Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
March 7, 2018, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
The Board Meeting will stream live at https://youtu.be/v9LSISJBrdM

AGENDA

Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman

2. Approval of Minutes ACTION
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman

3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
   – Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair

4. DWR Update INFORMATION
   – Mike Fowlks, DWR Director

5. 2017 Book Cliffs – Wild Horse Bench Nine Mile Bison Hunt ACTION
   - Dax Mangus, Regional Wildlife Program Manager

6. Other Business CONTINGENT
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at www.wildlife.utah.gov

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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:

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – Antlerless Public Hunt Ending Dates**

**MOTION:** I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division look at ending all Antlerless public hunts by December 31.

Motion made by: Byron Bateman  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Update September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Spring 2018 - Target Date – Big Game Baiting Issues**

**MOTION:** I move that we add to the action log item a report in spring 2018 from DWR’s big game coordinator on the review of big game baiting issues.

Motion made by: Kirk Woodward  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Scheduled for the April/May 2018 RAC and Board Tour  
Placed on Action Log: August 31, 2017

**Spring 2018 - Target Date – Conservation Permit Program Audit**

**MOTION:** I move that we add to the action log item a review of the conservation permit audit process that could include a rule change.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst  
Assigned to: Greg Hansen/Kenny Johnson  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Scheduled for the May/June 2018 RAC and Board Tour  
Placed on Action Log: September 28, 2017

**Spring 2018 - Target Date – Certificate of Registration – Power Scopes on Crossbows**

**MOTION:** I move that we add to the action log that the Division review eliminating a second COR request for powered scopes on crossbows when obtaining an initial COR for use of a crossbow during the archery hunt. The Division will report its findings at the April 2018 Wildlife Board meeting.

Motion made by: Byron Bateman  
Assigned to: Phil Gray  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Scheduled for the April 2018 Board Meeting  
Placed on Action Log: January 11, 2018
Fall 2018 - Target Date – Archery Season Dates for Elk

MOTION: I move that we put on the action log a review of the season date change for archery elk hunting and add a survey concerning this issue prior to the next revision of the statewide deer management plan in 2022. The Division will report back next year to look at how season date changes would look with the requested change.

Motion made by: Calvin Crandall
Assigned to: Covy Jones
Action: Under Study
Status: Scheduled for the November 2018 RAC and Board Tour
Placed on Action Log: September 28, 2017
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AGENDA

Thursday, January 11, 2018, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman
   ACTION

2. Approval of Minutes
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman
   ACTION

3. Old Business/Action Log
   – Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair
   CONTINGENT

4. DWR Update
   – Mike Fowlks, DWR Director
   INFORMATION

5. Deer Creek Reservoir
   – Nathan Owens, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator
   INFORMATION

6. Flaming Gorge Management Plan
   – Ryan Mosley, Regional Aquatics Biologist
   INFORMATION

7. 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments
   - Darren Debloois, Mammals Coordinator
   ACTION

8. CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments
   - Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief
   ACTION

9. Other Business
   - Kirk Woodward, Chairman
   CONTINGENT

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Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (Action)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log

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

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4) 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (Action)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented by the Division including the proposal by the Utah Houndsman Association on the La Sal and San Juan units for fall season dates of August 6 – November 16 with hound hunting restrictions from August 18-24, September 8-25, and October, any weapon, general season elk and deer hunt dates.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we include the Book Cliffs in the original motion.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 5 to 1. Byron Bateman opposed.
MOTION: I move that we negate the previous two motions, but accept the Division’s recommendations and amendments as presented.

5) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments as presented by the Division.
## Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
### January 11, 2018, DNR Auditorium
### 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
### Attendance

### Wildlife Board
- Kirk Woodward – Chair
- Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair
- Mike Fowlks – Exec Sec
- Kevin Albrecht
- Calvin Crandall
- Donnie Hunter
- Karl Hirst
- Steve Dalton

### Division Personnel
- Mike Canning
- Rory Reynolds
- Bill Bates
- Kevin Bunnell
- Boyde Blackwell
- Justin Dolling
- Chris Wood
- Kenny Johnson
- Rick Olson
- Drew Cushing
- Justin Shannon
- Tom Thompson
- Mike Christensen
- Paul Gedge
- Staci Coons
- Thu Vo-Wood

### RAC Chairs
- Central – Jason Vernon
- Southern – Dave Black
- Southeastern – L. Kent Johnson
- Northwestern – Dan Abeyta
- Northern – Bryce Thurgood
- Central – Drew Cushing
- Southern – Nathan Owens
- Southeastern – Justin Shannon
- Northwestern – Ryan Mosley
- Northern – Steve Newren

### Public Present
- Bryce Pilling
- Allison Jones – Wild Utah Project
- Ken Strong
- Troy Justensen – SFW
- Ben Lowder – UBA
- Sadie Young – Wasatch CAPs
- Bill Christensen – RMEF
- Will Talbot – Piute County Commissioner
- Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau
- Bret Selman – UT Woolgrowers Association
- Scott Chew – UT House of Representatives
- Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy

- Jason Binder
- Bob Brister
- Lynn Anderson
- Jan Ellen Burton
- Guy Webster – UHA
- Chet Young
- Guy Webster – UHA
- Bryce Thurgood
- Aaron Johnson – UHA
- Dan Cockayne – UHA

- Chris Lamoureaux
- Mindy Talbot
- Kevin Newman
- Sierra Nelson
- Christine Helfrich
- Bryce Thurgood
- Aaron Johnson – UHA
- Dan Cockayne – UHA
Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.

1) Approval of Agenda (Action)
   The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.
   
   MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of Minutes (Action)
   The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
   
   MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)
   Dave Black briefly explained an action log item brought up in the southern region about scopes on crossbows.
   
   The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
   
   MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division review eliminating a second COR request for powered scopes on crossbows when obtaining an initial COR for use of a crossbow during the archery hunt. The Division will report its findings at the April 2018 Wildlife Board meeting.

4) DWR Update (Informational)
   Winter is a busy season for DWR with ongoing transplants and captures, continuing work on the migration initiative, and preparing for the upcoming Legislative session. The weather is affecting planned projects and events. Farmington Bay construction continues with a projected finish date around June or July 2018. Byron Bateman summarized his attendance at the mid-winter WAFWA conference. Donnie Hunter expressed appreciation to Zion National Park for access to complete transplants.

5) Deer Creek Reservoir (Informational)
   Nathan Owens provided information on aquatic invasive species at Deer Creek Reservoir. The reservoir has been reclassified to “undetected”.
   
   The board asked for clarification on procedures moving forward on contaminated water bodies to clear water bodies, triggers that affect growth and contamination, and future monitoring.
6) **Flaming Gorge Management Plan** (Informational)

Ryan Mosley provided information on the sportfish management plan for Flaming Gorge.

The Board and RAC asked about wind driven mixing, burbot reduction, fish stocking between agencies, and catfish stocking.

7) **2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments** (Action)

Darren DeBloois presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

Sgt. Dennis Shumway provided background on the conflict faced in the field between archery hunters and bear hunters. The Board asked if permit reduction would alleviate the conflict.

The board asked for clarification on the minimum bear chart, restricted pursuit permit. RAC chair asked about nuisance bear according to the sport harvest/depredation mortality chart.

Public questions were accepted at this time.

Public comments were accepted at this time.

All RACs passed the recommendations and rule amendments with several conditions.

Chairman Woodward summarized and clarified the motions from each RAC. The Board further discussed the motions, namely the Houndsman’s proposal on the Book Cliffs, San Juan, and the La Sal units. The Board also discussed hunter conflict and nuisance bear.

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03:35:06 8) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments (Action)
Justin Shannon presented the appointments.

03:38:00 Board Questions
The board asked about revoting for members already on the committee.

03:38:58 Board Discussion
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments as presented by the Division.

03:40:06 9) Other Business (Contingent)
None.

03:40:56 Meeting adjourned.
MEMORANDUM

Date: February 26, 2018
To: Wildlife Board
From: Dax Magnus, Regional Wildlife Program Manager
SUBJECT: 2017 Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench/Nine Mile Bison Hunt

In the fall of 2017, approximately 275 bison were occupying the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon area. This caused substantial concern from local agricultural interests and generated numerous complaints. In an effort to address these complaints, DWR called individual bison hunters, in the order in which they drew their permit, and facilitated some directed bison hunting in this area. Although some bison were harvested, these efforts were unsuccessful in pushing the bison herd back across the river. The decision was made to haze bison off of Range Creek/Desolation Canyon, and DWR authorized the Ute Tribe to use helicopters to push bison back to tribal trust lands east of the Green River.

The herding effort was successful, and the majority of bison did not return to the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon area, but this action negatively affected a number of hunters using their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Many hunters conveyed frustration over the use of helicopters to herd bison off the hunt unit.

Due to this unfortunate circumstance, DWR recommends to the Wildlife Board that they grant a season extension for qualifying individuals. This would allow them to hunt bison next year under their 2017 permit. We are proposing that the hunting season from be extended to August 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 for those individuals that:

(1) Had a valid 2017 Book Cliffs, Wild Horse Bench/Nine Mile Bison permit;
(2) Failed to harvest a bison; and
(3) Completed a timely harvest survey for their 2017 bison hunt.

Please take note that this circumstance has been corrected moving forward, and the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon portion of the unit has been removed from the Book Cliffs, Wildlife Horse Bench/Nine Mile bison hunt boundary for 2018. If there are bison in the Range Creek/Desolation Canyon area in the future, we may call hunters from the alternate draw list to harvest animals and provide hunting opportunities.