and Monticello area was the number of bears on the mountain. It was good to get out with the public and interact with them and hear their concerns. We have a youth hunt at Hatt's Ranch on the 19th. We have slots for 20 youth and I believe as of two days ago, there were 10 slots left. If you have any youth that would like a great hunt, it's pretty much guaranteed a success. If you have a youth hunter, please have them sign up at our regional office and our ladies at the front counter will take their name down. The youth waterfowl hunt is on a Saturday. We have been doing pronghorn classifications along with rabbit surveys and bison counts on the Henry's. And with that I will take any questions.

Questions from the RAC

Kent Johnson-What specifically are you planting at Nash?

Chris Wood-Sagebrush, bitter brush, serviceberry, and shrubs. In the fields we have been experimenting with some corn as well as dry land, drought resistant alfalfa and a mix of things.

Gerrish Willis-What is the objective of the rabbit survey?

Chris Wood-We have been doing it for decades and decades. We see a cyclic pattern over the decades, tied to raptors, coyotes and birds.

Gerrish Willis-(Away from the mic.)

Walt Maldonado-(Away from the Mic)

Gerrish Willis-(Away From the Mic)

Walt Maldonado-(Away From the Mic)

Derris Jones-What was the bison count results?

Chris Wood-We were within the numbers we were supposed to be.

Derris Jones-Are the livestock operators on the Henry's satisfied with the count or are they thinking that they didn't get a good count?

Chris Wood-No, I think they were happy and were actively involved. They go in a helicopter with us and participate in the surveys and have for many years.

Mike King-(Away from the Mic)

Todd Huntington-I have a question about the shocking at Huntington Creek.

Chris Wood-If I don't know the answer but there's somebody here who does.

Todd Huntington-So where is that going to take place, and are we ready to open that up to become a fishery again?

Justin Hart-The sampling will take place next Wednesday, September 23 at 9 o'clock. We have two sites. We do it in cooperation with Pacific Corp. We will be doing it right below the Electric Lake dam and right there at the Old Folks Flat which is a little bit up from the right fork. We have done those for a lot of years. But the lower site is within the fire zone. It has been good to go in there to monitor the fish. We have stocked fish for the last two years into the periphery of the fire--in the left fork and along the right fork. I don't know if we have seen a lot of those fish show up yet. So I think we're getting to that point where the fish will start re-inhabiting and surviving.

Todd Huntington-You mentioned the left fork. Have you done any stocking there or what have you done?

Justin Hart-We have planted brown trout fingerlings last year and we also stocked cutthroat trout from Duck Fork in there too. Hopefully they will start showing up. I've

seen people fishing but I don't know if they catch anything.

Todd Huntington-Yeah, we didn't catch much (laughing).

Justin Hart-I think this year is the first year that things are going to start looking better, especially as far as fish are able to survive.

Todd Huntington-Thank you. Are there any other questions?

Trisha Hedin-I was wondering if those were RAC related questions or if they were personal questions (laughing).

Todd Huntington-Strictly for the public.

5) **Fishing Guidebook and Rule R657-13 (Action)**

-**Drew Cushing, Warmwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator**

-**Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sport Fish Program Coordinator**

Todd Huntington- Any Questions from the RAC?

Questions from the RAC

Derris Jones-Will the kokanee closure from 10 September to 30 November protect both early and late spawning subspecies?

Paul Birdsey-What we did is we took the regulation from Flaming Gorge that has both strains, and just expanded that statewide.

Derris Jones-Is that closure just in the tributaries? Is that just for redbfish or any kokanee?

Paul Birdsey-That will be for any kokanee.

Derris Jones- I am not that much of the fisherman, but are kokanee easy to identify if they are not red?

Paul Birdsey-Yes they are. They are pretty distinct. They aren't the fish that you catch while sitting on the bank with PowerBait. There's a special technique so if you catch a kokanee, you know what you are doing.

Gerrish Willis – What is a slam?

Paul Birdsey-A slam is multiple species group that are caught in a certain period of time. You submit that information into the Division and get some kind of recognition for it. It might be a certificate or a ball cap or something like that.

Derris Jones- How many species of native cutthroats are going to be in the slam?

Paul Birdsey-We are talking maybe five. They would be the Bonneville cutthroat, the Bear Lake cutthroat, and the Northern Bonneville cutthroat, the Colorado River cutthroat and the Yellowstone cutthroat in the Raft River mountains.

Derris Jones-The Yellowstone cutthroat is a native to the Raft Rivers?

Paul Birdsey-Yes, it is.

Todd Huntington- Any other questions from the RAC?

Todd Huntington – Any questions from the audience?

Questions from the Public

Mike King-I am just curious if the kokanee will be spawning out of the Electric Lake this year? If not this year, how soon do you expect that to happen and will you have a viewing day like they have at the Strawberry Reservoir?

Justin Hart-We are going to try and figure that out this year. There are some that should be mature this year.

Comments from the Public

Bryce Pilling of SFW- My name is Bryce Pilling. I am with the SFW and we support the DWR's recommendations

Todd Huntington- Thank you.

RAC Discussion

Todd Huntington – Any comments from the RAC? I would entertain a motion.

Derris Jones – I move that we accept the fishing guidebook and rule as presented

Trisha Hedin- I second that

Todd Huntington – We have a motion made by Derris Jones to accept the fishing guidebook and rule as presented. Second by Trisha Hedin

VOTING

Motion was made by Derris Jones to accept the Fishing Guidebook and Rule as presented.

Seconded by Trisha Hedin

Motion passed unanimously

6) Hunting Technologies Discussion (Informational) Rick Olsen, Captain

RAC Discussion

The following bullet points describe this RAC's united opinion on various issues:

- Draw Lock issue--Our RAC feels that a draw lock should not be allowed during the archery season.
- Muzzleloader with a magnified scope--It should not be allowed during the muzzleloader hunt, because that just makes it like a single shot rifle.
- Size of caliber for Big Game—Caliber should be regulated. It should be no larger than 50 caliber. Larger calibers are unethical.
- Smart Guns--They should not be allowed in the state of Utah. Their use is violates fair chase and is not sportsmen-like.
- GPS units, mounted to a gun—the technology is not effective, too bulky, and

- makes it hard to effectively manage the weapon.
- Range finders on bows--They should not be allowed because of their complexity and inefficiency.
 - In summary, the majority of all RAC members said “no” to all issues presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Public in attendance: 2

The next Wildlife Board meeting will take place on October 1 at 9 a.m. at the DNR Board Room at 1594 W. North Temple, SLC

The next southeast regional RAC meeting will take place on November 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River.

NORTHEASTERN RAC MEETING SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
Utah Wildlife Resources Office, 318 N Vernal Avenue, Vernal
September 17, 2015

5. FISHING GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-13

MOTION to accept the recommendation of the Board for the 2016

Passed unanimously

NORTHEASTERN RAC MEETING SUMMARY
Utah Wildlife Resources Office, 318 N Vernal Ave, Vernal
September 17, 2015

RAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mitch Hacking, Agriculture
Joe Batty, Agriculture
Brett Prevedel, At Large
Daniel Davis, Sportsmen
Jerry Jorgensen, Elected Official
Randy Dearth, RAC Chair
Boyde Blackwell, NER Supervisor
David Gordon, BLM
Joe Arnold, Public At Large
Melissa (Missy) Wardle, Non Consumptive

UDWR PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Paul Birdsey, Coldwater Sportsfish Coord.
Drew Cushing, Warm Water Fisheries Coord.
Rick Olson, Captain
Jack Lytle, NER Law Enforcement
Ron Stewart, Conservation Outreach Mgr
Gayle Allred, Administrative Support
Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Mgr

RAC MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Andrea Merrell, Nonconsumptive
Dan Abeyta, Forest Service
Tim Ignacio, Ute Tribe

1. WELCOME, RAC INTRODUCTIONS AND RAC PROCEDURE - Randy Dearth

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES - Randy Dearth

MOTION by David Gordon to approve minutes:

Daniel Davis: Second

Passed unanimously

MOTION by David Gordon to approve agenda:

Second by Jerry Jorgensen

Passed unanimously

3. WILDLIFE BOARD MEETING UPDATE - Randy Dearth

The things we approved were the same as there. The big discussion was cougar. We had 27, and they went with 29 cougars in the Book Cliffs. That was the main topic of that one. Pretty much everything else went right in line with what this RAC committee voted.

We had a New RAC Member Training. All four new members were at that meeting. There was a good update from the Division about where things are. The entire Wildlife Board was there also and we got to hear from them.

4. REGIONAL UPDATE - Boyde Blackwell

Wildlife: Preseason wildlife surveys are mostly completed in the region and our wildlife in the NER seems to be doing really well. We had record breaking numbers of sage grouse and breaking numbers on some of sage grouse leks. It actually turned out to be the highest number in 10 to 30 years.

We also have an extremely high number of rabbits this year. It would be a good year to go rabbit hunting.

There has been good winter survival on deer and elk. The early season hunts have been a little slow. Biologists would say it has to do with summer rains allowing game to spread out, and not around watering holes. I've seen some big deer taken so far. It leads me to think we're going to have a good year this year quality wise.

Aquatics: The aquatics folks finished some big projects. They got word this week that the rotenone for the Red Fleet project should be available. It has arrived in the country and we're going to send Trina to Texas to pick it up. We have a treatment project set up for Red Fleet as you know. It'll be the second full week of October.

Another project that's been big and successful because of the efforts of our folks is the work that focused on upper Sheep Creek drainage. There has been a multi-year project to restore the Colorado River Cutthroat Trout (CRCT). The crews went in early and sampled, then they went back in and took a bunch of fish by horseback, truck, helicopter to get them up there. One of the methods was actually hiking and they hiked hard (and deserve a raise).

Conservation Outreach: Outreach has been planning several events. There will be a waterfowl and upland game clinic this Friday. In addition to the Friday evening activities, the youth will be able to sign up for hunts on Saturday accompanied by an experienced hunter for chukar and waterfowl.

Saturday, September 19, is the annual Kokanee Day at Sheep Creek, so the kokanee will be coming up. The viewing site is the Sheep Creek scenic trail bridge, trail five miles south of Manila and Hwy 44. The biologists and Ron will be there from 10 am to 3 pm.

Habitat: The last time I was here I had the opportunity to tell you what was going on in the region with guzzlers. The habitat crew has really been working hard as well. We put in 20 guzzlers this year and have a potential of 36,000 gallons of water.

5. FISHING GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-13 - Paul Birdsey, Cold water Sport Fish Coordinator (ACTION)

(see handout)

Questions from RAC:

Brett Prevedel: Do kokanee naturally reproduce?

Paul Birdsey: Yes. We're trying to balance. One spawns early in the fall, the other later in the fall. These proposed dates encompass most of these dates but there's a couple week window at the front where we're still trying to allow some harvest for those people who want to harvest a red trophy fish.

Jerry Jorgensen: So you didn't say that Flaming Gorge was successfully hatching kokanee.

Paul Birdsey: Flaming Gorge is one of our main brood sources. We trap the fish, strip them, take the eggs to the hatchery and restock them. But they also get a lot of natural reproduction.

Jerry Jorgensen: Wyoming does too?

Paul Birdsey: Yes. We work together.

Randy Dearth: Have other regions had any questions or problems?

Paul Birdsey: No. The other four RACs have passed it.

David Gordon: Flaming Gorge will have a different regulation than the rest?

Paul Birdsey: They will have a different possession limit when it's open to fishing but as far as closure, it will be the same, statewide.

Jerry Jorgensen: Is Strawberry all going to be four kokanee and Flaming Gorge three?

Paul Birdsey: That's the way it is now. Wyoming wants to have the three fish limit just as we do.

Joe Arnold: If you buy a Utah license and a reciprocal stamp, does that cover six fish?

Paul Birdsey: It's three in possession. It doesn't even have the multi-day possession limit.

Jerry Jorgensen: I talk to a lot of people who fish Flaming Gorge and I don't see any dissatisfaction with that limit.

Paul Birdsey: People on the Wasatch Front are unhappy that they can't keep a two-day limit because it's such a long drive but by and large people seem to be pretty supportive of our efforts.

Missy Wardle: Don't salmon die off after they spawn?

Paul Birdsey: They are a landlocked form of sockeye. They grow for four years, they spawn once, then they die.

Questions from Public:

None

Comments by Public:

None

Comments by RAC:

None

MOTION:

Jerry Jorgensen motion to accept the recommendation of the Board for the 2016

David Gordon: second

Discussion:

None

Passed unanimously

6. HUNTING TECHNOLOGIES DISCUSSION Captain Olsen (INFORMATIONAL)

(see handout)

Randy Dearth: I own a specialty gun for my bear hunt. It's an ultra light, so it's a whole lot less than 16 pounds, so I think you'd have to go with a caliber instead of a weight.

Daniel Davis: Will you guys consider the muzzleloader and bow hunters response to their questions?

Rick Olson: These were from all the hunters combined. But if you looked at it by weapon type, archery hunters till want range finders on a bow. They don't want crossbows.

Mitch Hacking: If you got new technology would it make the weapon more lethal and if it did, would it be more humane? If it is more lethal and more humane, wouldn't there be less collateral damage after the hunt?

Rick Olson: There are two trains of thought. logic tells you if you can see something better, you can make a cleaner shot, less wounding loss, but if you put a 9 power scope on a ML will you now have ML hunters try to shoot 500 yards and wound animals that they otherwise wouldn't have even taken a shot at?

Mitch Hacking: If they're opposed to some but not other technology, why is that? If it makes it more lethal and humane, we should do all four of them.

Joe Arnold: Are draw locks allowed for the COR?

Rick Olson: Yes.

Missy Wardle: Are draw locks legal during an ALW hunt?

Rick Olson: Yes.

Mitch Hacking: How do you make your decision?

Rick Olson: We'll reach out to special interest groups, muzzleloaderl groups, archery groups, but we can't discount the general public too. Do the people who come to your RAC meetings here, are they representative of the general hunting public?

Mitch Hacking: That's why we're here. We represent the public tonight.

Joe Batty: Of your survey, is there a demographics, where they came from?

Rick Olson: Not that I'm aware of. A lot of people put their names on the online survey though.

Joe Arnold: Was there any difference in speciation as far as muzzleloaders being used for the rut or not?

Rick Olson: No.

Missy Wardle: I do not like the smart guns. It's more that, you have the hand on the trigger but you're not pulling the trigger.

Rick Olson: You're pulling the trigger, you're not aiming yourself. We've got a regulation that outlaws remote computer hunting where the gun is somewhere else and you're operating it remotely, but our attorney said on the smart guns, you're holding the gun.

Daniel Davis: Do you have any comments regarding a biological comment?

Boyde Blackwell: If the success rate becomes detrimental to the population then we have a problem and they would reduce the number of permits, they reduce opportunity.

Daniel Davis; There have been contradictory surveys over the years.

Rick Olson: It is a social issue. It does not affect the population. Are tag numbers biological or social? They're pretty much social. We tie them to biology by saying the population can support "X" number of harvest without the population going up and down, but hunt numbers, hunt dates are social issues. We're dealing with people, we're managing people.

Joe Batty: You sportsmen here on the board, did you take the survey?

Randy Dearth: I got the opportunity and took it.

Joe Arnold: Did your feelings get represented?

Randy Dearth: Probably about 80% I was in agreement with. I wasn't for range finders on bows.

Daniel Davis: I reached out to others magnifying scopes on muzzleloaders and they feel 2x is sufficient. Range finders on bows goes back to the same thing as magnification on muzzleloaders. I don't feel rangefinders should be on bows.

Mitch Hacking: If people want to use that stuff, they can use it during the any legal weapon hunt.

Rick Olson: Also, I've heard the reverse comment. If the regulation was any power on a muzzleloader, that doesn't mean you have to use it. We still have a few hunters out there with longbows and recurves, and iron sights on muzzleloaders.

Comments from Public:

Andy Adamson: I've got a COR to use a crossbow. I've had multiple surgeries. I want to share a couple things with you non-crossbow hunters.

On crossbows, they're no more effective than archery. I've been the crossbow crusader. Back east, they' haven't shown anywhere that they're more effective than traditional archery. Wyoming stopped tracking 10 years ago because there's no difference, statistically the same.

There are a lot of things that people think about crossbows that are not true.

People think if we use crossbows it'll be easier to shoot the animal so we'll have a hard time increasing numbers of archery permits. Crossbows is the fastest growing group in the archery community. When compound bows were introduced in the 70s the same arguments were raised.

Randy Dearth: I'd like to hear what each of the RAC Members think about the survey topics.

Missy Wardle: I don't like smart guns. From a humane point, I wouldn't like anything that gives an advantage, but the flip side is that it's more likely to get a humane kill. Those are my thoughts. I can't really decide one way or the other. I've only used shotguns.

David Gordon: I am representing BLM, it doesn't really matter from the BLM perspective. Myself, I like the use of a cross bow in archery. A range finder in bow I'm neither here or there. Same with magnifying on the bow. I'm shocked that they have that technology. I'm in favor of scopes on muzzleloaders. For me, it's not the caliber that bothers me, it's the yardage they're shooting. I'm concerned the yardage you shoot and the animal wanders off and dies. I don't like the ideas of smart guns.

Joe Arnold: I agree with most of this. I talked to a bow hunter whose father would like to go bow hunting. The father can't go unless he does. Rangefinders on bows, Ethical hunting, vs. Why not?. Scopes on muzzleloaders - I've been there on that with my son, nice deer standing up there an 1x scope he can't see a thing, so I'm in favor of a 6x limit. I would be in favor separating seasons. A lot of muzzleloader guys have gone away from muzzleloaders because of the season change. I'm in favor of long-range hunting. The caliber doesn't matter. I'm not going to use a .50 caliber. I'm going to take it legally and ethically. I'm against smart guns. I practice a lot at long range so I'm comfortable with that.

Jerry Jorgensen: I do not support the use of crossbows. I'd get rid of the compound bows too. Rangefinders on bows, I suppose, since we allow rangefinders, I wouldn't see a big deal with that. I do not support scopes on muzzleloaders. I think that defeats the purpose of the muzzleloader hunt. That hunt was brought in to use primitive weapons and now we keep modernizing them, it's an oxymoron to make them better. If they want the telescopic sights, it should be on the rifle hunt. I don't support any kind of glass on muzzleloaders. I don't have an issue with calibers, that should be open. We allow rifle slugs coming out of a shotgun and they're pretty big. The smart guns, I think that's ridiculous. That takes the fair sport and the chase away.

Daniel Davis: I've hunted them all. I personally feel that we don't have an issue here. The way it is currently, I don't feel there's a reason to revisit any of this. There're opportunities given to anybody who wants to use any method right now. Whether it's in September or in October during any legal weapon season you go into sporting goods store three days before any hunt, and they are assembling a weapon for somebody who's never practiced, and gives them a false sense of security thinking they will get an animal. Ethically I know my limits, I practice. That other guy was angry because he didn't get a rifle tag. There's an archery tag that he can use in the valley. If that means he has to shoot 100 yards to get a deer, so what? 2X muzzleloader is the only thing I'd be in favor of.

Brett Prevedel: I've harvested animals with all three weapons. I took the survey. With the exception of scopes on muzzleloaders, I was in the majority on all of the items. After listening to the discussion. I didn't realize the 2x was the same as your eye so I wouldn't feel strongly about that. Large calibers is something we don't need to get in the middle of. Everything else was the same.

Joe Batty: I'm not a hunter much, not anymore. I don't have a problem with crossbows. I think that would be fine. If the effectiveness is not any greater, then okay. I have no problem with rangefinders. I support scopes. Large calibers are okay. I have no opinion on smart guns.

Mitch Hacking: A lot of our hunting is depredation and varmint hunting. I support any technology that will make a weapon more deadly and make it more humane, with less collateral damage. I'm on the opposite side of the spectrum. if it's not totally farfetched like the smart gun. If you support two of the upgrades, I don't know how you don't support the other two. If you make it more lethal, I'll support it.

Rick Olson: Thank you. That helps us. We'll come back in November with something, or nothing.

Randy Dearth: Since Trina Hedrick is here, I would like to hear an update on Red Fleet Reservoir.

UPDATE ON RED FLEET RESERVOIR TREATMENT PROJECT - Trina Hedrick

Trina Hedrick: We're looking at week of October 12. We've got 28 folks set up to help up between pesticide applicators, detox and, Brush Creek. The Prison is going to have people from the jail move rotenone around. I'd love to set an exact date but I can't. We have a list to work through and 3 1/2 weeks to do it. Lots of safety equipment and potassium permanganate has arrived. We have pumps coming in and are servicing pumps we already have. We have aspirators to make slurry to put out the rotenone.

Randy Dearth: Still on track to do some planning

Trina Hedrick: The hatchery wants to know when they can get the fish out, but the rotenone has to be 10 parts per million or less. You can't take a sample in the field, We'll take sentinel fish and have them sampled. I don't have an exact date, but sometime in November.

Mitch Hacking: Are my cows going to be okay?

Trina Hedrick: They'll be fine. Potassium permanganate. We did a 30 minute travel time and it stays within BOR area by 30 minutes, the rotenone will be fine.

Daniel Davis: What's going to happen to the fish?

Trina Hedrick: 70% go to the bottom 30% stay on top. Walleye are really sensitive. Walleye will probably be the first species to pop up, probably a couple of hours. Some will come up gasping for air. Eventually what will happen is the fish that come to the surface will stay up and be blown to the shoreline. Most will be recycled into the system. We will collect some dead fish in barrels and take them to the dead animal pit at the dump. We're not going to close the park and dead fish are unsightly.

Mitch Hacking: Does it kill the mussels?

Trina Hedrick: We haven't had a positive since 2008 so there's not a problem. It would take 15 parts per million to do that kind of treatment. But Red Fleet has been downloaded to "inconclusive."

Missy Wardle: Will it have concentrations on mammals?

Trina Hedrick: In mammalian and avian tracts it is readily digested, you would have to have way higher levels. In anything that's a gill breather, it gets hit hard. Crayfish don't get hit really hard, they'll just leave the water. Zooplankton is more apt to come back after a couple weeks.

Joe Arnold: How effective will the kill be?

Trina Hedrick: 100% kill is what I anticipate. The problem is if you have spring water coming in you're not aware of or high organic matter. Like Brush Creek will probably have to be treated higher. You just keep an eye on the fish in that area. If you've got springs, and standing water, where water would flow through wet meadows, we would have to have folks come in with backpack sprayers and use a gel like substance that keeps it hotter longer.

Jerry Jorgensen: Wasn't there an advisory, isn't that a body that's high in mercury?

Trina Hedrick: Yes.

Jerry Jorgensen: Where's it coming from?

Trina Hedrick: Atmospheric deposition we think, but that's not my area of expertise. The Division of Water Quality might be the people who could track that. I don't know that anyone's looked at it.

MOTION:

David Gordon motion to dismiss

Daniel Davis: second

Passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Next RAC meeting will be held November 19, 2015, regarding Big Game 2016 Hunt Tables and Dates, and CWMU Recommendations



Utah's Conservation Permit Program

FY 2015 Annual Report

Program overview

Conservation permits are hunting permits auctioned annually at banquets, fundraisers and other events sponsored by various conservation groups. Since the program began in 1981, these permits have raised more than \$38 million. The majority of that revenue—more than 90 percent—has gone toward projects that directly benefit the species for which the permit was issued. These projects include:

- Habitat enhancement and restoration
- Species transplants
- Radio telemetry studies and research projects
- Aerial surveys
- Education efforts

The Conservation Permit Program funds important wildlife and habitat projects with minimal impact to Utah hunters.

How the program works

Although the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) distributes conservation permits, the Utah Wildlife Board has authority over the number and type of permits issued. Board members have adopted a detailed administrative rule that determines how many conservation permits are available and how they are distributed.

The conservation groups that partner with the DWR in this program can then auction the permits to members of the public who attend their annual banquets and fundraising events. Conservation permits are available for the following species: bear, bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain), bison, cougar, deer, elk, moose, pronghorn, mountain goats and turkey.

After the permits are auctioned, the funds are allocated as follows:

- The group that sold the permits retains 10 percent of the proceeds to cover administrative costs. The group can keep that money for its own use, but groups sometimes donate it back to the DWR.
- The DWR receives 30 percent to benefit the species for which the permits were sold.
- The remaining 60 percent may be kept by the group that sold the permits. Those funds **must be spent on DWR-approved wildlife projects or activities and expenditures are monitored by the Division.** Groups must follow the administrative rule to continue participating in the Conservation Permit Program.

For 2015, the Utah Wildlife Board approved 317 conservation permits, 219 of which were for limited-entry or once-in-a-lifetime big game hunting. To put this in perspective, the DWR issues approximately 5,281 limited-entry hunting permits each year. (Conservation permits are only about



Using revenue from conservation permits, the DWR captured and moved 178 mule deer to three areas in 2015.

four percent of the total number of limited-entry permits.) You can see detailed information about conservation permit numbers and revenue from 2001–2015 at the end of this report or by visiting wildlife.utah.gov/pdf/conservation_permit_revenue.pdf.

Program benefits

Because of the funding it generates, the Conservation Permit Program benefits all Utah hunters:

- The program’s revenue has been critical in keeping permit fees low and ensuring that most permits go to Utah residents. The percentage of Utah permits available to nonresidents is among the lowest in the western states.
- All hunters have benefited from Utah’s abundant wildlife populations, which are enhanced by the use of conservation permit funds. Because of these enhancements, hunters have more opportunities to hunt mule deer, elk, black bear, bighorn sheep, bison, moose and mountain goats. During the winter of 2014–15, the Conservation Permit Program funded transplants of 137 bighorn sheep into the Pine Valley, Oak Creek and Escalante units. In addition, 237 pronghorn were relocated to four new locations, 15 mountain goats were moved to supplement the La Sal population and 178 mule deer were added to Mt. Dutton, Elk Ridge and the Oak Creek Mountains. These transplants will provide additional viewing and hunting opportunities in the future.
- Utah leads the West in habitat work, restoring more than 1.14 million acres of wildlife habitat since 2005. The Conservation Permit Program contributed to 67 habitat projects in 2015 and more than 450 different projects from 2006–2015.
- Utah has launched numerous research projects to better understand changes in populations. The program is currently funding studies on highway mortality, bison, moose and deer survival, sage-grouse ecology, and the effects of predators on mule deer.



Conservation permits helped fund bighorn sheep transplants in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Revenue from the Conservation Permit Program provides funding for projects that could not otherwise be funded under the DWR’s normal operating budget. Without the program, Utah’s general deer and elk permit fees would likely increase by an additional \$15 to \$20, or a larger percentage of those permits would have to go to nonresidents, who pay higher permit fees.

Participating conservation and sportsmen groups

The Conservation Permit Program relies on partnering with conservation and sportsmen groups who raise funds by auctioning conservation permits at banquets held throughout Utah. In FY 2015, seven groups participated in the program including: Mule Deer Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Safari Club International, Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, Utah Bowmen’s Association and Utah Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

Detailed information about projects

After they auction conservation permits each year, members of the participating conservation groups meet with the DWR to decide how to spend the 60 percent of permit revenue that funds many wildlife projects. The groups' representatives discuss proposals and then indicate which projects they want to fund.

In fiscal year 2015, the conservation and sportsmen groups allocated more than \$2.3 million for DWR-approved projects. You can see these habitat and research projects listed at the end of this report. They are also available online at wildlife.utah.gov/pdf/conservation_permit_projects.pdf.



The screenshot shows the Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative website. At the top, there is a logo of a water drop and the text "Utah's Watershed RESTORATION INITIATIVE". Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for "Projects", "Map", and "User Profiles". The "Projects" tab is selected, and the page displays "Completed Projects". A pagination bar shows "Previous Page 1 2 3 4 5 ... Next Page" and "Displaying Page 1 of 215". The main content is a table with the following columns: I.D., Title, UWRI Region, Agency, Approved for FY, and Final Data Submit. The table lists 12 projects, including "Hwy 89 Fence West End Electric Pavement", "Parowan Front deer translocation", "Stansbury Mountain Guzzler Project", "Dry Canyon Chain Harrow Project", "Mendon Discretionary Tree Planting", "Coal Hollow, Kane County", "Uinta Bighorn Sheep Capture FY15", "Rich Co Discretionary Seed for deer and grouse", "Henefer Echo WMA Fire Rehabilitation", and "Taylor Mountain Fire--BLM ESR Supplement".

| I.D. | Title | UWRI Region | Agency | Approved for FY | Final Data Submit |
|------|--|------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3514 | Hwy 89 Fence West End Electric Pavement | Southern | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 8/31/2015 |
| 3508 | Parowan Front deer translocation | Salt Lake Office | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 8/13/2015 |
| 3494 | Stansbury Mountain Guzzler Project | Central | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 8/31/2015 |
| 3224 | Dry Canyon Chain Harrow Project | Central | USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service | 2015 | 8/10/2015 |
| 3221 | Mendon Discretionary Tree Planting | Northern | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 6/17/2015 |
| 3214 | Coal Hollow, Kane County | Southern | Bureau of Land Management | 2015 | No |
| 3212 | Uinta Bighorn Sheep Capture FY15 | Northeastern | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 8/13/2015 |
| 3210 | Rich Co Discretionary Seed for deer and grouse | Northern | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 8/31/2015 |
| 3208 | Henefer Echo WMA Fire Rehabilitation | Northern | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 8/31/2015 |
| 3207 | Taylor Mountain Fire--BLM ESR Supplement | Northeastern | Utah Division of Wildlife Resources | 2015 | 5/11/2015 |
| I.D. | Title | UWRI Region | Agency | Approved for FY | Final Data Submit |

The online database, located at wri.utah.gov, contains in-depth information about all the projects funded by the Conservation Permit

They are also available online at wildlife.utah.gov/pdf/conservation_permit_projects.pdf.

The screen shot above lists just a few of the projects supported with conservation permit funds. If you click on an individual project, you can generate a detailed report that itemizes necessary equipment, budget components, affected species, proposed features and other relevant project information.

The DWR tracks detailed information about all habitat-restoration projects using the Utah Watershed Restoration Initiative's online database (located at wri.utah.gov). The DWR and its partners launched the initiative in 2005. Since then, the initiative has generated approximately \$130 million to restore more than 1.14 million acres of habitat. The Conservation Permit Program has provided more than \$9.2 million of the \$130 million. When possible, the DWR uses the conservation permit revenue to obtain matching funds and donations from other agencies and the federal government.

Program audits

The Utah Legislature performed an audit of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and released its final report in November 2011 (available online at le.utah.gov/audit/11_14rpt.pdf). The auditors specifically reviewed the Conservation Permit Program (pages 27–30) and reached the following conclusion:

The sale of conservation permits promotes habitat improvement on public lands with no expense to the taxpayer, while negligibly reducing the public's opportunity to draw a permit for a limited-entry hunting area. We would encourage the division to continue to support this program.

The DWR annually audits the Conservation Permit Program and presents the results to the Utah Wildlife Board.



DWR personnel use Bobcats, Dixie harrows and other heavy equipment to improve wildlife habitat statewide.

2001 - 2015 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization

Updated: September 1, 2015

| YEAR | Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife Inc. | | Mule Deer Foundation | | FNAWS | | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | | Safari Club International | | National Wild Turkey Federation | | Ducks Unlimited | | Utah Bowmen Association | |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits |
| 2001 | \$188,539.00 | 55 | \$158,400.00 | 29 | \$283,880.00 | 17 | \$168,665.00 | 43 | \$15,770.00 | 4 | \$101,398.00 | 68 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| 2002 | \$429,038.00 | 97 | \$90,964.00 | 63 | \$252,950.00 | 8 | \$119,915.00 | 61 | \$28,700.00 | 8 | \$120,112.00 | 57 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| 2003 | \$656,521.00 | 197 | \$51,853.00 | 43 | \$226,500.00 | 5 | \$270,205.00 | 54 | \$1,250.00 | 5 | \$51,835.00 | 26 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| 2004 | \$848,790.00 | 135 | \$252,310.00 | 41 | \$291,320.00 | 9 | \$300,770.00 | 97 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$46,312.00 | 14 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| 2005 | \$522,647.00 | 178 | \$622,040.00 | 82 | \$310,600.00 | 10 | \$175,975.00 | 27 | \$28,500.00 | 11 | \$19,901.00 | 26 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| 2006 | \$710,875.00 | 109 | \$932,400.00 | 113 | \$258,650.00 | 14 | \$306,445.00 | 47 | \$710,875.00 | 22 | \$91,035.00 | 56 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 |
| 2007 | \$1,039,552.00 | 102 | \$913,220.00 | 151 | \$405,870.00 | 24 | \$336,775.00 | 30 | \$81,515.00 | 8 | \$82,670.00 | 37 | \$19,000.00 | 4 | \$6,000.00 | 2 |
| 2008 | \$1,079,055.00 | 102 | \$976,510.00 | 152 | \$382,650.00 | 24 | \$288,390.00 | 30 | \$83,760.00 | 8 | \$89,425.00 | 37 | \$14,625.00 | 4 | \$10,250.00 | 2 |
| 2009 | \$860,000.00 | 102 | \$822,802.00 | 152 | \$390,075.00 | 24 | \$250,675.00 | 30 | \$72,055.00 | 8 | \$66,365.00 | 37 | \$26,200.00 | 6 | \$6,750.00 | 2 |
| 2010 | \$948,400.00 | 116 | \$900,020.00 | 95 | \$502,090.00 | 43 | \$262,095.00 | 39 | \$148,850.00 | 7 | \$68,085.00 | 32 | \$18,300.00 | 6 | \$15,400.00 | 4 |
| 2011 | \$799,290.00 | 116 | \$754,695.00 | 97 | \$486,785.00 | 43 | \$235,000.00 | 39 | \$102,500.00 | 7 | \$65,470.00 | 32 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$28,700.00 | 7 |
| 2012 | \$876,600.00 | 104 | \$968,715.00 | 92 | \$494,400.00 | 41 | \$247,740.00 | 38 | \$93,500.00 | 6 | \$70,210.00 | 31 | \$9,215.00 | 3 | \$37,500.00 | 7 |
| 2013 | \$1,083,725.00 | 124 | \$971,285.00 | 84 | \$519,500.00 | 23 | \$275,135.00 | 26 | \$128,747.00 | 21 | \$104,535.00 | 21 | \$12,430.00 | 4 | \$53,525.00 | 13 |
| 2014 | \$1,273,679.00 | 124 | \$975,530.00 | 84 | \$516,200.00 | 23 | \$334,995.00 | 26 | \$172,950.00 | 21 | \$99,335.00 | 21 | \$23,075.00 | 4 | \$64,875.00 | 14 |
| 2015 | \$1,508,650.00 | 124 | \$1,259,765.00 | 84 | \$564,510.00 | 23 | \$366,865.00 | 26 | \$158,970.00 | 21 | \$112,145.00 | 21 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$90,050.00 | 18 |
| | \$12,825,361.00 | 1785 | \$10,650,509.00 | 1362 | \$5,885,980.00 | 331 | \$3,939,645.00 | 613 | \$1,827,942.00 | 157 | \$1,188,833.00 | 516 | \$122,845.00 | 31 | \$313,050.00 | 69 |

| YEAR | California Deer Association | | Boone & Crockett | | Total | |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------|
| | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits | Amount | Permits |
| 2001 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$916,652.00 | 216 |
| 2002 | \$14,010.00 | 5 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$1,055,689.00 | 299 |
| 2003 | \$27,565.00 | 10 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$1,285,729.00 | 340 |
| 2004 | \$3,270.00 | 8 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$1,742,772.00 | 304 |
| 2005 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$1,679,663.00 | 334 |
| 2006 | \$10,500.00 | 20 | \$11,500.00 | 1 | \$3,032,280.00 | 382 |
| 2007 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$2,884,602.00 | 358 |
| 2008 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$2,924,665.00 | 359 |
| 2009 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$2,494,922.00 | 361 |
| 2010 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$2,863,240.00 | 342 |
| 2011 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | 0 | \$2,472,440.00 | 341 |
| 2012 | | | | | \$2,797,880.00 | 322 |
| 2013 | | | | | \$3,148,882.00 | 316 |
| 2014 | | | | | \$3,460,639.00 | 317 |
| 2015 | | | | | \$4,060,955.00 | 317 |
| | \$55,345.00 | 43 | \$11,500.00 | 1 | \$36,821,010.00 | 4,908 |

External Conservation Permit Funds Allocated to FY 2015 Projects

| ID | Title | Region | Amount | Group |
|------|---|--------|--------------|-------|
| 2899 | Antelope Valley Habitat Restoration | CR | \$ 3,500.00 | MDF |
| 2930 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 3 | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2931 | Little Mountain Bullhog | CR | \$ 25,000.00 | MDF |
| 2933 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 4 (FFO Eureka PH2) | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2961 | West Vernon Phase 4: Red Pine Canyon | CR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2904 | Big Wash Mastication | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2905 | Five Mile Slashing | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2906 | Bare Top Guzzlers Phase II | NER | \$ 1,500.00 | MDF |
| 2907 | Big Wash Guzzlers | NER | \$ 1,500.00 | MDF |
| 2908 | Atchee Ridge Guzzler Project | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2909 | Mail Draw Water Development Project Phase II | NER | \$ 15,650.00 | MDF |
| 2913 | Birch Creek Pinyon and Juniper Removal | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2951 | Diamond Rim Mastication | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2975 | Little Creek WMA Guzzlers | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2999 | Cart Creek Watershed Integrated Vegetation Restoration Project | NER | \$ 20,000.00 | MDF |
| 3009 | East Sand Wash Winter Range Improvement | NER | \$ 3,500.00 | MDF |
| 2536 | Telephone Hollow Lop and Scatter | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2874 | Park Valley PJ Treatment Project Phase 1 | NR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 2900 | West Grouse Creek Bullhog Phase 3 | NR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 2917 | Dry Basin (cultural clearance FY15) | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 3058 | Coldwater WMA Reseeding | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 3066 | Saddle Creek Sage Brush Treatment (Phase II) | NR | \$ 15,000.00 | MDF |
| 2861 | Cedar Mountain Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project-Phase I | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2881 | Ford Ridge Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project-Phase I | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2898 | Middle Mesa Sagebrush Improvement | SER | \$ 7,500.00 | MDF |
| 2918 | Dugout Flat Reseeding | SER | \$ 35,000.00 | MDF |
| 2938 | Dark Canyon Plateau Phase II | SER | \$ 15,500.00 | MDF |
| 2939 | Beef Basin Phase I | SER | \$ 50,000.00 | MDF |
| 2965 | Range Creek Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project- Phase I | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2971 | South Bookcliffs Vegetation Improvement Phase II | SER | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2993 | Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal/Aspen Phase III | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 3006 | Helper Benches Pinyon/Juniper Removal | SER | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 3023 | Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase V | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 3120 | MDF Stewardship Position FY15 | SLO | \$ 50,000.00 | MDF |
| 3128 | 2014 La Sal Mountain Goat Transplant and Monitoring | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 3129 | 2014 Wasatch Mountains Mountain Goat Monitoring | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |

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| 3137 | Deer Fawn/Adult Survival FY15 | SLO | \$ 23,000.00 | MDF |
| 3138 | Monitoring of Translocated Deer from Urban Areas FY15 | SLO | \$ 6,000.00 | MDF |
| 3139 | Monroe Deer Study FY15 | SLO | \$ 20,652.70 | MDF |
| 3271 | Emma Park, Grouse Creek and TL Bar Ranch Conservation Easements | SLO | \$ 16,000.00 | MDF |
| 2868 | Sandledges Lop and Scatter Project Phase III | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2890 | Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase I | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2891 | Parker Mountain Ponds Phase II | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2916 | Sandledges Chaining Project Phase II | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 2920 | Mormon Peak Habitat Improvement Project | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2942 | Upper Kanab Creek Bald Knoll - Phase 3 | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 2972 | North Fillmore WMA Chaining and Pipeline Project | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 2981 | Greenville Bench Sagebrush Improvement (Phase 1) | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2982 | Yellowjacket (Cave Lakes) | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2984 | South Canyon (Rock Canyon) | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 2987 | South Canyon Lop and Scatter | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 2988 | New Harmony/Central Fuelbreak Improvement Phase II | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 3001 | Indian Creek | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 3005 | Terza Flat Ponds | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | MDF |
| 3014 | Parker Front PJ Removal Phase II | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | MDF |
| 3021 | Bald Knoll PJ removal | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 3039 | South Beaver Buckskin Valley | SR | \$ 7,500.00 | MDF |
| 3040 | Loafers Canyon Project Phase II | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 3056 | Diamond Valley Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | MDF |
| 3070 | Parowan Front (Cottonwood and Summit) Chaining Maintenance Project | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | MDF |
| 3073 | Sage Hen Hollow Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | MDF |
| 3081 | Hwy 18 ROW PJ Removal | SR | \$ 40,000.00 | MDF |
| 3514 | Hwy 89 Fence West End Electric Pavement | SR | \$ 35,000.00 | MDF |

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|------|--|-----|-------------|------|
| 2899 | Antelope Valley Habitat Restoration | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2930 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 3 | CR | \$ 1,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2931 | Little Mountain Bullhog | CR | \$ 1,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2933 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 4 (FFO Eureka PH2) | CR | \$ 1,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3072 | Salt Creek Turkey Winter Forage Improvement | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2904 | Big Wash Mastication | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2905 | Five Mile Slashing | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2906 | Bare Top Guzzlers Phase II | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2907 | Big Wash Guzzlers | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2908 | Atchee Ridge Guzzler Project | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2909 | Mail Draw Water Development Project Phase II | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |

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| 2913 | Birch Creek Pinyon and Juniper Removal | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2951 | Diamond Rim Mastication | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2967 | Upper Anthro Lop and Scatter Project (Phase 2) | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2975 | Little Creek WMA Guzzlers | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2999 | Cart Creek Watershed Integrated Vegetation Restoration Project | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3009 | East Sand Wash Winter Range Improvement | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2536 | Telephone Hollow Lop and Scatter | NR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2900 | West Grouse Creek Bullhog Phase 3 | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3066 | Saddle Creek Sage Brush Treatment (Phase II) | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2881 | Ford Ridge Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project-Phase I | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2971 | South Bookcliffs Vegetation Improvement Phase II | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2993 | Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal/Aspen Phase III | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3002 | Moab Guzzler Restoration/Installation Project | SER | \$ 9,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3006 | Helper Benches Pinyon/Juniper Removal | SER | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3023 | Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase V | SER | \$ 10,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3131 | 2014 Zion Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3132 | Elk Movements Study FY15 | SLO | \$ 10,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3136 | 2014 Newfoundland Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3271 | Emma Park, Grouse Creek and TL Bar Ranch Conservation Easements | SLO | \$ 11,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2868 | Sandledges Lop and Scatter Project Phase III | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2890 | Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase I | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2891 | Parker Mountain Ponds Phase II | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2916 | Sandledges Chaining Project Phase II | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2920 | Mormon Peak Habitat Improvement Project | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2972 | North Fillmore WMA Chaining and Pipeline Project | SR | \$ 10,000.00 | RMEF |
| 2984 | South Canyon (Rock Canyon) | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 2988 | New Harmony/Central Fuelbreak Improvement Phase II | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3001 | Indian Creek | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3005 | Terza Flat Ponds | SR | \$ 1,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3014 | Parker Front PJ Removal Phase II | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3027 | Mt. Dutton Trail-heads | SR | \$ 1,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3040 | Loafers Canyon Project Phase II | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3061 | Beaver Dam Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3070 | Parowan Front (Cottonwood and Summit) Chaining Maintenance Project | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | RMEF |
| 3073 | Sage Hen Hollow Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 2,500.00 | RMEF |
| 3076 | Dixie and Chain Harrow Retreat | SR | \$ 15,000.00 | RMEF |
| | | | \$ 190,000.00 | |
| 2899 | Antelope Valley Habitat Restoration | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2930 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 3 | CR | \$ 2,000.00 | SFW |

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| 2931 | Little Mountain Bullhog | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2933 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 4 (FFO Eureka PH2) | CR | \$ 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 2961 | West Vernon Phase 4: Red Pine Canyon | CR | \$ 7,500.00 | SFW |
| 3072 | Salt Creek Turkey Winter Forage Improvement | CR | \$ 1,500.00 | SFW |
| 2904 | Big Wash Mastication | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2905 | Five Mile Slashing | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2906 | Bare Top Guzzlers Phase II | NER | \$ 5,880.00 | SFW |
| 2907 | Big Wash Guzzlers | NER | \$ 12,450.00 | SFW |
| 2908 | Atchee Ridge Guzzler Project | NER | \$ 16,150.00 | SFW |
| 2909 | Mail Draw Water Development Project Phase II | NER | \$ 15,650.00 | SFW |
| 2913 | Birch Creek Pinyon and Juniper Removal | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2951 | Diamond Rim Mastication | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2967 | Upper Anthro Lop and Scatter Project (Phase 2) | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2975 | Little Creek WMA Guzzlers | NER | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2999 | Cart Creek Watershed Integrated Vegetation Restoration Project | NER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3009 | East Sand Wash Winter Range Improvement | NER | \$ 3,500.00 | SFW |
| 2536 | Telephone Hollow Lop and Scatter | NR | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2874 | Park Valley PJ Treatment Project Phase 1 | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2900 | West Grouse Creek Bullhog Phase 3 | NR | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2917 | Dry Basin (cultural clearance FY15) | NR | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3058 | Coldwater WMA Reseeding | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 3066 | Saddle Creek Sage Brush Treatment (Phase II) | NR | \$ 24,000.00 | SFW |
| 2881 | Ford Ridge Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project-Phase I | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2918 | Dugout Flat Reseeding | SER | \$ 35,000.00 | SFW |
| 2938 | Dark Canyon Plateau Phase II | SER | \$ 87,000.00 | SFW |
| 2939 | Beef Basin Phase I | SER | \$ 141,164.44 | SFW |
| 2971 | South Bookcliffs Vegetation Improvement Phase II | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2993 | Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal/Aspen Phase III | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3006 | Helper Benches Pinyon/Juniper Removal | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3023 | Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase V | SER | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3220 | Wildlife Crossing US 191 mp 66-70 | SER | \$ 75,000.00 | SFW |
| 3078 | Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Transplant Trailer | SLO | \$ 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 3127 | FY15 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists | SLO | \$ 7,500.00 | SFW |
| 3128 | 2014 La Sal Mountain Goat Transplant and Monitoring | SLO | \$ 5,150.00 | SFW |
| 3129 | 2014 Wasatch Mountains Mountain Goat Monitoring | SLO | \$ 5,150.00 | SFW |
| 3131 | 2014 Zion Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3132 | Elk Movements Study FY15 | SLO | \$ 15,000.00 | SFW |
| 3133 | 2014 Nevada Desert Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3136 | 2014 Newfoundland Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 4,500.00 | SFW |

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| 3137 | Deer Fawn/Adult Survival FY15 | SLO | \$ | 23,000.00 | SFW |
| 3138 | Monitoring of Translocated Deer from Urban Areas FY15 | SLO | \$ | 6,000.00 | SFW |
| 3139 | Monroe Deer Study FY15 | SLO | \$ | 19,064.02 | SFW |
| 3140 | East Boulder Capitol Reef Bighorn Sheep Survey | SLO | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3271 | Emma Park, Grouse Creek and TL Bar Ranch Conservation Easements | SLO | \$ | 16,000.00 | SFW |
| 2868 | Sandledges Lop and Scatter Project Phase III | SR | \$ | 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2890 | Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase I | SR | \$ | 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 2891 | Parker Mountain Ponds Phase II | SR | \$ | 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 2916 | Sandledges Chaining Project Phase II | SR | \$ | 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 2920 | Mormon Peak Habitat Improvement Project | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2942 | Upper Kanab Creek Bald Knoll - Phase 3 | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2957 | East Paunsaugunt Wildlife Water Project | SR | \$ | 34,200.00 | SFW |
| 2972 | North Fillmore WMA Chaining and Pipeline Project | SR | \$ | 15,000.00 | SFW |
| 2981 | Greenville Bench Sagebrush Improvement (Phase 1) | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2982 | Yellowjacket (Cave Lakes) | SR | \$ | 15,000.00 | SFW |
| 2984 | South Canyon (Rock Canyon) | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2987 | South Canyon Lop and Scatter | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 2988 | New Harmony/Central Fuelbreak Improvement Phase II | SR | \$ | 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 3001 | Indian Creek | SR | \$ | 10,000.00 | SFW |
| 3005 | Terza Flat Ponds | SR | \$ | 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 3014 | Parker Front PJ Removal Phase II | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3021 | Bald Knoll PJ removal | SR | \$ | 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 3027 | Mt. Dutton Trail-heads | SR | \$ | 1,000.00 | SFW |
| 3039 | South Beaver Buckskin Valley | SR | \$ | 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 3040 | Loafers Canyon Project Phase II | SR | \$ | 1,000.00 | SFW |
| 3056 | Diamond Valley Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ | 5,000.00 | SFW |
| 3061 | Beaver Dam Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| 3069 | Black Canyon WMA RabbitBrush Removal phase 2 | SR | \$ | 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 3070 | Parowan Front (Cottonwood and Summit) Chaining Maintenance Project | SR | \$ | 49,286.00 | SFW |
| 3073 | Sage Hen Hollow Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ | 2,000.00 | SFW |
| 3081 | Hwy 18 ROW PJ Removal | SR | \$ | 2,500.00 | SFW |
| | | | | \$ 787,644.46 | |
| 2872 | Conversion of Grazing Preference at Wildhorse Bench Allotment | NER | \$ | 325,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 2906 | Bare Top Guzzlers Phase II | NER | \$ | 5,880.00 | FNAWS |
| 2918 | Dugout Flat Reseeding | SER | \$ | 5,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 2938 | Dark Canyon Plateau Phase II | SER | \$ | 10,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 2939 | Beef Basin Phase I | SER | \$ | 10,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 2971 | South Bookcliffs Vegetation Improvement Phase II | SER | \$ | 5,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 3078 | Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Transplant Trailer | SLO | \$ | 20,000.00 | FNAWS |

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| 3128 | 2014 La Sal Mountain Goat Transplant and Monitoring | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | FNAWS |
| 3129 | 2014 Wasatch Mountains Mountain Goat Monitoring | SLO | \$ 2,500.00 | FNAWS |
| 3131 | 2014 Zion Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 7,850.00 | FNAWS |
| 3133 | 2014 Nevada Desert Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 11,200.00 | FNAWS |
| 3134 | North Slope Bighorn Sheep Health Assessment | SLO | \$ 7,400.00 | FNAWS |
| 3135 | Kaiparowits West Bighorn Sheep Health Assessment | SLO | \$ 4,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 3136 | 2014 Newfoundland Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 1,500.00 | FNAWS |
| 3140 | East Boulder Capitol Reef Bighorn Sheep Survey | SLO | \$ 8,000.00 | FNAWS |
| 3212 | Uinta Bighorn Sheep Capture FY15 | SLO | \$ 6,192.88 | FNAWS |
| 3061 | Beaver Dam Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 22,000.00 | FNAWS |

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| 3072 | Salt Creek Turkey Winter Forage Improvement | CR | \$ 12,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2908 | Atchee Ridge Guzzler Project | NER | \$ 3,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2909 | Mail Draw Water Development Project Phase II | NER | \$ 3,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2999 | Cart Creek Watershed Integrated Vegetation Restoration Project | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2918 | Dugout Flat Reseeding | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2939 | Beef Basin Phase I | SER | \$ 1,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2965 | Range Creek Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project- Phase I | SER | \$ 3,500.00 | NWTF |
| 2993 | Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal/Aspen Phase III | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 3127 | FY15 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 3132 | Elk Movements Study FY15 | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2868 | Sandledges Lop and Scatter Project Phase III | SR | \$ 4,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2916 | Sandledges Chaining Project Phase II | SR | \$ 4,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2942 | Upper Kanab Creek Bald Knoll - Phase 3 | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2969 | Mount Dutton East Side Riparian Improvement project Phase I | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2972 | North Fillmore WMA Chaining and Pipeline Project | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | NWTF |
| 2988 | New Harmony/Central Fuelbreak Improvement Phase II | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | NWTF |
| 3001 | Indian Creek | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | NWTF |
| 3040 | Loafers Canyon Project Phase II | SR | \$ 5,000.00 | NWTF |

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| 2930 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 3 | CR | \$ 1,000.00 | UBA |
| 2931 | Little Mountain Bullhog | CR | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2933 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 4 (FFO Eureka PH2) | CR | \$ 1,000.00 | UBA |
| 2961 | West Vernon Phase 4: Red Pine Canyon | CR | \$ 3,000.00 | UBA |
| 2904 | Big Wash Mastication | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2908 | Atchee Ridge Guzzler Project | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2999 | Cart Creek Watershed Integrated Vegetation Restoration Project | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2918 | Dugout Flat Reseeding | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2938 | Dark Canyon Plateau Phase II | SER | \$ 3,000.00 | UBA |

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| 2939 | Beef Basin Phase I | SER | \$ 3,000.00 | UBA |
| 2971 | South Bookcliffs Vegetation Improvement Phase II | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 3023 | Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase V | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 3078 | Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Transplant Trailer | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 3132 | Elk Movements Study FY15 | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 3137 | Deer Fawn/Adult Survival FY15 | SLO | \$ 1,000.00 | UBA |
| 3138 | Monitoring of Translocated Deer from Urban Areas FY15 | SLO | \$ 1,000.00 | UBA |
| 3271 | Emma Park, Grouse Creek and TL Bar Ranch Conservation Easements | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2890 | Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase I | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2891 | Parker Mountain Ponds Phase II | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 2942 | Upper Kanab Creek Bald Knoll - Phase 3 | SR | \$ 1,000.00 | UBA |
| 2972 | North Fillmore WMA Chaining and Pipeline Project | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| 3039 | South Beaver Buckskin Valley | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | UBA |
| | | | \$ 42,000.00 | |
| 2899 | Antelope Valley Habitat Restoration | CR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2930 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 3 | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | SCI |
| 2931 | Little Mountain Bullhog | CR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2933 | East Tintic Bullhog Phase 4 (FFO Eureka PH2) | CR | \$ 2,500.00 | SCI |
| 2961 | West Vernon Phase 4: Red Pine Canyon | CR | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 3072 | Salt Creek Turkey Winter Forage Improvement | CR | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 2904 | Big Wash Mastication | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2905 | Five Mile Slashing | NER | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 2906 | Bare Top Guzzlers Phase II | NER | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 2907 | Big Wash Guzzlers | NER | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 2908 | Atchee Ridge Guzzler Project | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2909 | Mail Draw Water Development Project Phase II | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2913 | Birch Creek Pinyon and Juniper Removal | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2951 | Diamond Rim Mastication | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2967 | Upper Anthro Lop and Scatter Project (Phase 2) | NER | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 2975 | Little Creek WMA Guzzlers | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2999 | Cart Creek Watershed Integrated Vegetation Restoration Project | NER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3009 | East Sand Wash Winter Range Improvement | NER | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 2874 | Park Valley PJ Treatment Project Phase 1 | NR | \$ 5,000.00 | SCI |
| 2900 | West Grouse Creek Bullhog Phase 3 | NR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2917 | Dry Basin (cultural clearance FY15) | NR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3066 | Saddle Creek Sage Brush Treatment (Phase II) | NR | \$ 500.00 | SCI |
| 2881 | Ford Ridge Fuels Reduction and Vegetation Restoration Project-Phase I | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2918 | Dugout Flat Reseeding | SER | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 2939 | Beef Basin Phase I | SER | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |

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|------|---|-----|-------------|-----|
| 2971 | South Bookcliffs Vegetation Improvement Phase II | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3002 | Moab Guzzler Restoration/Installation Project | SER | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3023 | Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase V | SER | \$ 4,000.00 | SCI |
| 3078 | Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Transplant Trailer | SLO | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 3127 | FY15 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists | SLO | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 3131 | 2014 Zion Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3132 | Elk Movements Study FY15 | SLO | \$ 5,000.00 | SCI |
| 3133 | 2014 Nevada Desert Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3136 | 2014 Newfoundland Bighorn Sheep Transplant | SLO | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 3137 | Deer Fawn/Adult Survival FY15 | SLO | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 3140 | East Boulder Capitol Reef Bighorn Sheep Survey | SLO | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3271 | Emma Park, Grouse Creek and TL Bar Ranch Conservation Easements | SLO | \$ 5,000.00 | SCI |
| 2868 | Sandledges Lop and Scatter Project Phase III | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2916 | Sandledges Chaining Project Phase II | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2942 | Upper Kanab Creek Bald Knoll - Phase 3 | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2972 | North Fillmore WMA Chaining and Pipeline Project | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2982 | Yellowjacket (Cave Lakes) | SR | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 2987 | South Canyon Lop and Scatter | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 2988 | New Harmony/Central Fuelbreak Improvement Phase II | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3039 | South Beaver Buckskin Valley | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |
| 3040 | Loafers Canyon Project Phase II | SR | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 3056 | Diamond Valley Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 3061 | Beaver Dam Wildlife Guzzler | SR | \$ 3,000.00 | SCI |
| 3070 | Parowan Front (Cottonwood and Summit) Chaining Maintenance Project | SR | \$ 1,000.00 | SCI |
| 3081 | Hwy 18 ROW PJ Removal | SR | \$ 2,000.00 | SCI |

\$ 108,500.00

Grand Total all Groups

\$ 2,355,970.04

Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

| Organization | Total # of Permits | 2015 Funds Available to the Organization (60%) | Carry over Funds from previous years | Available Funds from 2013-2015 | Funds Spent on Approved Projects | Required Fund Balance per Audit | FY2016 Committed Project Funds |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FNAWS | 23 | \$338,706.00 | \$353,784.82 | \$692,490.82 | \$120,720.00 | \$571,770.82 | \$173,624.70 |
| Mule Deer Foundation | 84 | \$755,859.00 | \$1,255,200.20 | \$2,011,059.20 | \$448,737.00 | \$1,562,322.20 | \$535,776.00 |
| National Wild Turkey Federation | 21 | \$67,287.00 | \$72,656.27 | \$139,943.27 | \$2,000.00 | \$137,943.27 | \$78,884.06 |
| Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | 26 | \$220,119.00 | \$221,376.25 | \$441,495.25 | \$169,500.00 | \$271,995.25 | \$228,787.84 |
| Safari Club International | 21 | \$95,382.00 | \$108,118.20 | \$203,500.20 | \$91,512.00 | \$111,988.20 | \$99,044.69 |
| Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife | 124 | \$905,190.00 | \$994,728.43 | \$1,899,918.43 | \$727,826.92 | \$1,172,091.51 | \$533,425.63 |
| Utah Bowmen for Habitat | 18 | \$54,030.00 | \$43,888.07 | \$97,918.07 | \$34,128.00 | \$63,790.07 | \$50,384.06 |
| Total: | 317 | \$2,436,573.00 | \$3,049,752.24 | \$5,486,325.24 | \$1,594,423.92 | \$3,891,901.32 | \$1,699,926.98 |



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Division Director

October 1, 2015

To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for FNAWS was Don Peay. All information requested was promptly provided. FNAWS was given 23 of the 317 permits for 2015. At the time of sale division staff independently verified auction prices of 5 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Total Permit Revenue: | \$ 564,510.00 |
| Less 10% retained for administrative expenses | (\$ 56,451.00) |
| Less 30% remitted to DWR | (\$ 169,353.00) |
| Total retained by organization for project(s): | \$ 338,706.00 |
| Carry-over funds | \$ 353,784.82 |
| Total: | \$ 692,490.82 |
| Less 2015 Projects paid | (\$ 120,720.00) |
| Funds remaining for projects | \$ 571,770.82 |
| Verified Bank Statement Balance | \$ 571,770.82 |



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October 1, 2015
Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Audit – FNAWS

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank FNAWS for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,


Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
FNAWS



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October 1, 2015

To: Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear Foundation for North American Wild Sheep,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 571,770.82. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Foundation for North American Wild Sheep concur on the above state Project Fund balance.

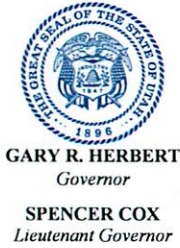
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FNAWS - Signature

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief





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October 1, 2015

To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief
Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for MDF was Rachel Moody. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was given 84 of the 317 permits in 2015. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 45 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. The bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total Permit Revenue (\$1,259,765.00), Less 10% retained for administrative expenses (\$125,976.50), Less 30% remitted to DWR (\$377,929.50), Total retained by organization for project(s) (\$755,859.00), Carry-over funds (\$1,255,200.20), Total (\$2,011,059.20), Less 2015 Projects billed (\$448,737.00), Funds remaining for projects (\$1,562,322.20), and Verified Bank Statement Balance (\$1,562,322.20).



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October 1, 2015

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Audit – Mule Deer Foundation

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank MDF for their time, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
Mule Deer Foundation



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Division Director

October 1, 2015

To: Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear Mule Deer Foundation,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 1,562,322.20. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Mule Deer Foundation concur on the above Project Fund balance.

MDF – Please Print Name

MDF - Signature

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K Johnson".

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief





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October 1, 2015

To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contacts for NWTF was Melanie Mercer. All information requested was promptly provided. NWTF was given 21 of the 317 permits in 2015. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 8 permits sold and compared them to the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| Total Permit Revenue: | \$ 112,145.00 |
| Less 10% retained for administrative expenses | (\$ 11,214.50) |
| Less 30% remitted to DWR | (\$ 33,643.50) |
| Total retained by organization for project(s): | \$ 67,287.00 |
| Carry-over | \$ 72,656.27 |
| Total: | \$ 139,943.27 |
| Less 2015 Projects billed | (\$ 2,000.00) |
| Funds remaining for projects | \$ <u>137,943.27</u> |
| Verified Bank Statement Balance | \$ <u>137,943.27</u> |



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October 1, 2015

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Audit – National Wild Turkey Federation

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank NWTF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
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October 1, 2015

To: National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear National Wild Turkey Federation,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 137,943.27. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and National Wild Turkey Federation concur on the above Project Fund balance.

NWTF – Please Print Name

NWTF - Signature

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
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To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for RMEF was Elliot Thomas. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was given 26 of the 317 permits in 2015. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified the auction price of 7 permits sold and compared that with the price being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Total Permit Revenue: | \$ 366,865.00 |
| Less 10% retained for administrative expenses | <u>(\$ 36,686.50)</u> |
| Less 30% remitted to DWR | <u>(\$110,059.50)</u> |
| Total retained by organization for project(s): | \$ 220,119.00 |
| Carry-over funds | <u>\$ 221,376.25</u> |
| Total: | \$ 441,495.25 |
| Less 2015 Projects billed | <u>(\$ 169,500.00)</u> |
| Funds remaining for projects | <u>\$ 271,995.25</u> |
| Verified Bank Statement Balance | <u>\$ 271,995.25</u> |



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October 1, 2015

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Audit – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank RMEF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-4837.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation



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October 1, 2015

To: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 271,995.25. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation concur on the above Project Fund balance.

RMEF – Please Print Name

RMEF - Signature

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief





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October 1, 2015

To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Safari Club International (SCI)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of Safari Club International (SCI) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for SCI was Don Isgar. All information requested was promptly provided. Safari Club International was given 21 of the 317 permits for 2015. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 2 permits and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Total Permit Revenue: | \$ 158,970.00 |
| Less 10% retained for administrative expenses | (\$ 15,897.00) |
| Less 30% remitted to DWR | (\$ 47,691.00) |
| Total retained by organization for project(s): | \$ 95,382.00 |
| Carry-over funds | \$ 108,118.20 |
| Total: | \$ 203,500.20 |
| Less 2015 Projects billed | (\$ 91,512.00) |
| Funds remaining for projects | \$ 111,988.20 |
| Verified Bank Statement Balance | \$ 177,970.77 |
| Adjustments | (\$ 65,982.57) |
| Adjusted Bank Balance | \$ 111,988.20 |



October 1, 2015

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Audit – Safari Club International

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation as follows:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Check 120 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not Cleared | (\$ 47,691.00) |
| Permit proceeds (10% not removed and 60% under deposited) | (\$ 15,797.00) |
| Interest earned that needs to be placed in Admin Acct. | (\$ 752.62) |
| Adjustments requested in 2014 audit, not completed | (\$ 1,741.95) |
| Total Adjustments | (\$ 65,982.57) |

We recommend the following:

- Deposits and transfers of 10% admin fees, as well as 30% payment should take place on or before 09/01 of each year.

We sincerely thank Safari Club International for their time, their prompt response, and willingness to provide the information requested. If you have any questions, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,


Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
Safari Club International



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October 1, 2015

To: Safari Club International (SCI)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear Safari Club International,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 111,988.20. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Safari Club International concur on the above Project Fund balance.

SCI – Please Print Name

SCI - Signature

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief





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October 1, 2015

To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for SFW was Jon Larson. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was given 124 of the 317 permits in 2015. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified the auction price of 67 permits sold and compared that with the price being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Total Permit Revenue: | \$ 1,508,650.00 |
| Less 10% retained for administrative expenses | <u>(\$ 150,865.00)</u> |
| Less 30% remitted to DWR | <u>(\$ 452,595.00)</u> |
| Total retained by organization for project(s): | \$ 905,190.00 |
| Carry-over funds | <u>\$ 994,728.43</u> |
| Total: | \$1,899,918.43 |
| Less 2015 Projects billed | <u>(\$ 727,826.92)</u> |
| Funds remaining for projects | <u>\$1,172,091.51</u> |
| Verified Bank Statement Balance | <u>\$1,172,091.51</u> |



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October 1, 2015

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Audit – Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank SFW for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife



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Division Director

October 1, 2015

To: Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 1,172,091.51. This amount includes \$298.97 in interest that was donated to the division to be used for future projects. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Sportsmen for Wildlife concur on the above Project Fund balance.

SFW- Please Print Name

SFW- Signature

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief





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October 1, 2015

To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Bowmen for Habitat

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of Utah Bowmen for Habitat (UBH) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

Overview

The contact for Utah Bowmen for Habitat was Kevin Adamson. All information requested was promptly provided. UBH was given 18 of the 317 permits in 2015. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 14 permits and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Total Permit Revenue: | \$ 90,050.00 |
| Less 10% retained for administrative expenses | (\$ 9,005.00) |
| Less 30% remitted to DWR | (\$27,015.00) |
| Total retained by organization for project(s): | \$ 54,030.00 |
| Carry-over funds | \$ 43,888.07 |
| Total: | \$ 97,918.07 |
| Less 2015 Projects billed | (\$ 34,128.00) |
| Funds remaining for projects | \$ 63,790.07 |
| Verified Bank Statement Balance | \$ 63,790.07 |



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October 1, 2015

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit – Utah Bowmen for Habitat

Findings and Recommendations

All 2015 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank Utah Bowmen for Habitat for their time, their prompt response, and willingness to provide the information requested. If you have any questions, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
Utah Bowmen for Habitat



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October 1, 2015

To: Utah Bowmen for Habitat (UBH)
From: Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Subject: 2015 Conservation Project Fund Balance

Dear Utah Bowmen for Habitat,

It has been determined from the 2015 Conservation Permit Audit that the Project Funds remaining in the Conservation Permit Account equal a total of \$ 63,790.07. This is the net amount to be used exclusively for approved projects.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Utah Bowmen for Habitat concur on the above Project Fund balance.

UBH- Please Print Name

UBH- Signature

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief





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To: John Bair, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kirk Woodward, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2015 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Ducks Unlimited (DU)

Ducks Unlimited has opted to no longer participate in the Conservation Permit program. In accordance with R657-41 the group has returned their project funds to the Division. They also returned their permits to the Division.

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| Total 2015 Project funds available: | \$ 21,303.14 |
| Less 2015 Projects billed | <u>(\$ 3,000.00)</u> |
| Funds remaining for projects | <u>\$ 18,303.14</u> |
| Check #104 received from DU on 2/18/2015 | <u>\$ 18,303.14</u> |

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

GS:sms

cc: Gregory Sheehan
Wildlife Board Members
Ducks Unlimited



2016 - 2018 Multi-Year Conservation Permits List

For Board Approval: 9/22/2015 (Prior to Any Trades)

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|---------------|--|------------------|--------------|
| FNAWS | Bear | Statewide | | 1 |
| FNAWS | Bison | Statewide | | 2 |
| FNAWS | Buck Deer | San Juan, Elk Ridge | Choice of season | 3 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Multi-season | 4 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless | Multi-season | 5 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Box Elder, Grouse Creek | Multi-season | 6 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Any Weapon | 7 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Mt Dutton | Archery | 8 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Mt Dutton | Multi-season | 9 |
| FNAWS | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 10 |
| FNAWS | DBHS | Dirty Devil/Henry Mtns/La Sal/San Juan | | 11 |
| FNAWS | DBHS | Statewide | | 12 |
| FNAWS | DBHS | Zion (early) | | 13 |
| FNAWS | Mountain Goat | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central | | 14 |
| FNAWS | Mountain Goat | Ogden, Willard Peak (early) | | 15 |
| FNAWS | Pronghorn | Statewide | Any Weapon | 16 |
| FNAWS | RMBHS | Book Cliffs, South | | 17 |
| FNAWS | RMBHS | Nine Mile, Range Creek (early) | | 18 |
| FNAWS | Turkey | Southern Region | | 19 |
| FNAWS | Turkey | Southern Region | | 20 |

Mule Deer Foundation

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| MDF | Antlerless Elk | Cache | | 1 |
| MDF | Antlerless Elk | Cache | | 2 |
| MDF | Antlerless Elk | Cache | | 3 |
| MDF | Antlerless Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | | 4 |
| MDF | Antlerless Elk | South Slope | | 5 |
| MDF | Antlerless Elk | South Slope | | 6 |
| MDF | Bear | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Multi-season | 7 |
| MDF | Bear | Wasatch Mtns, West | Multi-season | 8 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs | Choice of season | 9 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs | Choice of season | 10 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Fillmore, Oak Creek | Choice of season | 11 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Henry Mtns | Choice of season | 12 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Henry Mtns | Muzzleloader | 13 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | La Sal, Dolores Triangle | Choice of season | 14 |

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| MDF | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Any Weapon | 15 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Archery | 16 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Choice of season | 17 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Choice of season | 18 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Muzzleloader | 19 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | San Juan, Elk Ridge | Choice of season | 20 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Any Weapon | 21 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Choice of season | 22 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Muzzleloader | 23 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | Statewide | | 24 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Any Weapon | 25 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Archery | 26 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Choice of season | 27 |
| MDF | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Muzzleloader | 28 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Beaver, East | Multi-season | 29 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Cache, Meadowville | Multi-season | 30 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Cache, North | Multi-season | 31 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Any Weapon | 32 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Multi-season | 33 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Multi-season | 34 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Any Weapon | 35 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Multi-season | 36 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Muzzleloader | 37 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Nebo | Archery | 38 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Fillmore, Pahvant | Any Weapon | 39 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Fillmore, Pahvant | Any Weapon | 40 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Fillmore, Pahvant | Multi-season | 41 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | La Sal, La Sal Mtns | Any Weapon | 42 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Monroe | Multi-season | 43 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | North Slope, Three Corners | Multi-season | 44 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Oquirrh-Stansbury | Multi-season | 45 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Panguitch Lake | Any Weapon | 46 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits | Multi-season | 47 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Any Weapon | 48 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Archery | 49 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Muzzleloader | 50 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | San Juan | Any Weapon | 51 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | San Juan | Multi-season | 52 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Any Weapon | 53 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Any Weapon | 54 |
| MDF | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Multi-season | 55 |

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| MDF | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Multi-season | 56 |
| MDF | Cougar | Central Mtns, Manti | Limited Entry/Split | 57 |
| MDF | Cougar | Statewide | | 58 |
| MDF | Mountain Goat | Beaver (early) | | 59 |
| MDF | Mountain Goat | Ogden, Willard Peak (late) | | 60 |
| MDF | Mountain Goat | Statewide | | 61 |
| MDF | Pronghorn | Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden | Any Weapon | 62 |
| MDF | Pronghorn | Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden | Any Weapon | |

National Wild Turkey Federation

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|-----------|---|------------------|--------------|
| NWTF | Bear | La Sal | Multi-season | 1 |
| NWTF | Bear | South Slope, Yellowstone | Multi-season | 2 |
| NWTF | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs | Archery | 3 |
| NWTF | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs (North and South) | Any Weapon | 4 |
| NWTF | Buck Deer | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Choice of season | 5 |
| NWTF | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Choice of season | 6 |
| NWTF | Bull Elk | Beaver, East | Any Weapon | 7 |
| NWTF | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Any Weapon | 8 |
| NWTF | Bull Elk | Mt Dutton | Any Weapon | 9 |
| NWTF | Bull Elk | Panguitch Lake | Any Weapon | 10 |
| NWTF | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Any Weapon | 11 |
| NWTF | Cougar | Chalk Creek/Kamas, East Canyon, and Morgan-South Rich | Limited Entry | 12 |
| NWTF | Cougar | Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek and Wasatch Mtns,West | Limited Entry | 13 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Central Region | | 14 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Central Region | | 15 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Central Region | | 16 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Central Region | | 17 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Central Region | | 18 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 19 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 20 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 21 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Southern Region | | 22 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Southern Region | | 23 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Southern Region | | 24 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Southern Region | | 25 |
| NWTF | Turkey | Statewide | | 26 |

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|----------------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| RMEF | Antlerless Elk | Cache | | 1 |

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|------|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----|
| RMEF | Antlerless Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | | 2 |
| RMEF | Antlerless Elk | Plateau | | 3 |
| RMEF | Antlerless Elk | Plateau | | 4 |
| RMEF | Antlerless Elk | South Slope | | 5 |
| RMEF | Bear | Beaver | Spring, Summer, Fall | 6 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Multi-season | 7 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Muzzleloader | 8 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless | Any Weapon | 9 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Any Weapon | 10 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Muzzleloader | 11 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Any Weapon | 12 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Nebo | Any Weapon | 13 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | La Sal, La Sal Mtns | Any Weapon | 14 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Monroe | Any Weapon | 15 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Oquirrh-Stansbury | Any Weapon | 16 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Paunsaugunt | Any Weapon | 17 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits | Any Weapon | 18 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Any Weapon | 19 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | San Juan | Any Weapon | 20 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 21 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Muzzleloader | 22 |
| RMEF | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Any Weapon | 23 |
| RMEF | Pronghorn | Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt, John's Valley | Any Weapon | 24 |
| RMEF | Pronghorn | Pine Valley | Any Weapon | 25 |
| RMEF | Pronghorn | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 26 |
| RMEF | Pronghorn | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 27 |
| RMEF | Pronghorn | West Desert, Rush Valley | Any Weapon | 28 |
| RMEF | Pronghorn | West Desert, Snake Valley | Any Weapon | 29 |
| RMEF | RMBHS | Statewide | | 30 |
| RMEF | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 31 |

Safari Club International

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| SCI | Antlerless Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | | 1 |
| SCI | Antlerless Elk | South Slope | | 2 |
| SCI | Bear | Central Mtns, Nebo | Multi-season | 3 |
| SCI | Bear | Panguitch Lake/Zion | Multi-season | 4 |
| SCI | Bison | Henry Mtns, Hunter's Choice (late) | | 5 |
| SCI | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs | Muzzleloader | 6 |
| SCI | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs (North and South) | Any Weapon | 7 |
| SCI | Buck Deer | Fillmore, Oak Creek | Choice of season | 8 |

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| SCI | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Any Weapon | 9 |
| SCI | Buck Deer | San Juan, Elk Ridge | Muzzleloader | 10 |
| SCI | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Any Weapon | 11 |
| SCI | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Any Weapon | 12 |
| SCI | Bull Elk | Mt Dutton | Muzzleloader | 13 |
| SCI | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 14 |
| SCI | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Any Weapon | 15 |
| SCI | Cougar | Central Mtns, Manti | Limited Entry/Split | 16 |
| SCI | Cougar | Plateau, Boulder | Split | 17 |
| SCI | Pronghorn | Fillmore, Black Rock | Any Weapon | 18 |
| SCI | Pronghorn | Pine Valley | Any Weapon | 19 |
| SCI | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 20 |
| SCI | Pronghorn | West Desert, Riverbed | Any Weapon | 21 |
| SCI | Turkey | Central Region | | 22 |
| SCI | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 23 |
| SCI | Turkey | Southern Region | | 24 |

Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|----------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| SFW | Antlerless Elk | La Sal | | 1 |
| SFW | Antlerless Elk | La Sal | | 2 |
| SFW | Antlerless Elk | La Sal | | 3 |
| SFW | Antlerless Elk | La Sal | | 4 |
| SFW | Antlerless Elk | Plateau | | 5 |
| SFW | Antlerless Elk | Plateau | | 6 |
| SFW | Bear | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Multi-season | 7 |
| SFW | Bear | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Multi-season | 8 |
| SFW | Bear | Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless | Multi-season | 9 |
| SFW | Bear | Central Mtns, Manti-North | Multi-season | 10 |
| SFW | Bear | Central Mtns, Manti-North | Multi-season | 11 |
| SFW | Bear | Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North | Multi-season | 12 |
| SFW | Bear | Chalk Creek/Kamas/North Slope, Summit | Multi-season | 13 |
| SFW | Bear | La Sal | Multi-season | 14 |
| SFW | Bear | La Sal | Multi-season | 15 |
| SFW | Bear | La Sal | Multi-season | 16 |
| SFW | Bear | Nine Mile | Summer-Fall | 17 |
| SFW | Bear | Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits | Multi-season | 18 |
| SFW | Bear | San Juan | Multi-season | 19 |
| SFW | Bear | San Juan | Multi-season | 20 |
| SFW | Bear | San Juan | Multi-season | 21 |
| SFW | Bear | San Juan | Multi-season | 22 |

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|-----|-----------|--|------------------|----|
| SFW | Bear | South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal | Multi-season | 23 |
| SFW | Bear | South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal | Multi-season | 24 |
| SFW | Bear | Wasatch Mtns, West | Multi-season | 25 |
| SFW | Bison | Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench, Hunter's Choice | | 26 |
| SFW | Bison | Henry Mtns, Cow Only (early) | | 27 |
| SFW | Bison | Henry Mtns, Hunter's Choice (early) | | 28 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs | Muzzleloader | 29 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | Cache, Crawford Mtn | Muzzleloader | 30 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | Henry Mtns | Choice of season | 31 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | North Slope, Summit | Any Weapon | 32 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | North Slope, Summit | Any Weapon | 33 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | North Slope, Summit | Any Weapon | 34 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | North Slope, Summit | Any Weapon | 35 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | North Slope, Summit | Any Weapon | 36 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | North Slope, Summit | Any Weapon | 37 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Muzzleloader | 38 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Any Weapon | 39 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Any Weapon | 40 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Archery | 41 |
| SFW | Buck Deer | West Desert, Vernon | Muzzleloader | 42 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Any Weapon | 43 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Any Weapon | 44 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, Meadowville | Any Weapon | 45 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, Meadowville | Any Weapon | 46 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, Meadowville | Archery | 47 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, North | Any Weapon | 48 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, North | Any Weapon | 49 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Any Weapon | 50 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Cache, South | Archery | 51 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Any Weapon | 52 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Multi-season | 53 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Nebo | Any Weapon | 54 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Nebo | Multi-season | 55 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | La Sal, La Sal Mtns | Archery | 56 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | La Sal, La Sal Mtns | Multi-season | 57 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | La Sal, La Sal Mtns | Muzzleloader | 58 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Mt Dutton | Any Weapon | 59 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Nine Mile, Anthro | Multi-season | 60 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | North Slope, Three Corners | Any Weapon | 61 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Panguitch Lake | Multi-season | 62 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Panguitch Lake | Muzzleloader | 63 |

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|-----|---------------|---|---------------------|-----|
| SFW | Bull Elk | Paunsaugunt | Any Weapon | 64 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Paunsaugunt | Archery | 65 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Paunsaugunt | Multi-season | 66 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits | Any Weapon | 67 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits | Archery | 68 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Any Weapon | 69 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Any Weapon | 70 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Multi-season | 71 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes | Multi-season | 72 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Multi-season | 73 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 74 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Multi-season | 75 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Statewide | | 76 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Any Weapon | 77 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Archery | 78 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Multi-season | 79 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | Wasatch Mtns | Muzzleloader | 80 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | West Desert, Deep Creek | Any Weapon | 81 |
| SFW | Bull Elk | West Desert, Deep Creek | Multi-season | 82 |
| SFW | Bull Moose | Statewide | | 83 |
| SFW | Bull Moose | Wasatch Mountains | | 84 |
| SFW | Bull Moose | Wasatch Mountains | | 85 |
| SFW | Cougar | Box Elder, Desert and Box Elder, Raft River | Split | 86 |
| SFW | Cougar | Central Mtns, Nebo and Central Mtns, Nebo-West Face | Split | 87 |
| SFW | Cougar | Mt Dutton | Split | 88 |
| SFW | Cougar | Oquirrh-Stansbury and West Desert, Tintic-Vernon | Limited Entry/Split | 89 |
| SFW | Cougar | Plateau, Fishlake | Split | 90 |
| SFW | DBHS | Kaiparowits (Comb) | | 91 |
| SFW | DBHS | San Rafael North/South | | 92 |
| SFW | DBHS | Zion (late) | | 93 |
| SFW | Mountain Goat | North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas West | | 94 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Beaver | Any Weapon | 95 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Book Cliffs, South | Any Weapon | 96 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Box Elder, Puddle Valley | Any Weapon | 97 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden | Any Weapon | 98 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden | Any Weapon | 99 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Cache/Morgan-South Rich/Ogden | Any Weapon | 100 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt, John's Valley | Any Weapon | 101 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Nine Mile, Anthro | Any Weapon | 102 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Nine Mile, Anthro | Any Weapon | 103 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett | Any Weapon | 104 |

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| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 105 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 106 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 107 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 108 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 109 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 110 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Plateau | Any Weapon | 111 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | San Rafael, North | Any Weapon | 112 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | San Rafael, North | Any Weapon | 113 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn | Any Weapon | 114 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | South Slope, Vernal | Any Weapon | 115 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 116 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 117 |
| SFW | Pronghorn | Southwest Desert | Any Weapon | 118 |
| SFW | RMBHS | Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtns (early) | | 119 |
| SFW | RMBHS | Nine Mile, Range Creek (late) | | 120 |
| SFW | Turkey | Central Region | | 121 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 122 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 123 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 124 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 125 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northeastern Region | | 126 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 127 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 128 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 129 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 130 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 131 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 132 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 133 |
| SFW | Turkey | Northern Region | | 134 |
| SFW | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 135 |
| SFW | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 136 |
| SFW | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 137 |
| SFW | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 138 |
| SFW | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 139 |
| SFW | Turkey | Southeastern Region | | 140 |

Utah Bowmen for Habitat

| Group | Species | Area | Condition | Permit Count |
|-------|---------|--|--------------|--------------|
| UBH | Bear | Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits | Multi-season | 1 |
| UBH | Bear | Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek | Multi-season | 2 |

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|-----|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|----|
| UBH | Buck Deer | Book Cliffs | Archery | 3 |
| UBH | Buck Deer | Paunsaugunt | Archery | 4 |
| UBH | Buck Deer | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Archery | 5 |
| UBH | Bull Elk | Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South | Archery | 6 |
| UBH | Bull Elk | Central Mtns, Manti | Archery | 7 |
| UBH | Bull Elk | Panguitch Lake | Archery | 8 |
| UBH | Bull Elk | South Slope, Diamond Mtn | Archery | 9 |
| UBH | Bull Elk | Southwest Desert | Archery | 10 |



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September 21, 2015

TO: Utah Wildlife Board / Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Staci Coons
Wildlife Board Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2016 RAC/Board Meeting Dates and Timeline

The Division requests your approval on the proposed 2016 RAC/Wildlife Board meeting dates.

A few things that are new this year:

- The RAC order will be Central, and Northern region the first week, followed by Southern, Southeastern and Northeastern the second week. Central region and Northern region have swapped nights with Central holding their meetings on Tuesdays and Northern on Wednesdays.
- The January board meetings will be held on a Tuesday to accommodate Winter WAFWA



Draft 2016 RAC & BOARD MEETING TIME LINE (Revised 09/03/2015)

| RAC Meeting Month | Agenda Item | Rule 5 Year Lapse Date | Mngrs Mtg (TBA by program mgr.) | Regional Recs Due to Program Coordinator (Mondays) - 2 wks to Brown Bag - | Review Program Recs with Director- no later than | Brown Bag (Tuesdays) | Final Draft Due to Rules Coord. for mailing | Powerpoints Due to Rules Coordinator | RAC Meetings | Board Meeting Year 2015 (Thursdays) | Final Review of Proc. with PRC (Mondays) | Content Online | Guidebook to Printer (Thursdays) | Guidebook Distribution | Application Period | Comments |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| December | Falconry Recommendations - 2016 | | | 10/27 | 11/7 | 11/13 (Thursday) | 11/13 | 11/27 | 12/2-11 | 01/05/2016 (Tuesday) | WAFWA Jan. 7-10, 2016 | | | | | RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER |
| December | Waterfowl Recommendations | | | 10/27 | 11/7 | 11/13 (Thursday) | 11/13 | 11/27 | 12/2-11 | 01/05/2016 (Tuesday) | | | | | | |
| December | Bear Recommendations & Guidebook 2016 | | | 10/27 | 11/7 | 11/13 (Thursday) | 11/13 | 11/27 | 12/2-11 | 01/05/2016 (Tuesday) | | | | | Feb. | 3-yr guidebook started 2012 |
| January | No meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| February | No meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | No meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April | Big Game Permit Numbers for 2016 season | | | 02/29 | 03/14 | 03/15 | 03/17 | 03/31 | 04/05-14 | 04/28 | | | | | | RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER |
| April | Wasatch Mountain Elk Plan | | | 02/29 | 03/14 | 03/15 | 03/17 | 03/31 | 04/05-14 | 04/28 | | | | | | |
| May | Fishing Informational - Online Survey | | | 03/28 | 04/11 | 04/12 | 04/14 | 04/28 | 05/3-12 | 06/02 | | | | | | |
| May | Upland Game and Turkey hunt tables and permit numbers | | | 03/28 | 04/11 | 04/12 | 04/14 | 04/28 | 05/3-12 | 06/02 | | | | | July | 3-yr guidebook started 2014 |
| May | Conservation Permit List - 1yr and 3yr permits (Board Only) (3yr in 2018) | | | 03/28 | 04/11 | 04/12 | 04/14 | 04/28 | 05/3-12 | 06/02 | | | | | | |
| June | No meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers | | | 06/27 | 07/11 | 07/12 | 07/14 | 7/22 | 07/26-08/4 | 09/01 | Tri-state Aug. 17-19, 2016 | | | | | RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER |
| July | Bobcat Permit Numbers | | | 06/27 | 07/11 | 07/12 | 07/14 | 7/22 | 07/26-08/4 | 09/01 | WAFWA July 16-22 | | | | Oct. | 3-yr guidebook started 2013 |
| July | Proposed Fee Schedule | | | 06/27 | 07/11 | 07/12 | 07/14 | 7/22 | 07/26-08/4 | 09/01 | | | | | | |
| July | Expo Permits Audit (Board Only) | | | 06/27 | 07/11 | 07/12 | 07/14 | 7/22 | 07/26-08/4 | 09/01 | | | | | | |
| July | Expo Permits Allocation (Board Only) | | | 06/27 | 07/11 | 07/12 | 07/14 | 7/22 | 07/26-08/4 | 09/01 | | | | | | |
| August | No meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | Fishing Recommendations & Guidebook - 2017 | | | 08/09 | 08/22 | 08/23 | 08/25 | 09/02 | 09/06-15 | 09/29 | | | | | | RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER |
| September | Conservation Permit Audit - 1yr permits (Board Only) | | | 08/09 | 08/22 | 08/23 | 08/25 | 09/02 | 09/06-15 | 09/29 | | | | | | |
| September | Conservation Permit Allocation - 1yr Permits (Board Only) | | | 08/09 | 08/22 | 08/23 | 08/25 | 09/02 | 09/06-15 | 09/29 | | | | | | |
| September | Conservation Permit Allocation - 3yr Permits (Board Only) (happens in 2018) | | | 08/09 | 08/22 | 08/23 | 08/25 | 09/02 | 09/06-15 | 09/29 | | | | | | |
| September | Conservation Permit Annual Report (Board Only) | | | 08/09 | 08/22 | 08/23 | 08/25 | 09/02 | 09/06-15 | 09/29 | | | | | | |
| September | Board Approves 2017 Meeting Dates (Board Only) | | | 08/09 | 08/22 | 08/23 | 08/25 | 09/02 | 09/06-15 | 09/29 | | | | | | |
| October | No meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November | Big Game 2017 Hunt Tables and Dates | | | 10/3 | 10/17 | 10/18 | 10/20 | 11/4 | 11/8-17 | 12/1 | | | | | | RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER |
| November | CWMU Management Plans | | | 10/3 | 10/17 | 10/18 | 10/20 | 11/4 | 11/8-17 | 12/1 | | | | | | |
| November | CWMU Rule Amendments | | | 10/3 | 10/17 | 10/18 | 10/20 | 11/4 | 11/8-17 | 12/1 | | | | | | |
| November | CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations | | | 10/3 | 10/17 | 10/18 | 10/20 | 11/4 | 11/8-17 | 12/1 | | | | | | |
| November | Waterfowl Recommendations | | | 10/3 | 10/17 | 10/18 | 10/20 | 11/4 | 11/8-17 | 12/1 | | | | | | |
| December | Falconry Recommendations | | | 10/24 | 11/7 | 11/8 | 11/10 | 12/2 | 12/6-15 | 01/05/2017 | WAFWA ? | | | | | RAC order is CR, NR then SR, SER, NER |
| December | Bear hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook | | | 10/24 | 11/7 | 11/8 | 11/10 | 12/2 | 12/6-15 | 01/05/2017 | | | | | Feb. | 3-yr guidebook started 2012 |

2016 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

All information is subject to change and all agendas are tentative. Please check the DWR website often at www.wildlife.utah.gov for complete agendas and meeting locations posted prior to meetings. **Unless otherwise noted, all Wildlife Board meetings are on Thursdays in the DNR Salt Lake office auditorium, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City.** Board meetings begin at 9 a.m, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary. RACs meet at the locations and times listed below unless otherwise noted. Scheduling changes will be posted on the DWR website. Please check it often.

SR RAC – 7 PM
Beaver High School
195 E. Center St., Beaver

NER RAC – 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

SER RAC – 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River

NR RAC – 6 PM
Brigham City Community Center
24 N. 300 W., Brigham City

CR RAC – 6:30 PM
Springville Civic Center
110 S. Main Street, Springville

Schedule & Tentative Agendas

January – Board Meeting, January 5, 2016 (Tuesday):

- Bear Proclamation & Rule (contingent)

No RAC meetings scheduled.

February – No Board or RAC meetings scheduled.

March – No Board or RAC meetings scheduled.

April – RAC meetings:

- Big Game Permit numbers.
- Antlerless Permit numbers
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- Wasatch Mountain Elk Plan

5 - CR
6 - NR
12 – SR – 5:00 pm
13 - SER
14 - NER

Board meeting April 28

- Big Game Permit numbers.
- Antlerless Permit numbers
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- Wasatch Mountain Elk Plan

May –

RAC meetings:

- 2015 Fishing – online survey
- Upland Game & Wild Turkey hunt tables and permit numbers

3 – CR

4 – NR

10 – SR

11 – SER

12 – NER

June –

Board meeting June 2

- 2015 Fishing – online survey
- Upland Game & Wild Turkey hunt tables and permit numbers
- Conservation Permit List – 1 yr and 3 yr permits (3yr in 2018)

No RAC meetings scheduled.

July –

No Board meeting scheduled.

RAC meetings:

- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- Bobcat permit numbers
- Fee Proposals

July 26 – CR

July 27 – NR

Aug 2 – SR

Aug 3 – SER

Aug 4 – NER

August

Board meeting September 1

- New RAC and Board Member Orientation
- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- Bobcat permit numbers
- Fee Proposals
- Convention Permit Audit
- Convention Permit Allocation

No RAC meetings scheduled.

September

No Board meeting scheduled.

RAC meetings:

- Fishing Recommendations and Guidebook –2017

6 – CR

7 – NR

13 – SR

14 – SER

15 – NER

October -

Board meeting September 29

- Fishing Recommendations and Guidebook –2016
- 2017 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 1 yr
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2018)

November –

No Board meetings scheduled.

RAC meetings:

- Big Game 2017 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Recommendations
- 2017 Waterfowl Recommendations

8 – CR

9 – NR

15 – SR – MEETING STARTS AT 5:00 PM

16 – SER

17 – NER

December –

Board meeting December 1:

- Big Game 2017 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Recommendations
- 2017 Waterfowl Recommendations
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit

RAC meetings:

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers

6 – CR

7 – NR

13 – SRO – MEETING STARTS AT 5:00 PM

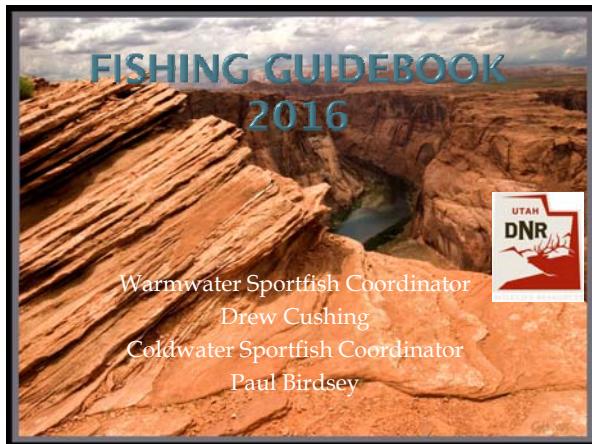
14 – SERO

15 –NERO

January -

Board Meeting January 5, 2017:

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers



2016 REGULATION SURVEY

- The UDWR once again conducted an online survey to gather angler input on proposed regulation changes.
- The survey ran from May 18 – June 25, 2015
- Over 1800 people responded to the survey. This was the highest response rate we have had thus far.
- The survey provided us input on the regulation changes for 2016 and also insight into several other management questions.

2016 REGULATION SURVEY

- Tiger Musky Management
 - 41% of the anglers surveyed target tiger musky
 - Most of the anglers surveyed (47%) would not harvest a tiger musky regardless of length (catch and release only)
 - When asked what size a “trophy” tiger musky is? the responses were as follows:
 - 35% believe that a 40 inch tiger musky is a trophy
 - 30% believe that a 45 inch tiger musky is a trophy
 - 31% believe that a 50 inch tiger musky is a trophy

2016 REGULATION SURVEY

In an effort to standardize Utah’s kokanee salmon reservoir regulations, DWR asked if the anglers would support a closure to possession of kokanee salmon from September 10 through November 30.

87% of the respondents supported this recommendation.

2016 REGULATION SURVEY

Corn is always a topic of discussion for allowance as bait in Utah. DWR was curious....how popular corn would be as bait if it were legal?

38% of the respondents would use corn as bait if allowed.

2016 REGULATION SURVEY

Anglers have requested that the DWR develop a sportfish “Slam” such as the waterfowl “Slam” or Upland “Slam”.

The DWR was curious....which groups of fish would be most popular as “Slams”

1. Native Cutthroat Slam
2. Bass Slam
3. Pike Slam

Statewide Rule Changes

- Standardize reservoir kokanee closures as follows:
 - Closed to the possession of kokanee salmon from September 10 through November 30
 - This would include the Electric Lake tribs because they have a closure to possession of kokanee during the spawning season



CENTRAL REGION

- 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



Central Region

- Strawberry Reservoir Tributaries, Wasatch County
 - Clarify the "Ladders" as follows:
 - ...and the Central Utah Project Canal (commonly known as the "steps" or "ladders") from the fenced-in upper concrete structure upstream to the tunnel at US 40
 - CLOSED TO FISHING

NORTH EAST REGION

- Remove the "Catch and Kill Regulations" at Red Fleet Reservoir, Uintah County
- Reinstate all general statewide regulations for all species at Red Fleet Reservoir



SOUTHERN REGION

Fish Lake, Sevier County

- Limit 4 trout or kokanee, regardless of species, only one may be over 24"



SOUTHERN REGION

Manning Meadow Reservoir, tributaries and spillway, Piute County

- Two trout limit, regardless of species, artificial flies and lures only, closed January 1 through the second Saturday in July





Thank You!!!!

Share your ideas with the DWR by June 15 annually

Share ideas at RAC meetings

E-mail ideas to: dwrcomment@utah.gov

Mail ideas to:

Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator
Division of Wildlife Resources
PO Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Web based survey to seek public input on line <http://wildlife.utah.gov/dwr/>



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

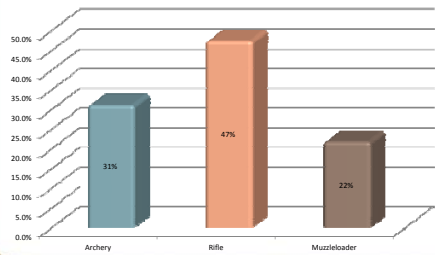


Hunter Survey


- 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% |

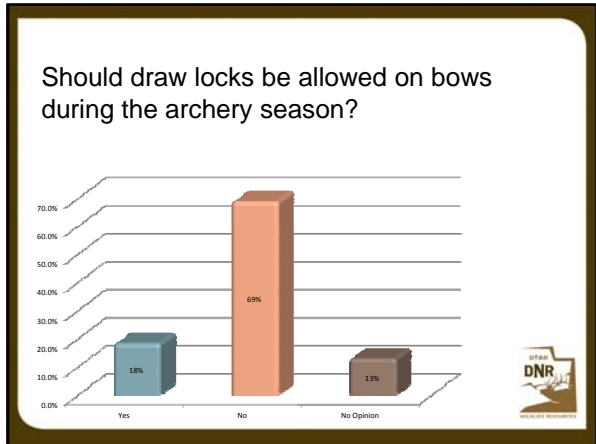


Archery

Allow use of draw-lock:

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



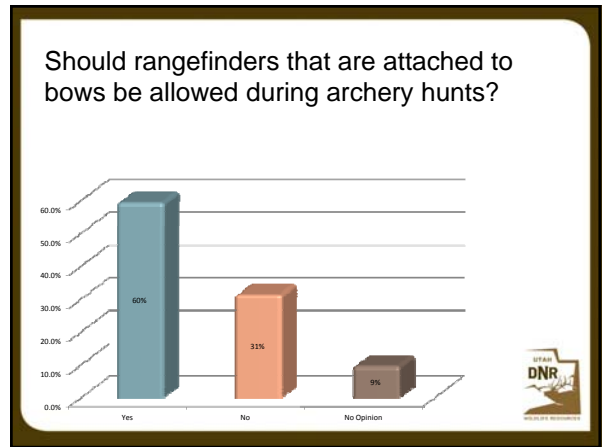
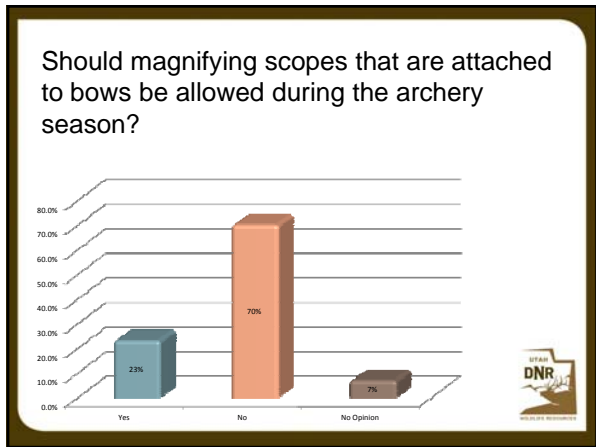
Archery

Allow magnifying scopes on bows:

No – 7

Silent – 8

Utah – No

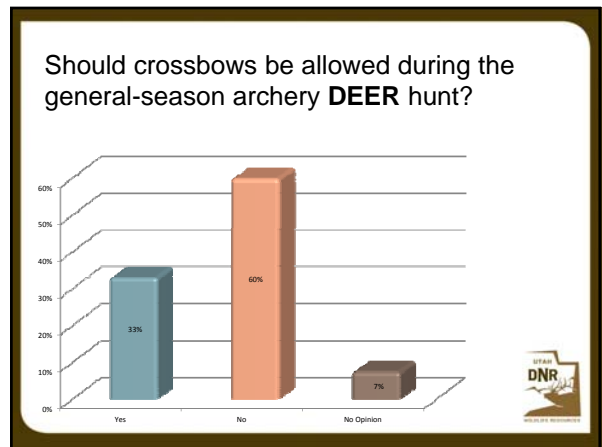


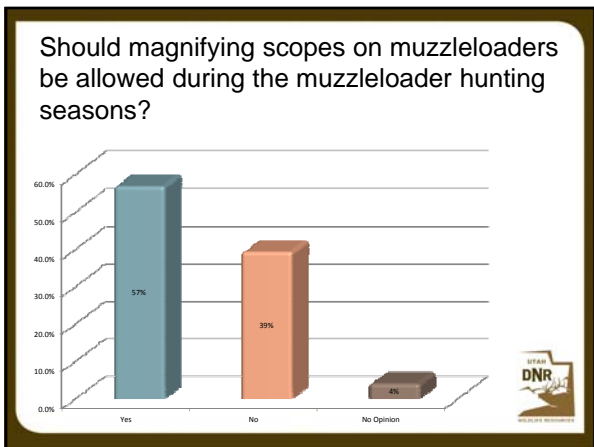
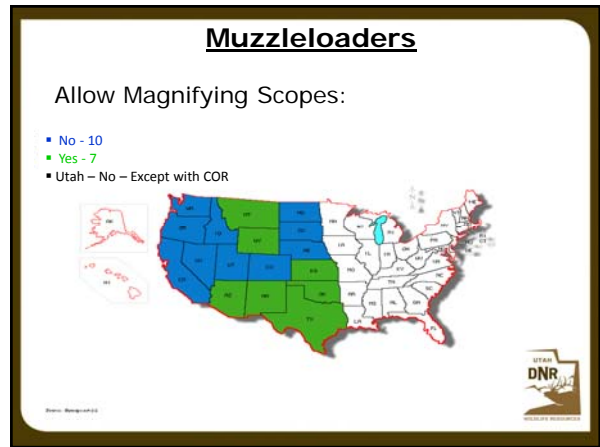
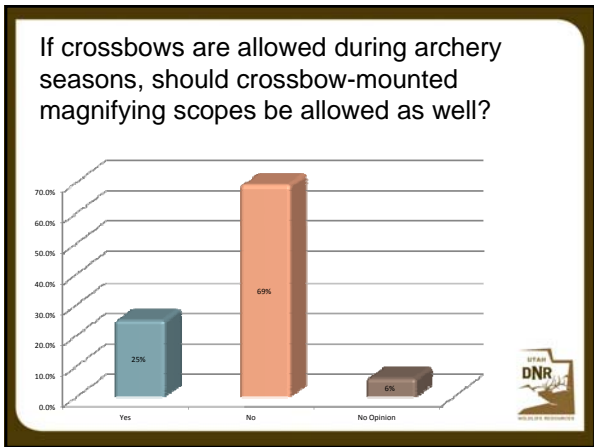
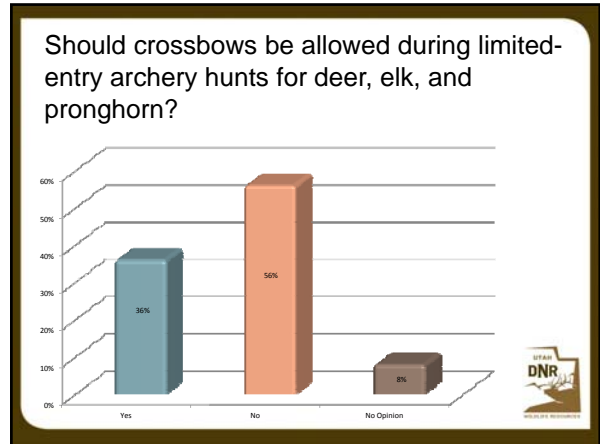
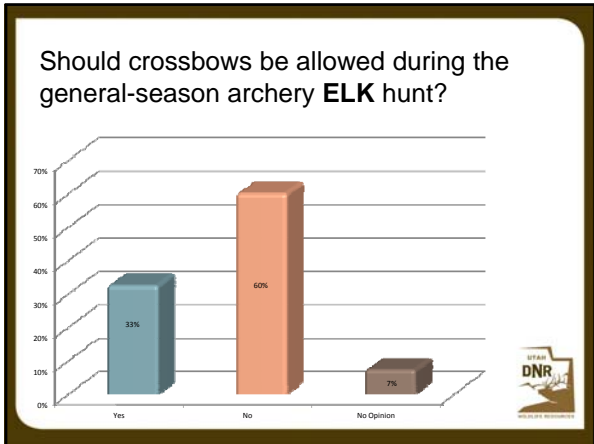
Crossbows

Crossbow use during general archery season:

- No - 12
- Yes - 5

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

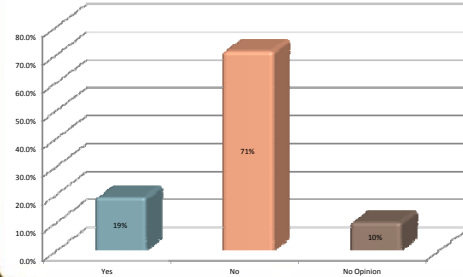
Rifles

Maximum caliber:

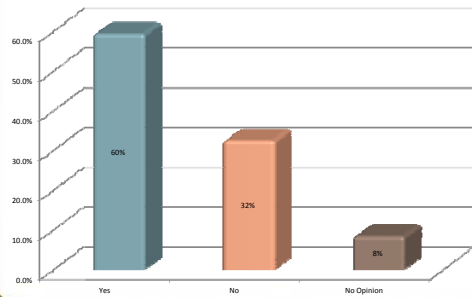
- ND has max. caliber of .49 cal.
- ID limits overall weight to 16 lbs.



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?



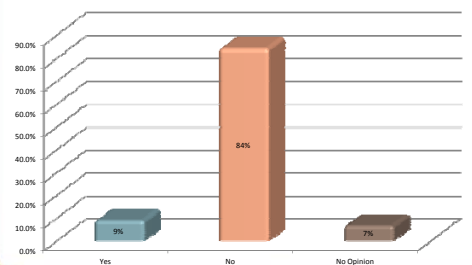
New technology

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



