

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

October 1, 2020  
Electronic Meeting

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**Thursday, October 1, 2020, 9:00 am**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– Byron Bateman, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– Byron Bateman, Chairman   | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– Kevin Albrecht, Vice-Chair  | <b>CONTINGENT</b>    |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director  | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 5. 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments<br>- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 6. Angler Opportunity Assessment Update<br>- Craig Walker, Aquatic Section Assistant Chief                          | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 7. Middle Provo River Update<br>- Jackie Watson, Blue Ribbon Fisheries Biologist                                    | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 8. R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military<br>- Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator                    | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 9. Conservation Permit Audit<br>- Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief                              | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 10. Conservation Permit Annual Report<br>- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief                                   | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 11. Cougar Conservation and Expo Permit Request<br>- Darren DeBloois, Game Mammals Program Coordinator              | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 12. Repeal Rule R657-38 Wildlife Sensitive Species<br>- Mike Canning, Assistant Director                            | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 13. 2021 RAC/Board Dates<br>- Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator   | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 14. Other Business<br>– Byron Bateman, Chairman   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>    |

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the ability of the virus to spread from person to person, the Governor has implemented a number of Executive Orders directed at controlling spread of the virus by minimizing face-to-face interactions. Public gatherings are strongly discouraged by the CDC, State of Utah, and local health departments since they facilitate face-to-face contact and pose an elevated risk for virus transmission. The Division of Wildlife Resources and the chair of this public body have determined that public gathering at Regional Advisory Council and Wildlife Board meetings presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who attend—and will conduct this meeting using a fully electronic format. This meeting format is authorized by recent amendment to the Utah Code<sup>1</sup> and Executive Order by Utah Governor Gary Herbert<sup>2</sup>—and will be temporarily used in place of the in-person public meetings that usually occur around the state. Anyone wishing to comment on agenda topics in future meetings or to observe this meeting may do so by logging on to the Division's webpage at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html> where instructions and links are provided.

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<sup>1</sup> Utah Code Section 52-4-207(4).

<sup>2</sup> Executive Order Suspending the Enforcement of Provisions of Utah Code §§ 52-4-202 and 52-4-207, and Related State Agency Orders, Rules, and Regulations, Due to Infectious Disease COVID-19 Novel, March 18, 2020.

**Wildlife Board Motions**

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

Fall 2021 – Target Date – Updates in Hunting Technology

**MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look at any new hunting technology since the last update to the board and report on it. This is to be placed on the Action Log.**

Motion made by: Kevin Albrecht  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon/Covy Jones  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: August 27, 2020

# Utah Wildlife Board Electronic Meeting

August 27, 2020, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/dKeevoc88vM>

## AGENDA

Thursday, August 27, 2020, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 4. DWR Update<br>– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021<br>– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2020-2021<br>– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. Proposed Sensitive Species Recommendations<br>– Kimberly Hersey, DWR Mammal Conservation Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. Expo Permit Audit<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief                          | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Expo Contract<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief                              | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 10. Expo Permit Allocation<br>– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief                                  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 11. Expo Permit Rule Amendments<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administration Services Section Chief               | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 12. Other Business<br>– Byron Bateman, Chairman   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

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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 2020 – Target Date – Premium Fishing Areas

**MOTION: To have the division look into the possibility of designating premium fishing areas - that allow artificial flies and lures only- to have increased license requirements and fees and to bring the information back during the next recommendation cycle.**

Motion made by:  
Byron Batemen  
Assigned to:  
Randy Oplinger  
Action: Under  
Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: September 27, 2018

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**Utah Wildlife Board Meeting**  
August 27, 2020, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
**Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the August 27, 2020 meeting.**

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, June 25 and July 14, 2020 Wildlife Board Meetings.**

3) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 as presented by the Division.**

4) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2020-2021 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed 5:1. Bret Selman opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we extend the Limited Entry Season dates by 30 days on the Oquirrh-Stansbury, East and Wasatch Mountains, West-Strawberry units.**

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Wade Heaton.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Cougar Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that the Southwest Manti unit remain a split season and keep the permit numbers at 18.**

The motion was then amended by Bret Selman, seconded by Randy Dearth.

**MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include clarifying the definition of a kitten.**

The amended motion then passed unanimously, as well as the original motion.

5) Proposed Sensitive Species Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we table the recommendations until the October 1, 2020 Wildlife Board Meeting, and schedule an educational work session in the meantime. The Work Session was scheduled for September 16, 2020.**

6) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented.**

7) Expo Contract (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Contract extension as presented.**

8) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit list with the addition that all permits are available to both Residents and Non-Residents for the length of the contract.**

9) Expo Permit Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Rule Amendments as presented.**

10) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look at any new hunting technology since the last update to the Board, and report on it. This is to be placed on the Action Log.**

**Utah Wildlife Board Meeting**  
August 27, 2020, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Attendance

**Wildlife Board**

Byron Bateman – Chairman	Karl Hirst
Kevin Albrecht – Vice-Chairman	Donnie Hunter
Mike Fowlks – Exec Secretary	Randy Dearth
	Wade Heaton
	Bret Selman

**RAC Chairs**

Central – Brock McMillan  
Southern – Brayden Richmond  
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin  
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel  
Northern – Justin Oliver

**Division Personnel**

Mike Canning	Rory Reynolds	Dax Mangus
Ashley Green	Kenny Johnson	Randy Wood
Robin Goodman	Darrin DeBoois	Riley Peck
Greg Hansen	Justin Shannon	Guy Wallace
Marty Bushman	Kimberly Hersey	Teresa Griffin
Chris Wood	Staci Coons	J Shirley
Ben Nadolski	Paige Wiren	
Kevin Bunnell	Paul Gedge	
Miles Hanberg	Mike Christensen	
Jason Vernon		

**Utah Wildlife Board Meeting**  
August 27, 2020, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
<https://youtu.be/dKeevoc88vM>

- 00:00:01** Chairman Bateman called the meeting to order, read a public service announcement, took a roll call and thanked the public for submitting comments.
- 00:03:34** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda for the August 27, 2020 meeting.**
- 00:04:29** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, June 25 and July 14, 2020 Wildlife Board Meetings.**
- 00:00:00** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**  
There were no items to discuss from the Action Log.
- 00:05:18** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**  
Mike Fowlks updated the Board on COVID-19 impact within the Division, introduced a new staff member, and gave Habitat, Conservation Outreach, Law Enforcement, Wildlife and Administrative Services Section updates.
- 5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 (Action)**  
Darren DeBloois gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.
- 00:14:14** **Public Comments**  
Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.
- 00:14:59** **Board/RAC Questions**  
There were no questions from the Board or RAC members.
- 00:15:31** **RAC Recommendations**  
All RACs unanimously passed the recommendations.
- 00:17:04** **Board Discussion**  
There was no discussion from the Board.



The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2020-2021 as presented.**

**6) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2020-2021 (Action)**

Darren DeBlois gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website. During the online meeting, Darren presented recommendation amendments.

**00:21:30 Board/RAC Questions**

The Board asked a question about maintaining resident opportunity given the scope of the HB-125 directive.

**00:23:40 Public Comments**

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

**00:24:47 Board/RAC Questions**

The board asked for clarification on the public comment summary, and asked about specific unit data.

**00:30:43 RAC Recommendations**

Each RAC passed the cougar recommendations and rule amendments with varying dissent and stipulations.

**00:39:57 Board Discussion**

Karl Hirst asked the Division if “spot and stalk” permits would affect bonus points.

The Board discussed cougar permit types and permit harvest limits, limited entry permit units and season dates, and the guidebook definition of a cougar kitten.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed 5:1. Bret Selman opposed.

**MOTION: I move that on The Oquirrh Stansbury East and the Wasatch Strawberry units the limited entry first season be extended by 30 days.**

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Wade Heaton.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.**

The motion was then amended by Bret Selman, seconded by Randy Dearth. Both the original and the amended motions passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include clarifying the definition of “kitten.”**

## 7) Proposed Sensitive Species Recommendations (Action)

Kimberly Hersey gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

### 01:03:12 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

### 01:03:56 Division Clarification

Kim Hersey explained that the Division would consider removing bison and big horn sheep from the sensitive species list.

### 01:05:37 Board Questions

The Board asked questions about the scope of protection of species on the proposed list, and how the listing would allow the Division to better monitor species.

### 01:09:37 Board Discussion

The Board expressed concerns about perceived potential negative impacts that Utah species listings could have on communities if a Utah listing prompted a subsequent federal listing. The Board also discussed the process of determining what species are added to the list prior to the list being presented to the Board.

### 01:14:06 Division Clarification

Kim Hersey identified different Wildlife Sensitive Species Advisory Committee agency and organization representatives, defended the value of Utah sensitive species listing and gave examples of state-listed versus federally-listed species.

### 01:19:29 Board Discussion

The Board suggested changes to the Utah listing process, to include moving the recommendations through the RACs for input.

The Board expressed that they needed to learn more about the new recommended species added to the list before they felt confident voting on the list, and scheduled a learning session with the Division.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we table the recommendations until the October 1<sup>st</sup> Wildlife Board Meeting and schedule an educational work session in the meantime. The Work Session was scheduled for September 16, 2020**

## 8) Expo Permit Audit (Action)

Kenny Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

### 01:42:56 Public Comments

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online

presentation.

**01:44:30 Board Questions**

There were no questions from the Board.

**01:44:50 Board Discussion**

Karl Hirst, Wade Heaton and Chairman Bateman commended the Division on the quality of audit.

Kenny Johnson thanked the Board for its support of the Expo.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented.**

**9) Expo Contract (Action)**

Kenny Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

**01:49:08 Public Comments**

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

**01:49:42 Board Questions**

The Board asked for clarification on the length of the proposed contract extension, and if any other organization has considered taking over the Expo.

**01:51:51 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Contract extension as presented.**

**10) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)**

Justin Shannon gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

**01:52:50 Public Comments**

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

**01:53:16 Board Questions**

There were no questions from the Board.

**01:53:19 Board Discussion**

Karl Hirst noted that two of the big horn sheep permits were allocated to Non-Residents. He voiced his opinion that those, and all permits, should be made

available to Residents, and none limited to Non-Residents.

Wade Heaton asked the Division for clarification on contractual obligation regarding Resident and Non-Resident permits.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit list with the addition that all permits are available to both Residents and Non-Residents for the length of the contract.**

**11) Expo Permit Rule Amendment (Action)**

Kenny Johnson gave a pre-recorded online presentation that was posted on the Division of Wildlife Resources website.

**01:59:24 Public Comments**

Director Fowlks summarized public comments received from the online presentation.

**01:59:41 Board Questions**

The Board asked for clarification on the rule amendment.

**02:01:09 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Rule Amendments as presented.**

**02:02:08 12) Other Business (Contingent)**

Darren DeBlois clarified information regarding the cougar recommendations.

The Board agreed to an educational work session date and time.

Kevin Albrecht requested a briefing from the Division to update the Board on new and emerging hunting technology.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look at any new hunting technology since the last update to the Board, and report on it. This is to be placed on the Action Log.**

The Board expressed gratitude and appreciation for the Division's media production team.

**02:12:36 Meeting adjourned.**

September RAC Meetings  
Electronic Format  
**Summary of Motions**

**1) 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments R657-58**

**CR**

MOTION: Accept the DWR's recommendations as presented.  
Passed: Unanimously

MOTION: Recommend that the Wildlife Board write a letter to send to Wyoming seeking a reciprocity agreement with Utah at Flaming Gorge.  
Passed: Unanimously

**NR, SR, SER**

MOTION: Accept 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Rule Contest Rule Amendments as presented  
Passed: Unanimously

**NER**

MOTION: To accept as presented  
Passed: Unanimously

MOTION: To recommend to the Wildlife Board supporting to work for a true reciprocity between states concerning Non-Resident reciprocal fees.  
Passed: Unanimously

**2) R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military**

**CR, SR, SER, NER**

MOTION: Accept the Division's recommendations as presented.  
Passed: Unanimously

**NR**

MOTION: Accept R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military as presented with the exception to remove the words "outside the Continental U.S. and its territories" from the definition  
Passed: Unanimously

# Central Region RAC Meeting

Video Conference

September 1, 2020

The meeting streamed live at <https://youtu.be/MZIZaPwqd38>

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 6:00 pm**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– Brock McMillan, RAC chair   | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– Brock McMillan, RAC chair  | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update<br>– Brock McMillan, RAC chair  | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 4. Regional Update<br>– Jason Vernon, Regional Supervisor  | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 5. 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule<br>Amendments – R657-58<br>- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>        |
| 6. Angler Opportunity Assessment Update<br>- Craig Walker, Aquatics Section Assistant Chief                                      | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 7. Middle Provo River Update<br>- Jackie Watson, Blue Ribbon Fisheries Biologist   | <b>INFORMATIONAL</b> |
| 8. R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military<br>- Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator                                 | <b>ACTION</b>        |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov)

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Central Region RAC Meeting  
Video Conference  
September 1, 2020  
**Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Christine Schmitz and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: To approve the agenda.**

2) Approval of Minutes

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Christine Schmitz and passed unanimously 7 in favor.

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Central Region RAC meeting.**

3) 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments  
- R657-58

The following motion was made by Danny Potts, seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously 9 in favor.

**MOTION: Accept the Division's recommendations as presented.**

The following motion was made by Ken Strong, seconded by Danny Potts and passed unanimously 9 in favor.

**MOTION: Recommend that the Wildlife Board write a letter to send to Wyoming seeking a reciprocity agreement with Utah at Flaming Gorge.**

4) R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously 9 in favor.

**MOTION: Accept the Division's recommendations as presented.**

**Central Region RAC Meeting**  
September 1, 2020  
Online Attendance

**RAC Members**

Brock McMillan – Chair  
Ken Strong  
A J Mower  
Joshua Lenart  
Michael Christensen  
Steve Lund  
Christine Schmitz

Ben Lowder – Co Chair – **excused**  
Eric Reid - **absent**  
Jacob Steele – **absent**  
Luke Decker  
Scott Jensen  
Danny Potts

**DWR Personnel**

Jason Vernon  
Craig Walker  
Jackie Watson  
Randy Oplinger  
Lindy Varney

Karl Hirst, Wildlife Board



**Public invited to join online:** <https://youtu.be/MZIZaPwqd38>  
**Central Region RAC Meeting**  
 September 1, 2020  
 Springville, Utah  
<https://youtu.be/MZIZaPwqd38>

00:00:00	RAC Chair Brock McMillan called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations or public comments taken during the meeting.
00:03:18	<p><b>1) Approval of Agenda (Action)</b></p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, and seconded by Christine Schmitz and passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>MOTION: To approve the agenda for the Central Region RAC meeting.</b></p>
00:03:30	<p><b>2) Approval of Minutes (Action)</b></p> <p>The following motion was made by Ken Strong, and seconded by Christine Schmitz and passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 28, 2020 Central Region RAC meeting.</b></p>
00:04:20	<p><b>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational)</b></p> <p>Chair Brock McMillan updated the RAC with Wildlife Board decisions for bobcat and cougar hunting, sensitive species and expo permits.</p>
00:07:20	<p><b>4) DWR Update (Informational)</b></p> <p>Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
00:14:10	<p><b>5) 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments –R657-58 (Action)</b></p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: <a href="https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html">https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</a></p>
00:14:39	<p><b>Public Comments</b></p> <p>Jason Vernon stated there were no online comments from the public. Brock received one letter from SWF asking consideration to change Flaming Gorge fishing reciprocity to mirror other interstate waters.</p>
00:18:19	<p><b>RAC Questions</b></p> <p>The RAC members asked about total number of spearfishermen (1%) and percentages of group support versus individual public comments.</p>

00:22:30	<p><b>RAC Discussion</b></p> <p>The RAC members discussed Flaming Gorge/Utah fishing issue.</p>
00:23:00	<p>The following motion was made by Danny Potts, and seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously, 9 in favor.</p> <p><b>MOTION: Accept the Division’s recommendations as presented.</b></p>
00:32:43	<p>The following AMENDED motion was made by Ken Strong, and seconded by Danny Potts and passed unanimously, 9 in favor.</p> <p><b>MOTION: To recommend the Wildlife Board write a letter to Wyoming seeking a reciprocity agreement with Utah at Flaming Gorge.</b></p>
00:34:00	<p><b>6) Angler Opportunity Assessment Update</b> (Informational) - Craig Walker, Aquatics Section Assistant Chief</p>
00:42:32	<p><b>7) Middle Provo River Update</b> (Informational) - Jackie Watson, Blue Ribbon Fisheries Biologist</p>
00:45:20	<p><b>8) R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military</b> (Action)</p> <p>A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: <a href="https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html">https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html</a></p>
00:45:35	<p><b>Public Comments</b></p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comment online. There were none.</p>
00:45:37	<p><b>RAC Questions</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>
00:45:45	<p><b>RAC Discussion</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>
00:46:08	<p>The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Ken Strong and passed unanimously, 9 in favor.</p> <p><b>MOTION: To accept the Division’s recommendations as presented.</b></p>
00:47:08	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p>

**RAC AGENDA – September 2020**  
**Electronic Meetings Only**

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure  
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes **ACTION**  
- RAC Chair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update **INFORMATIONAL**  
- RAC Chair
4. Regional Update **INFORMATIONAL**  
- DWR Regional Supervisor
5. 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments **ACTION**  
– R657-58  
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator
6. Angler Opportunity Assessment Update **INFORMATION**  
- Craig Walker, Aquatics Section Assistant Chief
7. Middle Provo River Update **INFORMATION**  
- Jackie Watson, Blue Ribbon Fisheries Biologist
8. R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military **ACTION**  
- Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator

**Meeting Locations**

CR RAC – Sept. 1st 6:00 PM  
<https://youtu.be/MZIZaPwqd38>

SER RAC – Sept. 9th 6:30 PM  
<https://youtu.be/5cQ-tJ4xVrQ>

NR RAC – Sept. 2nd 6:00 PM  
<https://youtu.be/YO-2nhU8BG4>

SR RAC – Sept. 8th 7:00 PM  
[https://youtu.be/r0n\\_WCO4amY](https://youtu.be/r0n_WCO4amY)

NER RAC – Sept. 10th 6:30 PM  
<https://youtu.be/KbuO-1LpEa0>

Board Meeting – October 1st 9:00 AM  
[https://youtu.be/G\\_0gXs9R\\_BA](https://youtu.be/G_0gXs9R_BA)

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**Regional Advisory Council Meeting  
Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Minutes of July 29, 2020 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move to approve the Minutes.**

2) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move to approve the Agenda.**

3) 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments  
– R657-58 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Christopher Hoagstrom , seconded by Emily Jensco and passed unanimously .

**MOTION: I move that we accept 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Rule Contest Rule Amendments-R654-58 as presented.**

4) R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kristen Purdy, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept R657-62 Rule Amendments- Deployed Military as presented with the acceptance to remove the words outside the Continental U.S. and its territories from the definition.**

**Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting**  
Sept 2, 2020  
Attendance

Justin Oliver – Chair  
Ben Nadolski-Exec Secretary

**RAC Members**

Ryan Brown  
Paul Chase  
Christopher Hoagstrom  
Randy Hutchison  
Emily Jensco

Aaron Johnson  
Kevin McLeod  
Darren Parry  
Kristin Purdy  
Casey Snider

**Board Member**

**RAC Excused**

David Earl  
Junior Goring  
Matt Klar  
Mike Laughter

**Division Personnel**

Jodie Anderson  
Hayley Smith  
Randy Oplinger  
Craig Walker  
Jackie Watson  
Lindy Varney  
Jim Christensen

Paul Gedge  
Mike Christensen  
Chris Penne  
Chris Crockett  
Michael Slater  
David Beveridge

## Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Sept 2, 2020

Attendance

<https://youtu.be/YO-2nhU8BG4>

- 00:00:00** Chairman Justin Oliver called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the Board and RAC members introduce themselves.
- 00:05:39** **1) Approval of Minutes (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the Minutes.**
- 00:07:32** **2) Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda.**
- 00:09:05** **3) Update from past Wildlife Board Meeting by Ben Nadolski**  
Furbearer harvest recommendations for 2020-2021 passed unanimously. Cougar recommendations and rule amendments passed 5-1 and the remainder of the cougar recommendations were amended and passed unanimously. Proposed sensitive species list was tabled until October 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting. Expo permit items all passed unanimously with an addition that all 200 permits are available to residents and non-residents. Expo permit rule amendments passed unanimously. Additional board actions and business items, looking at new hunting technologies.
- 00:15:30** **4) Regional Update- Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor (Informational)**  
Wildlife- herd population objectives. CWMU applications and renewals. Elk and pronghorn classifications. Aerial survey for mountain goats. Nuisance and depredation calls.  
Waterfowl- treating phragmites with chemical treatments and livestock grazing.  
Administrative- Online sales. Duplicate licenses.  
Habitat- Public use in wildlife management areas. Not staffed for this much use.  
Habitat projects. Guzzlers in west desert.  
Law enforcement- Stretched thin. Twice as many inspections.  
Aquatics- kokanee salmon spawning. Stocking community fisheries soon.

Upland game- hunts started today.

**00:25:25 5) 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Rule Contest Rule Amendments –R654-58 (Action)**

Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

**00:26:15 Electronic Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski**

Public comment accepted at this time. 0% opposed, 25% neutral and 75% support.

**00:26:29 Questions from RAC Members**

Spear fishing numbers and popularity. Syncing bow fishing with spear fishing. List of species to bow fish.

**00:30:33 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

Applaud efforts to standardize and simplify.

The following motion was made by Christopher Hoagstrom , seconded by Emily Jenco and passed unanimously .

**MOTION: I move that we accept 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Rule Contest Rule Amendments-R654-58 as presented.**

**00:31:54 6) Angler Opportunity Assessment Update (Informational)**

Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

**00:32:34 Aquatic Section Assistant Chief, Craig Walker discusses email sent out to the RAC's and Wildlife Board from SFW.**

Support RAC and wildlife board sending letters to Wyoming game and fish for perceived inequity among angling public related to reciprocal stamp and Flaming Gorge. Regulation where one state license would allow to fish entire body of water. Central RAC recommend that one letter be sent by Wildlife Board to Wyoming Game and Fish.

**00:34:33 RAC Questions**

Cautious about limited entry fishing. Relying on sister states, ask questions regarding benefit vs. potential cost. Limited entry fishing areas clarification.

**00:40:10 7) Middle Provo River Update (Informational)**

Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>.

- 00:40:30**      **Questions from RAC Members**  
No questions.
- 00:41:13**      **8) R657-62 Rule Amendments – Deployed Military (Action)**  
Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>
- 00:41:42**      **Electronic Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor**  
Public comments accepted at this time. 12.5% opposed, 50% neutral and 37.5% support.
- 00:42:14**      **Questions from RAC Members**  
Ways to help veterans. Cut combo price. Definition of deployed.
- 00:47:44**      **RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**  
The following motion was made by Kristin Purdy, seconded by Kevin McLeod and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we accept R657-62 Rule Amendments- Deployed Military as presented with the exception to remove the words outside the Continental U.S. and its territories from the definition.**
- 00:51:37**      **Other Business**  
Item 6-Agree to let Wildlife Board deal with the agreement between Utah and Wyoming.
- 00:53:32**      **Motion to adjourn made by Aaron Johnson, seconded by Randy Hutchison and passed unanimously.**



**Regional Advisory Council Meeting  
September 8, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**Attendance**

**RAC MEMBERS**

Brayden Richmond	Tammy Pearson
Gene Boardman	Dan Fletcher
Chad Utley	Riley Roberts
Sean Kelly	Verland King
Craig Walker	

**Division Personnel**

Kevin Bunnell	Phil Tuttle
Michael Christensen	Alyssa Reber
Denise Gilgen	Gene Boardman
Jackie Watson	Lindy Varney
Michael Christensen	Michael Slater
Nick Jorgensen	Paul Washburn
Randy Oplinger	Richard Hepworth

**Wildlife Board Members**

Donny Hunter

**Southern Regional Advisory County Meeting  
September 8, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**00:00:00 1) Welcome**

Chairman Brayden Richmond called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the Board and RAC Members introduce themselves.

**00:03:24 2) Approval of Agenda (Action)**

**The following motion was made by Craig Laub, seconded by Bart Battista. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**

**Brayden Richmond:** Role Call. Bart?

**Bart Battista:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Gene?

**Gene Boardman:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Riley?

**Riley Roberts:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Chad?

**Chad Utley:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Nick?

**Nick Jorgensen:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Sean?

**Sean Kelly:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Verland?

**Verland King:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Craig?

**Craig Laub:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Tammy?

**Tammy Pearson:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** And Dan?

**Dan Fletcher:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thank you. Motion passed unanimously.

**00:04:26 3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update by RAC Chair, Brayden Richmond**

**Brayden Richmond:** Next up is the Wildlife Board meeting update. I'm just going to go through the motions and what happened at the Board meeting. If anyone has any questions at the end, just ask. So the first motion was a motion made to approve the minutes on the June 4th.. Well I guess the motion to approve the agenda and minutes both passed unanimously. The next motion would be that they moved to approve the furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations for 2021 as presented by the Division, that motion passed unanimously. Next there was a motion that they extend the limited entry season dates by 30 days on the Stansbury, East Wasatch mountains and West Strawberry units; that motion passed 5-1. There was another motion where they accepted the remainder of the cougar recommendations as presented by the Division and that was amended. The amended motion was to amend the motion to include clarifying of the definition of kitten. The amended motion passed unanimously as well as the original motion. The next motion was to table the recommendation.. ok so the next proposal was a sensitive species recommendation that did not get heard in the RACs, it was the Board that heard this and there was a lot of discussion on this if you were able to watch that meeting. Maybe if anyone has questions on it we could talk about it a little more. But the Board made a motion to table the recommendation until the October 1st Wildlife Board Meeting and schedule an educational work session in the meantime. The work session was scheduled for September 16th and that motion passed unanimously. The next motion was the expo permit audit, there was a motion made to approve the expo permit audit as presented and that passed unanimous. The next motion was to approve the expo contract extension as presented, and that motion passed unanimous. The next motion was to approve the expo permit list with the addition that all permits are available to the resident and non-resident for the length of the contract, and that motion passed unanimous. Just a little clarification on that, historically there have been some once in a lifetime permits that were for non-residents only and they passed that all permits would be available to residents and non-residents going forward. The next motion was to ask the Division to look at any new hunting technology since the last update to the Board and report on it. This is to be in place on the action log, and that motion passed unanimously. And finally that they approve the expo permit rule amendments as presented and that passed unanimously. There were a lot of agenda items at the last Board meeting, but most of those dealt with the expo. There was a lot of discussion on the cougar, it was a good meeting, hopefully everyone had a chance to watch that or at least see some of the notes from that. Next item is a Regional update and I'll turn it over to Kevin for that.

**Kevin Bunnell:** Thank you, Brayden.

**00:08:18 4) Regional Update (Informational)  
Kevin Bunnell, SRO Regional Supervisor**

**Kevin Bunnell:** Let me get to the right spot here. From our Wildlife section some updates on the youth pheasant hunt. So the statewide youth pheasant hunt will be on October 31st- November 5th. Then we'll have some Southern Region specific pheasant hunts on the Pavonte and Annabella WMAs and those will be.. I apologize I don't have a date for those I'll look it up and get back to you. We're due to do CWD collection for the Southern Region this year on our general rifle seasons on the Panguitch Lake, Zion, Pauntsaguant, Pine Valley, West Desert unit. We'll be holding check stations during the regular season and probably during the early rifle season to collect those. Hunters can also call the office and arrange to have lymph nodes removed and tested if they're interested. We've got some interesting things going on with wildlife, we've had an outbreak of rabbit hemorrhagic disease. It was detected in Grover and we also had a positive test in Teasdale. We're asking that anyone who finds dead rabbits to notify the Division so we can continue to test and find out the extent of that disease. Our deer plan revisions are underway for our units. We sent out a survey specific to each unit in the Southern region and got a really good response. The biologists are then taking that information and using it to write the deer plans. And it will then again be vetted with what's essentially our surrogate for local committees because of our inability to meet in person. We will be doing a goat capture on the Beaver unit in October, I will get specifics on that for the RAC members, if anyone wants to come up that's usually a pretty interesting process to watch. From our aquatic section, we successfully treated Mammoth Creek up on the Cedar Mountain here. That treatment went really well to restore native cutthroat to that stream and that will be a two year process that we will continue next summer. We're also looking at a treatment at the Gandy Hot Springs. We're hoping to do that next week, but there are still some loose ends that we're trying to make sure we have everything in line for that. And lastly we held the drawing for the perch tournament for the tagged fish competition that began during the perch tournament last winter, and if either Phil or Victor want to add something to that I'd appreciate a little more detail.

**Phil Tuttle:** Yeah, this is Phil. We normally have a drawing we do at Fish Lake at this time of year, but we did it virtually today. Both Lodges and Bowery donated some prizes and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife donated a gun, and we took all those numbered tags from the whole summer and just today we drew 9-10 prizes for people ranging from overnight stays at the lodge in cabins, boat rentals, like I said the gun, there were a couple of gift cards thrown in there, so big thanks to Bowery, and Fish Lake Lodge and also Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife for their contribution of the gun. It was good.

**Kevin Bunnell:** Thanks Phil. From our habitat section, they've been really busy making sure we're getting all the correct rehab funding for all the fires that have taken place in the region. Those were all due last week and I think we're in good shape to make sure we're able to augment the rehab that the federal agencies will do on the fires that took place in the Region. The horse gather that I mentioned took place in the southwest desert. It was quite successful from what I understand. I do know that they removed 550 horses from the Indian Peak WMA. And then Dan or Tammy, do either of you guys have the additional information that you can add on to the horse gather?

**Dan Fletcher:** I do. A total of 566 were removed. There were 183 studs, 256 mares and 127 foals removed from that WMA.

**Kevin Bunnell:** Thanks Dan. I think they had a goal of 600 and I think we got pretty close to that. And Dan, I heard that they were going to continue to do some water traps or bait trapping to maybe get the additional 30 or so, is that true?

**Dan Fletcher:** There is potential for that, but honestly it's not likely because we're going to move into the Frisco WMA later in September around the third week in September and we're planning on removing around 200 head of horses out of the WMA so that wild horse team will go to that and work on that.

**Kevin Bunnell:** Okay, thank you. We appreciate the BLMs effort.

**Tammy Pearson:** I think you're also going to treat and release 50 mares back aren't you?

**Dan Fletcher:** Yeah, that's on Sulfur.

**Tammy Pearson:** And they turned 44 studs back?

**Dan Fletcher:** Uhh yeah, 44 or 45. That's correct.

**Tammy Pearson:** Right. So they're supposed to do the treatment on the mares before they turn them back so hopefully that will keep them clear from having foals for a couple of years.

**Kevin Bunnell:** And go ahead Tammy.

**Tammy Pearson:** I was going to say on Frisco, they're supposed to start the 21<sup>st</sup>?

**Dan Fletcher:** Yeah, that's the plan.

**Tammy Pearson:** Okay.

**Kevin Bunnell:** Anyway, we appreciate the BLM, and Utah has been much more aggressive on removing and trying to manage wild horses than any other place in the west and we appreciate them improving and making an effort on that. A lot of that has been facilitated by the state and being willing to partner and help out with funding to make sure those horse captures happen. Moving on to our outreach section, they've been doing some interesting things and it's hard for an outreach section to do much when they can't meet face to face with people, so they actually held a virtual mountain goat walk last week via Facebook. I was going to ask Phil a little more about what that was like and how many people you had participate and how it went.

**Phil Tuttle:** Thanks Kevin. We went on the Tusher mountains with biologist Mike Wardell. Most of you should know him. He did a really good job. We found a really good group of goats, about 40-50 goats and we had Mike kind of give us some background and some biology on the mountain goats on a Facebook live feed. We had a spotting scope set up where we could put the phone that was streaming live right on the spotting scope and then allow people to watch and enjoy the goats for a few minutes. We had pretty good engagement, while the live event was going we had a few hundred people watching. But after it went live it just posted the video on Facebook and we've had about 17-18,000 people view that after the fact. So kind of a cool event highlighting a cool animal. I think it was pretty successful while things are kind of strange with Covid, I think we might do a couple more of those for people. Seemed to get a pretty good response.

**Kevin Bunnell:** Thank you Phil, it's nice to have creative people that can do things like that. Moving on to law enforcement, our new officers Stetson West in Millard county and Julie Sabattis in Wayne county both seem to be doing well. I think our law enforcement and our AIS folks are really glad to see the last holiday weekends come and go, especially at Lake Powell. Just thousands of boats coming on and off Lake Powell, keeping those guys extremely busy, things should start to calm down a little bit going forward, at least for our AIS staff on Lake Powell. Lots of recreators in addition to hunters out on the mountain as it has been all summer. That combined with the hot weather has made success rates fairly low so far on the archery hunts. I think this cold snap that we're experiencing right now, hopefully it will help hunters in the field. Should kick some of the elk more into the rutt and make them more vocal and easier to find. Just an interesting case from our law enforcement that I wanted to give you a brief sketch of. We had some guys that were catching bass at Quail Creek, keeping them alive and taking them down to bass fishing tournaments, several different bass fishing tournaments, but the one we became aware of was down at Lake Powell. Through some uses of pretty cool technology using radioisotope analysis we were able to prove that those fish had originated at Quail Creek and not at Lake Powell and those two individuals have been successfully prosecuted at this point and will lose their fishing privileges as well as paying some pretty significant fines. Paul, I think Paul Washburn is on, is there anything you'd like to add to that Paul?

**Paul Washburn:** Just as far as I know this is the first time radioactive isotope testing has been used in wildlife crime...(inaudible)

**Kevin Bunnell:** Paul we're getting a lot of feedback, I'm going to cut you off, sorry about that. And that's all I've got for the update. Are there any questions from the RAC members before I turn it back to Brayden? Ok, thank you.

**Brayden Richmond:** All right. Thank Kevin, appreciate that. We'll go into the first action item for tonight.

As a reminder, everybody has had a chance to watch the presentations prior to this meeting, so during this meeting we will ask questions. We have the Division personnel on and can answer any question you may have. After questions, Kevin

will give us the results of the information submitted from those presentations, and then we will have the opportunity for comments and recommendations.

**00:20:09 5) Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments for 2020-2021 (Action)**

**Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator**

Presentations could be viewed at  
<https://wildlife.utah.gov/online-board.html>

**Brayden Richmond:** We'll just open it up for questions. Watching the other RACs there were not a lot of questions or feedback, so instead of taking the time for roll call we'll just open it up for questions and if we don't have questions we'll move on.

**00:21:09 Questions from RAC Members**

**Tammy Pearson:** Quick question. On the spear fishing one, and I'm not familiar with the lakes or reservoirs either one, but I'm just curious, what other areas are open to spear fishing?

**Randy Oplinger:** Yeah so I'm Randy Oplinger, I'm the guy who did the presentation for the Division. Statewide, there's a pretty good list if you look at the fishing guidebook, there are definitely waters available for spearfishing, so we're not closing all of them. I think I looked at one point in time, it was somewhere around 5% of our waters that we stock fish into are available for spearfishing right now. We're talking 3 waters with various closures or mandates and that's a pretty low percentage of what we actually allow statewide for spearfishing.

**Tammy Pearson:** I guess my next question would be, is there anything near that area that would still be open?

**Randy Oplinger:** Which are you looking? We have three waters we talked about and they are all in different parts of the state. I'm just bringing up the spearfishing list right now to get an idea. One's Fish Lake, Richard could you chime in on what else you have down in your direction?

**Richard Hepworth:** Yes, for Fish Lake we shortened the season for five days just to match it up with some Kokanee regulations to make it easier, mainly for law enforcement. In that area, Lake Powell would be the next obvious place, I'm trying to remember the next place that is open. I believe Otter Creek is open to Spearfishing. Piute is open to spearfishing. Some of those are very difficult, Fish Lake and Lake Powell are probably the most popular spear fishing locations we have.

**Tammy Pearson:** Okay, just my curiosity.

**Randy Oplinger:** Yeah, yeah. I just did a quick scan of the list of waters in the state where we have spearfishing and we're talking about a year round closure for the time being on Kens Lake again Lake Powell probably being the closest option for that one, and the other one is a seasonal closure on bass spearfishing on Red Fleet Reservoir up in the Vernal area and there are a couple bodies of water up in that area that still have spearfishing allowed.

**Tammy Pearson:** Okay, thank you.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Tammy. Any other questions?

**Gene Boardman:** I had a question on the reduction of wiper limit? What I was really wondering, is the purpose of the wipers for the fishing or is it they're supposed to be predators to clean up the species we don't want, or both? What is the purpose for planting them in the first place?

**Randy Oplinger:** Yeah, it's really twofold and you hit on the two reasons we provide wipers. We stock them in some waters for sport fishing opportunities, and there are other waters stock them for biological control of unwanted species.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Gene. Any more questions?

**Tammy Pearson:** I got one more. And I can't remember if it was on this presentation or the next one. They were talking about the state fisheries, and I know there has been a lot of concern during the meetings and the legislative sessions on the private fisheries or hatcheries being put out of business by the state. So I was just wondering if anyone could fill me in on that one way or another.

**Randy Oplinger:** Are you asking what they're opinions are on the regulation changes, or just kind of a status update on private hatcheries here?

**Tammy Pearson:** More of a status update.

**Randy Oplinger:** Where we stand right now on private hatcheries in the state. They're kind of holding their own and doing pretty well. We've had a pretty similar number of hatcheries statewide over the years. Down in your region I think the private hatchery is doing pretty well. We have a new warm water hatchery that showed up a couple of years back and it seems like his business is really starting to take hold and his business is doing really well. Then we have a new hatchery down in the New Castle area that produces a lot wiper for the state, we buy them from him and stock a lot of our waters, and it seems like he's doing pretty well. On that we have a couple of trout hatcheries up in the Salt Lake area that seem like they're doing fairly well.

**Tammy Pearson:** Okay, thank you.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Tammy. Additional questions? Alright I'm going to turn it over to Kevin so he can give us the public input on this first item.



**00:26:43 Electronic Public Comment Report by Kevin Bunnell, Regional Supervisor**

**Kevin Bunnell:** Well, the public input on this one and all of them for tonight are exactly the same. We had one member of the public that commented and that person was in favor so we are 100% in favor and 0% opposed based on a sample size of one.

**Brayden Richmond:** Sounds like a fairly biased statistical data. Thank you Kevin. So now we'll just have comments from the RAC. And again we'll just open this up instead of doing a roll call.

**00:27:22 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Gene Boardman:** Hey, I'd like to comment. I was really impressed with the presentation. It was well covered and seemed to be well put together. I was interested in the fact that there is an effort to make a trophy bluegill fishery, I wasn't aware that anybody fished for trophy bluegill. I guess it's because I've never seen any tacked to the wall at Sportsmans Warehouse or Cabelas or anywhere. That was an interesting thing. I am, where you're putting a limit on size, I'd like to state that I'm not much for limits on size and I'm not much on slots, especially for bait fishing. I think that cutting leaders and leaving hooks in fish isn't a good idea and ripping their guts out isn't a good idea and it counts as a mortality if you have those slots where you have to turn them back if you're bait fishing. That's my comment.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Gene. Other Comments? I think I'd make a comment here. I had the opportunity to be on a working group for the Beaver fisheries over the winter, and I am not much of a fisherman, I enjoy it but I do not know what I'm doing. It was very eye opening to see how much interest there is in the state for fishing and I'm really impressed with the Division and the personnel of the Division and they're knowledge of it and the attempts they make to listen to the public input and try to change the fisheries to match the public input. It was a really eye opening experience for me, so I guess my comment is I am just very impressed with what the Division does to try to adapt and bring the fishing opportunities in line with what the public would want in the state. It was a pretty impressive experience. Not sure I contributed a whole lot, but it was good to be there. So thank you, I think you guys really do a great job with the fishing.

**Randy Oplinger:** Yeah, thanks, we appreciate that comment.

**Brayden Richmond:** Any other comments from the RAC?

**Nick Jorgensen:** I would second Genes comments, it was easy to understand and well prepared and appreciate that.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Nick. Additional comments? If there are no additional comments, we'd entertain a motion.

**00:31:31 The following motion was made by Chad Utley, seconded by Nick Jorgensen.**

**MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendation as presented by the Division.**

**Brayden Richmond:** Role call. Bart?

**Bart Battista:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Gene?

**Gene Boardman:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Riley?

**Riley Roberts:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Chad?

**Chad Utley:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Nick?

**Nick Jorgensen:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Sean?

**Sean Kelly:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Verland?

**Verland King:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Craig?

**Craig Laub:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Tammy?

**Tammy Pearson:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** And Dan?

**Dan Fletcher:** Yes.

**Motion passed unanimously to accept the recommendation as presented.**

**Brayden Richmond:** The next two items are informational. So for clarification this is your chance to ask questions or make comments, but we will not do a motion on either of these.

**00:32:47      6) Angler Opportunity Assessment Update for 2020-2021 (Action)  
Craig Walker, Aquatics Sections Assistant Chief**

Presentations could be viewed at  
<https://wildlife.utah.gov/online-board.html>

**00:33:01      Questions from RAC Members**

**Brayden Richmond:** Any questions on this one?

**Craig Laub:** Let's crack at fishing, some of the comments that I read on Flaming Gorge with Wyoming where Utah pays to fish on the Wyoming side, but Wyoming doesn't pay to fish on Utah side. Just want a little explanation there I guess.

**Craig Walker:** Yeah, this is probably 6<sup>th</sup> year working with Wyoming trying to do what we consider to be a reciprocal agreement with them. Their Wildlife Board is not in favor of pursuing a reciprocal agreement that is analogous to what we see down in Lake Powell or up in Bear Lake where one states licence gives you access to either states portion of the fishery. So we have this reciprocal stamp still existing at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Right now Utah residents are required to pay \$30 for a reciprocal stamp to fish on the Wyoming side of the Reservoir, and Wyoming residents are required to pay \$10 to fish on the Utah side of the Reservoir. Those reciprocal stamps are not eligible for people that are not residents of Utah or Wyoming and that is a change that happened in 2019, after Wyoming reread the rule and their Wildlife Board decided that this was not something that they could do, that it needed to be limited to residents of either of the two states. So, what we're trying to do is again press for that situation where we have more like what we see at Lake Powell, and hopefully we'll get there. In the interim period we've had some calls for us to up the ante and potentially increase our reciprocal stamp costs. In my mind I'd advise against that, we're not in the business of trying to price people out of fishing opportunities and getting into a price war would probably put us in to that position where we would probably put the burden back on the angler more so than punishing Wyoming in any way, shape, or form. We've had conversations with Wyoming as to why the reciprocal stamp is important to them, and they've indicated to us that it does provide them with \$150,000 in revenue annually when they looked at that price point. Additionally, when you look at the actual price points for

both the resident licence and the reciprocal stamp, we're probably actually pretty comparable plus or minus \$5 for the total price to fish in the reservoir.

**Craig Laub:** I appreciate that. I just saw that in the comments and I was wondering about that. So thank you.

**Craig Walker:** You're welcome.

**Nick Jorgensen:** How long is the reciprocal stamp good for?

**Craig Walker:** 365 days I believe.

**Nick Jorgensen:** Okay. Thank you.

**Gene Boardman:** And what's the split on the reservoir itself? Is most of the fishing done on the Wyoming side, or on the Utah side? Is there ample on either side? Are there many violations on crossing over on the reservoir?

**Craig Walker:** There is not a lot in the way of violations that we've documented in the conversations we've had. One of the things we've talked about with reciprocity is not only the price point, but getting all our regulations related to bag limits in line. I don't think we're ever going to get there on our 2 day possession limit which we have in Utah and Wyoming is adamant that they do not want to pursue that. However, actually the numbers in the bag limit is what we're shooting for, having those be the same across the board. Even without the violations being documented, it still provides us a way to again to make it easier to understand our anglers regardless of which side of the line they're on. They don't fear that they're going to be in violation and I think the precipitation of violation is what we're trying to avoid, not the actual violations and that type of thing. Did that answer your question?

**Gene Boardman:** Partially. What about the reservoir itself, how much is on the Utah side, how much is on the Wyoming side? What's the...?

**Craig Walker:** As far as the area will extent, how much is in Wyoming vs within Utah?

**Gene Boardman:** Yeah, and the fishing opportunity on each side.

**Craig Walker:** I would say the fishing opportunities for smallmouth bass are greater in the Utah area based upon the demise that has been seen in the smallmouth bass population in the Wyoming portion of the reservoir due to burbot coming in. Aside from that, I would say the other portions of the fishery- kokanee, lake trout- are pretty equitable between the two sides of the reservoir between both states. As far as the area extent, I would hazard a guess and I'm ball parking it here, but I would say about 85% of the reservoir is located in Wyoming.

**Randy Oplinger:** And I'll quickly chime in here. I was just looking at the survey done at Flaming Gorge a few years back to get to one of your other questions

about the amount of use on each side of the reservoir. It kind of looks like 80% in Wyoming, 20% in Utah, something in that range.

**Craig Walker:** So it's proportional to the extent of the reservoir.

**Brayden Richmond:** Good questions. Any additional questions?

**00:39:49 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Brayden Richmond:** Alright, let's move on to comments on this one. Does anyone have any comments? This is an informational one, so we won't move on to a motion. If there are any additional comments.

**Tammy Pearson:** We got that one email from SFW wondering if the RAC would possibly write a letter in support of the Division and state office in this matter. I don't know if there would be any interest from anybody else or not?

**Brayden Richmond:** Craig, I know this is a question Craig, but is that necessary? I guess I'd just like to hear your thoughts on that request.

**Craig Walker:** Sure, I think that after the two RACs we've been to the Central Region and Northern Region on discussions we've had there, the sentiment was that the RACs were in support of getting on board with a letter, but that letter would come from the Wildlife Board itself so it would be that the RAC recommend that the Wildlife Board would write a letter to Wyoming Game and Fish and the Fish Commission up there and anybody that was supportive of that letter among of the RAC members in all five RACs could be a signatory on the letter. I think that's how it was couched, if I remember correctly.

**Brayden Richmond:** So, since this is an informational agenda item, how was that done in the other RACs? Did they actually make a motion or was it just discussion? How was that handled?

**Craig Walker:** You're 50/50. The Central Region actually made a motion, the Northern Region did not feel that they needed to make a motion.

**Brayden Richmond:** Ok, thank you. Any additional comments from the RAC?

**Craig Walker:** Yeah.

**Gene Boardman:** Hey, yes on this informational item they talked about limited entry fishing. Limited entry hunting is screwed up enough, I don't think we want any limited entry fishing. I just don't see where there is any need for it in Utah. Make an area where only certain people on a draw can fish it. And I hope that goes away quickly.

**Brayden Richmond:** So you're telling me you don't want to see your points for catfish and striper and your trophy bluegill, is that what you're saying?

**Gene Boardman:** Especially not the trophy Bluegill.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Gene, good comment. Any other comments? Well if there are no additional comments, we'll move on to the next informational item.

**00:43:11**      **7) Middle Provo River Update (Informational)**  
**Jackie Watson, Blue Ribbon Fisheries Biologist**

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<https://wildlife.utah.gov/online-board.html>

**00:43:18**      **RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Chad Utley:** I would just comment that the presentation was really interesting and informative and well done. I applaud the Division on the management of Provo River. It's nice to see some quality artificial lure catch and release type areas in the state. I know there has been a lot of concern that the catch and release on the river was creating smaller fish, and it was really interesting to see that report. I appreciate it.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Chad. Any additional comments? Alright, let's move on to the last action item. The last item on the rule amendments for the deployed military and this was presented by Lindy Varney.

**00:44:27**      **8) Deployed Military Rule Amendments**  
**Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator**

**00:44:54**      **RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Brayden Richmond:** Okay. Go ahead Nick.

**Nick Jorgensen:** I didn't have any questions. I guess where there weren't any questions, my comment was, I'm glad to see this happen, I wish it had happened sooner. I'm glad to see this put together.

**Brayden Richmond:** Thanks Nick. Before going into comments let me just remind that the public feedback on this one was 100% in favor, that's 100% of one. I don't think I need to turn it over to Kevin for this, we'll just recap. Oh, Kevin does have a comment here, I'll turn it over to Kevin.

**Kevin Bunnell:** I will say that one comment was 1,000% more than the Southeastern Region had, because they had zero.

**Brayden Richmond:** That could be a 100%, 1,000% or 1,000,000%. However we want to term that. Any other questions? The rule amendment for deployed military.

**Tammy Pearson:** I like the proposal. You ready for a motion?

**Brayden Richmond:** I think so. It's fairly quiet so I'm assuming there are no comments, there were no questions so I think we can entertain a motion.

**The following motion was made by Tammy Pearson, seconded by Bart Battista .**

**Brayden Richmond:** Any additional Discussion? Okay, we'll do a role call. Bart?

**Bart Battista:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Gene?

**Gene Boardman:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Riley?

**Riley Roberts:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Chad?

**Chad Utley:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Nick?

**Nick Jorgensen:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Sean?

**Sean Kelly:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Verland?

**Verland King:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Craig?

**Craig Laub:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** Tammy?

**Tammy Pearson:** Yes.

**Brayden Richmond:** And Dan?

**Dan Fletcher:** Yes.

**Motion passed unanimously to accept the recommendation as presented.**

**Brayden Richmond:** I appreciate it everybody, that's the end of the meeting tonight. Appreciate everyone joining. Again it seems like we're getting more and more adapted to this format. Hopefully this format doesn't continue for too much longer, but I appreciate everyone's efforts and the Division with your efforts here. Thank you everyone. Next RAC meeting will be November 17th at 5 pm. That's after November 12, so maybe Covid will magically disappear.

(goodbyes)

**00:48:16 Meeting adjourned.**



**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020  
SUMMARY**

**1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Kirk Player and passed 7/7.

**MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes.**

**2) 2021-2022 FISHING RECOMMENDATIONS AND FISHING CONTEST RULE**

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Brad Richman and passed 7/7.

**MOTION: To accept recommendations as proposed by the DWR.**

**3) R657-62 RULE AMENDMENTS - DEPLOYED MILITARY**

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Scoot Flannery and passed 8/8.

**MOTION: To accept the rule amendments as presented.**

6:30 Chairman Trisha Hedin called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the Board and RAC members introduce themselves.

6:34 Approval of the Agenda

Kent Johnson: Motion to approve

Kirk Player: Second

Motion Passed (7/7)

6:35 Update from the past Wildlife Board Meeting by RAC Chairman

6:38 Regional Update

6:45 2021-2022 Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Recommendations

6:46 Questions from the RAC

6:49 Kent Johnson: I had a question...

6:46 Craig Walker: I'll answer that

6:46 Brad Richman: I have a question, can

6:49 No Public Comments

6:49 Comments from the RAC

6:50 Motion to approve: Kent Johnson

6:50 Second by: Brad Richman

6:56 Provo River Presentation Questions

6:58 R657-62 RULE AMENDMENTS - DEPLOYED MILITARY

6:58 Kent Johnson: I have a question about

7:00 Lindy Varney: Yeah

7:01 Dana Truman: Is this something done in other states?

7:02 No Public Comment

7:02 Comments from the RAC

Kent Johnson: Motion to Approve

Scot Johnson: Second

7:04 Motion to adjourn the meeting

7:05 Meeting Adjourned

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting  
September 10, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**Attendance**

**RAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brett Prevedel	Dan Abeyta
Joe Arnold	Jamie Arrive
Dick Bess	Natasha Hadden
Rebekah Jones	Mike Smith

**RAC MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Ritchie Anderson	Daniel Davis
Brad Horrocks	Jeff Taniguchi

**Division Personnel**

Miles Hanberg	Trina Hedrick
Randy Oplinger	Craig Walker
Lindy Varney	Chris Crockett
Tonya Kieffer-Selby	Rose Fedelleck

**Northeastern Regional Advisory County Meeting  
September 10, 2020  
6:30 p.m.**

**00:02:15 1) Welcome**

Chairman Brett Prevedel called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reviewed the meeting procedures, and had the Board and RAC Members introduce themselves.

**00:05:51 2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**

**The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Dan Abeyta. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**

**Brett Prevedel:** Role Call. Dan Abeyta?

**Dan Abeyta:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Joe?

**Joe Arnold:**

**Brett Prevedel:** Jamie?

**Jamie Arrive:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Dick?

**Dick Bess:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Natasha?

**Natasha Hadden:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Rebekah?

**Rebekah Jones:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Mike?

**Mike Smith:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** I believe I have everybody and it's unanimous. We'll proceed with the agenda.

**00:07:58 3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update by RAC Chair, Brett Prevedel**

**Brett Prevedel:** I will take the next item, which is the Wildlife Board meeting update. If you remember, the topics last time were bobcat and cougar seasons and regulations. So the bobcat recommendations were passed as recommended by the Division unanimously by the Wildlife Board as it was in our RAC. We had some discussion on the cougars as a RAC, we had some discussions and a motion that passed on the way they did the new two tag option for the cougars. The Wildlife Board did not agree on our motion and they actually felt like maybe they needed to go the other way and have as much opportunity to harvest cougars as possible. So they did not entertain that. What ultimately passed is they extended a couple of

limited entry seasons by 30 days on the Oaker/Stansbury, the East Wasatch Mountains and the West Strawberry units. That's the limited entry portion of the season that they extended.

They did make a motion to clarify the definition of a kitten, as came out of our RAC, so that was a good recommendation and they agreed with that. The rest of the proposal was passed as presented by the Division.

We didn't see it at the RAC, but the next item was an adjustment to the sensitive species list, and it was discussed at the Wildlife Board Meeting and a little bit contentious at times between the Division and the Wildlife Board and they decided they just didn't know enough about it to vote on it, so they scheduled a work session on September 16th which I believe is available on Youtube for RAC members to watch, to educate the Wildlife Board members on the sensitive species list. Then they tabled that item until the next meeting which is the first of October.

Then there were a couple different items on their agenda that we also didn't see; the expo permit audit and the expo contract extension and they were passed as presented. There was a motion made to ask the Division to look into new hunting technology and update the Board, and I assume the RAC would be updated on that, so we can kind of stay ahead of the curve on that. I believe that was it. Miles, if you would like to add anything to that, you're welcome to, or you can roll right into the Regional update.

**Miles Hanberg:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I don't have anything else to add to that.

**00:11:13 4) Regional Update (Informational)**

**Miles Hanberg, NERO Regional Supervisor**

**Miles Hanberg:** I'll talk a little about what's going on here in the Northeast Region lately. It's been a busy summer, getting a lot of work done, so we're excited about that. Our aquatics section has been really busy all year long, but most recently they've been working on some rotenone treatments on the Carter Creek drainage on the North Slope of the Uintas. They've got some more work to do up there next week, but it's essentially removing non-native fish from that drainage in preparation of restoring Colorado cutthroat trout, which is a sensitive species to its former range, so that project is going on, and this is the second year of that treatment to make sure that all the fish are removed in preparation of the restocking of the Colorado cutthroats. Our Flaming Gorge personnel just finished the electrofishing surveys on the Green River last week, the fish looked good and healthy as they normally do. There was one brown trout caught that was about 25 ½ inches long and approaching six pounds. Fish are doing well in the Green River still, and it was a good successful effort. Our aquatics biologists are working with Duchesne County and others on some restoration work on the Strawberry River drainage. That area was devastated by the Dollar Ridge fire and subsequent flooding events, so there has been some work to restore the road and some infrastructure up there, so along with that is some fish improvement structures

that are associated with the roadway. So hopefully with these improvements in place we'll be able to get a healthy fish population back in the Strawberry River in the future.

Our wildlife section has been very busy with bears and bear issues these past couple of months. It's been a very dry summer and fall, so a lot of bears are moving lower in elevation along the river bottoms where they are coming in contact with people more and more. We've had a few cases of dispersed camps that have left food and drinks and things outside and even in tents and that's caused some problems with bears this year. We're hoping that bears hibernate soon and next year they wake up to more plentiful food and we don't have quite so many issues. But along those lines our folks are busy working on depredation issues with deer and elk, because it has been a dry year, a lot of these animals are attracted to farm lands, so we are busy trying to elevate those issues with some of our land owners. The BYU study is still ongoing this year in the Book Cliffs where they are collaring baby fawns and calf elk. So far this year there has been a higher percentage of twin fawns and calves born and bigger fawns and calves born and that has been the result of better range conditions on the adult deer last year. However, the survival rate is still pretty low out on the Book Cliffs, though it is better than the previous years, but it still is lower than something we want to see for fawn and calf survival rates at this point in the year. There is still a lot of work to be done in the Book Cliffs to help our deer and elk populations turn a corner, so it's a priority we'll continue to work on.

The habitat section is busy out building guzzlers in the Book Cliffs. They're also cooperating with some of our federal agencies coming up with restoration plans for some of the wild fires that are going on, or have happened this year. We've had a couple, one up in the northeast corner of the state here, Clay Basin area, and then of course there has been a very large fire in the Rock Creek drainage on Forest Service land. A lot of fire activity going on this year with the dry conditions. The habitat folks are also busy contracting and preparing for restoration work that will be happening this fall. A lot of our seeding projects take place in the fall before winter, and that will allow those projects to grow and the new seeds to sprout in the spring and grow. They're really busy this time of year getting those projects underway.

The law enforcement folks, they've been really busy, they've been helping with security shifts on some of these wildfires that I mentioned. They've been busy helping some of the other sections with these nuisance bear issues and then also it's a really busy time of year with hunts and patrolling our hunts as well. They've had a full plate and they're doing a good job getting things done.

In our outreach section this year, we did cancel the Kokanee viewing day at Sheep Creek. We're not going to have a formal day, but we're encouraging people to go up and take a look at Kokanee as they see fit. As of yesterday, there have only been a couple show up in the creek, so hopefully in the next week or so we'll see a bigger showing of Kokanee, but they haven't shown up a lot yet. It also snowed about eight inches earlier this week so I think if folks wait a few days they'll find more favorable conditions and a lot more fish in the stream. We're planning on having a youth pheasant hunt, this will be held out at the Pleasant Valley Hunting Preserve. That's on September 26th. So any youth that are interested in signing up

for that can go to our website, there should be a link to Eventbrite where they can register for that hunting opportunity. We're also going to be having a Sandhill Crane viewing day on October 3rd, it's an auto tour situation, in the morning it will be held in Jensen and in the afternoon it will be in Ouray Valley. That's an opportunity to go out and view some Sandhill Cranes.

We'll continue to sell some of our major permits online, one of those coming up would be our bobcat permit sales. That will be online only as we did with elk earlier this year, so people looking to buy these tags will be able to do so online. With that, I think that's all I have to share for the summary this evening, unless there are any questions from the RAC? Ok, thank you.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, we'll now move into item five which is Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments. Before we do into that item, is Trina on with us?

**Trina Hedrick:** Yes, I'm here tonight.

**Brett Prevedel:** I've asked Trina to update the RAC and the public on the Pelican Lake and Red Fleet. Last we knew they were treating them and restocking them, so I thought it would be good before we go into these regulations to kind of have an update on where we are right now biologically.

**Trina Hedrick:** Sure, do I need to introduce myself, or no, like if this were a real meeting? (Yes, please do for the public) Ok, thanks. So I am Trina Hedrick, I am the Regional Aquatics manager here in the Vernal office. We treated Red Fleet Reservoir in October of 2015, it's hard to believe it's been so long. We have done quite a lot of restocking since then, we actually started in the fall immediately after detox with some wipers and some Colorado River Cutthroat Trout, and we have just been restocking ever since. What we have seen in the Reservoir is the wiper fishing is off the hook, it's been a great year this year. Walleye have struggled, we are working on trying to increase the size of our walleye stock and we were able to do so successfully this year for the first time, which is very exciting, and we expect walleye survival to increase from that. Wipers are doing so well though that we are decreasing the stocking for that particular species. We are seeing natural reproduction for yellow perch and black crappie with tiger trout and Colorado River cutthroat trout being an occasional catch. We also, the management team, recommended stocking largemouth bass in that water, so we did that. I believe the first time was 2018, we transferred some adults back when we were moving fish out of Steinaker knowing that reservoir was going to go down, and they are also naturally reproducing as well. We feel like Red Fleet is on its way, it's doing well, but we do have some tweaking to do, so you will see that reflected in some of the regulation recommendations tonight. I can explain some of those if there are any questions.

Pelican Lake was treated in 2018 and we did some restocking, mainly transferred adults, right away after detox, that was in December and January immediately after, and we also transferred additional adults every year since then and mostly bluegill. We're trying to get the bluegill going first before we worry too much about largemouth, but we do have

largemouth fingerlings slated to go in, I think its 20,000 fingerlings to go in this fall. Those are scheduled. Pelican is on its way, I've heard many good things about it. Of course there's not going to be that many adults just yet on either species, but both are naturally reproducing and pulled off a spawn the very next year; I guess that was just last year after the treatments, but it's well on its way and we should see some good growth just because it's considered an untapped resource. We don't have as many fish filling that whole lake. Both lakes are well on their way, but there will be some changes and you'll see one of the recommendation proposals tonight has to do with the Pelican Lake bluegill. We are very concerned that, first, we won't have enough harvest on small fish, and that we'll have too much harvest on large fish, so that recommendation is a reflection of that. We're really excited to see how they go, we will keep an eye on them and continue to. Every year we'll get out and sample and we'll probably continue to make minor changes every couple of years just based on what we see biologically.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you. I've asked Randy Oplinger, the Sportfish Coordinator for DWR in Salt Lake City, to just kind of summarize the recommended changes in this proposal. We all looked at the video and it was in detail, but I've asked him to go over the highlights of it, before we go into discussion.

**Randy Oplinger:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. Like you said my name is Randy Oplinger and I'm the Sportfish Coordinator with the Division and I'm based out of our Salt Lake office. I would like to thank all of you for your time tonight and I would like to thank you for looking over our fishing regulation changes, not just in the Northeast region, but what we are proposing on a statewide basis and also our fishing contest rule change. I'd also like to thank you for your time in watching some of our informational presentations, so the one by Craig Walker on our angler opportunity assessments and by Jackie Watson on what's going on with the Provo River right now. But what I'm going to do is I'm quickly going to run through the regulation changes that we're proposing for the Northeastern region. Trina and her crew have done a really good job with coming up with some good regulation changes for this particular regulation change cycle. We feel like these regulation changes benefit species from both a biological perspective, and probably more importantly, they provide quite a lot of benefit for the angling public.

The first regulation change out of the Northeastern region that we're recommending is a change in our daily limit on bass at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Currently the limit is 10 fish and that's a combined total between large and small mouth; we're recommending reducing that to a three fish limit. What that's going to do is that's going to simplify recommendations, this actually dove tails some recommendations that Wyoming is considering doing, actually both states are doing the same regulation changes through their own processes so at the end of the day both Wyoming and Utah would have a consistent three fish bass regulation all across the whole reservoir. This creates some consistency with the bass regulation at Flaming Gorge, right now the limit is different on each side of the lake. So we're moving in the direction of simplifying things and making one consistent regulation across the lake. The second regulation change we're proposing in the Northeastern region is also out of Flaming Gorge and this one is for Kokanee Salmon. Currently the limit is a four trout limit, excluding lake trout with up to three of those being Kokanee. So what we're



basically proposing is that we increase the number of Kokanee that are allowed in that number to four fish. We would keep in that recommendation the current 12 fish limit for lake trout that exists at Flaming Gorge. Again, this is a regulation change done in concert with Wyoming. Wyoming is proposing the same regulation change through their cycle. What that will do is at the end of the day between both states it will create a consistent Kokanee regulation across the entire reservoir.

The next regulation change we had in the Northeast region was the Pelican Lake bluegill change that Trina alluded to. Currently the limit is zero bluegill and what we did is basically we're proposing a 15 fish with only five over seven inch regulation at Pelican Lake. What this does is we feel like it benefits anglers because it provides anglers with the opportunity to harvest bluegill, but also as we kind of look at the biology of bluegill and what we need to do to reestablish a trophy bluegill fishery at Pelican Lake, we feel like we need to protect some of those larger fish, so that's why we have that five over seven inch restriction that we're proposing.

The next regulation is on Red Fleet Reservoir and Trina kind of touched on Red Fleet and what's going on at Red Fleet with the spearfishing regulation change. We're proposing a seasonal closure on spearfishing for bass at that reservoir. What that's intended to do is really protect our bass population, we know spear fishers are very effective at harvesting fish. What this does is it protects fish during the spawn, helps bass populations rebound a little bit after rotenone treatment at Red Fleet.

The next one is at Red Fleet also, this one is related to pan fish. The pan fish regulation at Red Fleet is 50 fish per species and what we're recommending is changing that to a daily limit of 50 pan fish as a combined total with no more than 20 of those being black crappie. So what we're trying to do with this one is we're trying to limit the harvest of pan fish at Red Fleet which will help that pan fish population recover which will benefit our pan fish anglers and also pan fish are an important forage so that will help some of the species such as the wiper and walleye at Red Fleet.

The next regulation change we're proposing in the Northeastern region is one at Starvation Reservoir, it's another pan fish related one. The current limit is 50 fish per pan fish species. We survived support for a limit of 20 pan fish as a combined total. Once again this is to protect pan fish populations and that's going to benefit anglers by helping restore those populations in the lake, and also it's going to provide a better forage base for our predators at Starvation.

And then the last two we have in the Northeastern region are really the same regulation change but they are on two different waters. One is the west fork of the Duchesne River and the other is Wolf Creek and these are changes in the seasonal closure dates on those two rivers. We're proposing that we adjust them to May 15 through 6 am on the second Saturday in July. So what this does is opens up these waters for another 4 ½ or 5 more months of the year for angler access. So this provides anglers access to fish these two waters. We're proposing that we maintain closure to protect cutthroat during the spawning season. So really that's kind of a quick overview of the regulation changes just out of the Northeastern region,

as my presentation stated there are additional changes in other regions and also some statewide regulation changes and changes to our statewide fishing contest rule that we're proposing.

**00:23:05 5) Fishing Recommendations and Fishing Contest Rule Amendments for 2020-2021 (Action)**

**Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator**

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<https://wildlife.utah.gov/online-board.html>

**Brett Prevedel:** Thanks Randy. Are there any questions we have for Randy while we have him on the spot?

**00:29:00 Questions from RAC Members**

**Dan Abetya:** Randy, this is Dan Abeyta, I just have a quick question on the change on the bass limit up at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Could you give us some biological rationale for that reduction from 10 bass down to three? I assume there is some biological rationale, right?

**Randy Oplinger:** Well there are some biological rationales, we limit to one of the big reasons is to create one consistent regulation across the entire lake. Really, from a biological standpoint on the Utah side of the lake, we feel like we have bass population that are pretty strong right now, and honestly as we kind of look at angler harvest of bass at Flaming Gorge, we see that it's really almost nothing right now, so we're proposing that we reduce the bass limit at Flaming Gorge, but it's really not going to have that much of an impact on populations in general at Flaming Gorge or really the angler experience at Flaming Gorge because right now very few fish are harvested.

**Dan Abeyta:** Ok, thank you.

**Brett Prevedel:** Any other questions from the RAC for Trina or Randy?

**Jamie Arrive:** Hi, this is Jamie Arrive, I do have a question for Randy. You're alluding to three fish per angler, what if Wyoming doesn't pass that? Or is it a pretty good bet that they will pass that?

**Randy Oplinger:** Wyoming is currently going through their regulation cycle to make that change, and obviously there is some chance that that's not going to happen, but where that would leave us if it's not passed, but passed in Utah, it would give us a three fish limit on the Utah side of things and still require catch and release angling on the Wyoming side of things. But with conversations with Wyoming, we're feeling pretty optimistic that they're going to move forward with the regulation change and we're heading in the right direction of having consistent bass regulation across all of Flaming Gorge. And really it's in the mutual interest of both states, both states have been working collaboratively for a number

of years and we know this is something anglers are really interested in and both states are pretty committed to moving forward to that consistent bass regulation across all of Flaming Gorge.

**Jamie Arrive:** Thank you.

**Dan Abeyta:** Hey Randy, there was one other part of my question I failed to ask you. Is there any inner biological rationale for the reduction of bass up on the Gorge tied to burbot?

**Randy Oplinger:** There could be some biological rationale. We're seeing burbot populations start to expand more southward in the lake so primarily they're on the Wyoming side of the lake, but they are heading south. So we are a little concerned a little down the road potentially what impact burbot could have on smallmouth populations. So reducing harvest might protect smallmouth populations somewhat and maintain strong populations as we watch burbot expand in the reservoir.

**Dan Abeyta:** Ok, thanks again.

**Brett Prevedel:** Miles, would you like to summarize the comments that we received?

**00:32:19      Electronic Public Comment Report by Miles Hanberg,  
Regional Supervisor**

**Miles Hanberg:** Sure, so there were only five members of the public that commented on the Northeast region and spoke for these fishing recommendations. 40% opposed, 40% supported, and then there were 20% of people neutral. One person was concerned about the bluegill limit on Pelican. Another person was concerned that maybe we weren't stocking enough forage species for walleye and other species, it didn't necessarily relate to one of our specific recommendations. A couple of people did support wanting to have some consistency with the Kokanee and bass at Flaming Gorge. Pretty small return on public comments, but it was pretty evenly distributed with this group.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you. And then statewide, really almost all the negative comments were because of the extra restrictions on spearfishing. We just had the one season change on that here on that, but there were some statewide changes. I think most of the comments were positive throughout with the exception of several people who were active spearfishermen that opposed it. Is that safe to say, Randy?

**Randy Oplinger:** We've had some questions about the spearfishing regulation changes come up in the other RAC Board Meetings but in terms of the comments we received on a statewide basis we actually receive very few comments and I don't think we received any spearfishing comments, at least yet.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, with that, is there any other discussion from the RAC before we move forward? This item also contains the fishing contest rule amendments. So we could split them if anyone wished to separate out the fishing contest rule amendment. I think everybody saw them, it was basically simplifying the rules and making it a little more understandable on when you did and when you didn't need a permit. So with that is there discussion on either the fishing regulations or the fishing contest rule amendments by the RAC?

#### **00:35:07 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Joe Arnold:** Hi, this is Joe Arnold, if you can hear me. Tell me about the West Fork of the Duchesne change from May 15th to the second Saturday. Can you just kind of elaborate on that? I know it's usually been closed all year until July 15th or the second weekend so could you elaborate on that?

**Randy Oplinger:** Yeah, so traditionally the current regulation is it's closed from January 1st up until I believe the second Saturday in July. We're proposing that we change those dates to May 15th to the second Saturday in July so we're proposing that we basically hack off the first four months or so of that seasonal closure. The reason we're making that recommendation is that seasonal closure is in place to help protect the spawning cutthroat populations, but that first part of the year from January 1st- May 15th is well before the spawn would actually happen. So what that means is we're actually preventing anglers from accessing the West Fork of Duchesne for several months of the year when they could actually have access when they're not going to have any impact on spawning cutthroat population. So this regulation is really intended to open up some months of the year for angler access. It's going to be months before the cutthroat spawn so anglers aren't going to have any impact on the cutthroat.

**Joe Arnold:** Ok, that's what I was curious about, if it was open up until May 15th. So it would be open all year, closed on May 15 for whatever that is.. Two months, and then open back up?

**Randy Oplinger:** Yeah, that's absolutely right, so it would be closed May 15th - the second Saturday in July, but the remaining 10 months or so of the year it would be open for anglers.

**Joe Arnold:** Thank you.

**Brett Prevedel:** Any other comments or questions from the RAC?

**Dan Abeyta:** Yeah Brett, this is Dan Abeyta again. I was just reviewing the email from Ken Strong with SFW that had put out.. And this isn't related at all to the proposal right now, but this concern about the cost to fish the Gorge. So I guess what I'm reading here is Wyoming residents don't pay anything to come fish the Utah side, but the Utah residents pay \$30-40 or something like that to go fish the Wyoming side? Randy, has that been discussed

in any of the other regions this week or last week? Where's that at, you saw the comment right?

**Craig Walker:** Dan, I'll grab this. This is Craig Walker, Assistant Chief for the DWR Aquatics section. The regulation currently stands for a reciprocal stamp to be purchased by Utah residents to fish the Wyoming side of the reservoir; it's going to cost them an additional \$30. And for Wyoming residents to fish the Utah portion of the reservoir it's going to cost them an additional \$10 for a reciprocal stamp. What SFW has suggested is that there be a true reciprocal agreement between the two states more similar to Lake Powell or Bear Lake where one states licence allows you to fish the reservoir in its entirety. We have been working with Wyoming to push for that over the past six years. Wyoming has been attempting to get that passed through their commission, however, their commission is reluctant to do that. In actuality after Wyoming Game and Fish began to look at it, they're reluctant to do it as well. The revenue they accrue every year from their reciprocal stamp sales at the Gorge equates to about \$150,000. They are, as you'd expect, reluctant to give that up. Just to inform folks that between the cost of an actual licence and the cost of a reciprocal stamp we're plus or minus \$5 regardless if you're a Utah angler fishing Flaming Gorge, or a Wyoming angler fishing Flaming Gorge. I think that right now it's fairly equatable, but we do see SFWs point and they are requesting that the RACs bring something forward in way of recommendation to the Wildlife Board for the Wildlife Board to then submit a letter to both Wyoming Game and Fish and the Wyoming Commission requesting that reciprocity that I mentioned earlier, true reciprocity be pursued and be supported.

**Dan Abeyta:** Ok, thanks Craig.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thanks for bringing that up Dan. If we want to make that recommendation, let's do it separate from the fishing regulations, because that would just be a recommendation to the Wildlife Board. We're not able to write a letter at this level at the RAC, we're just advisory. So if the RAC wanted to recommend to the Wildlife Board that they approach Wyoming, we can handle that however we wish. If there are no other questions on the fishing recommendations and the fishing contest rule amendments, let's deal with that one first. Let me give you the opportunity one more time. Are there any more questions? Ok, if not I would entertain a motion on item five on the agenda.

**00:41:15** The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta, seconded by Joe Arnold.

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the recommendation as presented by the Division.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you; I'll do a roll call. Dan Abeyta?

**Dan Abeyta:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Joe Arnold?

**Joe Arnold:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Jamie Arrive?

**Jamie Arrive:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Dick Bess?

**Dick Bess:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Natasha?

**Natasha Hadden:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Rebekah?

**Rebekah Jones:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Mike?

**Mike Smith:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you. Motion passes unanimously.

**Motion passed unanimously to accept the recommendation as presented.**

**Brett Prevedel:** Now Dan, if you would like to make that motion regarding the reciprocal agreement with Wyoming you're free to do so. And this would be a recommendation that we would make to the Wildlife Board.

**00:42:39 The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta**

**MOTION: As recommended by SFW. We request the Wildlife Board write a letter of support to the State of Wyoming to allow true reciprocity on Flaming Gorge for Utah and Wyoming residents.**

**Brett Prevedel:** What my take on it is, if they are not going to reduce their fees, what we're suggesting is that we increase our fees, right? Is that safe to say?

**Dick Bess:** You're talking increase for non-residents, correct Brett?

**Brett Prevedel:** Yes, we're talking Wyoming license holders to fish in Utah. They're currently paying \$10. I believe Craig you said with the license and the reciprocal stamp the cost is almost the same, right? Did you say that?

**Craig Walker:** Yeah, I think it's within \$5 of one another at this point.

**Brett Prevedel:** So there's a difference in the license cost, and there's a difference in the reciprocal stamp that's needed to cross the state line? So when you combine the two there's not a big disparity. But there's a big disparity on the stamp itself?

**Craig Walker:** Yes sir.

**Dick Bess:** I've got a question. Of that \$10 that they pay, how much does Utah receive? Do they receive all \$10 and does Wyoming receive all \$30 from Utah residents?

**Craig Walker:** As I understand from our licensing folks, yes. Lindy could probably weigh in on that more than me, but as I understand it, yes.

**Lindy Varney:** Lindy Varney, Licensing Coordinator. That is correct; we obtain that \$10 for the reciprocal licenses for the state of Utah. And Wyoming obtains the \$30.

**Joe Arnold:** That used to be \$10. So is it just increasing, proposed to increase next year? Because the Utah to fish on Wyoming has always been \$10 in the past. Are they moving that price up?

**Craig Walker:** We, UDWR, are not suggesting that the price point be changed at this point.

**Randy Oplinger:** And to attack your question Joe, I think Wyoming changed their price point to \$30 maybe a year ago or two years ago, so it was \$10 for both states until recently then the last two years or so it's been increased on the Wyoming side to \$30.

**Dan Abeyta:** I guess where I'm going with this is, until there is an agreement where there is a true reciprocity then, who is to say when Wyoming is going to raise it again another \$20 or.. I mean I know it was probably \$10 for many, many years then it jumped up from \$10 to \$30 a couple of years ago, but I just think it would be wise if Utah pursued trying to make that more of a true reciprocity like Craig had mentioned. So a letter from this RAC, and I'm assuming that other RACs are doing that as well. I don't know so Craig or Randy you can chime in there, but I guess that's kind of where I'm coming from.

**Craig Walker:** One of the four RACs has actually submitted a full blown motion on this issue and recommended that the Wildlife Board put forth a letter to Wyoming Game and Fish and their Fish Commission recommending that they pursue reciprocity with Utah that is similar to what we have at Lake Powell and Bear Lake where a state's license gets you access to the reservoir regardless of which state your license is purchased from. The other three RACs did not officially make a motion on this, but will be recommending that the Wildlife Board move forward with a letter at the Wildlife Board Meeting coming up on October 1. So from what I have seen thus far, and for those of you who haven't been watching the other meetings, you could go either way on this. Right now, the DWR

understands SFWs recommendation is not for us to get into a price war, but actually get that into a mindset of reciprocity in the truest sense.

**Brett Prevedel:** I didn't mean to interrupt your motion Dan. We have a motion. Would you restate it Dan? You would like the Wildlife Board to...

**Dan Abeyta:** You bet. I would like this RAC to support a letter that goes to the Wildlife Board that supports true reciprocity in the future. To have both states come to agreement like has already been proposed by another RAC here in the state. That's what I'm saying, I'm just agreeing with... I mean Flaming Gorge Reservoir, that's our region. So to me, I think that's important that we try to work with the state of Wyoming and try to reach true reciprocity in a true sense like Craig was talking about. I'm just in support of that.

**00:49:11 The following motion was made by Dan Abeyta, seconded by Joe Arnold.**

**MOTION: The Northeast RAC recommends that the Wildlife Board works with the state of Wyoming to pursue true reciprocity on Flaming Gorge Reservoir for anglers between the two states.**

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you; I'll do a roll Call. Dan?

**Dan Abeyta:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Joe?

**Joe Arnold:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Jamie?

**Jamie Arrive:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Dick?

**Dick Bess:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Natasha?

**Natasha Hadden:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Rebekah?

**Rebekah Jones:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Mike?

**Mike Smith:** Yes.



**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you, that passes unanimous.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Brett Prevedel:** Which brings us to the next two items, we'll go with item number six, the angler opportunity assessment update. Craig Walker is on with us. I think everyone saw the presentation. Are there any questions for Craig? Or Craig feel free to speak if you wish on that item. It is informational; we will not be taking a vote. But this is your opportunity to get any clarification.

**00:50:33      6) Angler Opportunity Assessment Update for 2020-2021 (Action)  
                  Craig Walker, Aquatics Sections Assistant Chief**

Presentations could be viewed at  
<https://wildlife.utah.gov/online-board.html>

**00:50:46      Questions from RAC Members**

**Brett Prevedel:** Craig, that was a very, very good presentation, by the way.

**Craig Walker:** Thank you. And offline or anytime during this meeting if you can think of any questions you'd like to ask in relation to that presentation, please feel free to get with me. I'm more than willing to field those.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, thank you. If there are no questions from the RAC on that topic, we'll move on.

**00:51:18      7) Middle Provo River Update (Informational)  
                  Jackie Watson, Blue Ribbon Fisheries Biologist**

Presentations could be viewed at  
<https://wildlife.utah.gov/online-board.html>

**Brett Prevedel:** Another informational item also for the middle Provo River update. There was also a presentation that I think everyone saw on that. Craig, who's on to represent that?

**Craig Walker:** Chris Crockett was on, I believe.

**Chris Crockett:** Good evening, Craig. I am still on and available for any questions or comments.

**Craig Walker:** Chris Crockett is our Regional manager down there in the Central Region.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, were there any questions regarding the Provo River presentation?

**00:51:55 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok if not, thank you Chris for being available. If there are any questions, I guess you can be reached after the meeting. That will move us to the last item on the agenda, which is the deployed military amendments and Lindy is present. Just give a quick summary, it's kind of a quick item anyway, Lindy.

**00:52:22 8) Deployed Military Rule Amendments  
Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator**

**Lindy Varney:** Lindy Varney, I'm the Licensing Coordinator, I work in the Salt Lake office. A quick summary of this is we wanted to offer some benefit for our deployed military. If you get deployed more than 90 consecutive days during the year, we would waive the hunting or combination fee requirement for you to be able to obtain a bonus or preferences point. Also, the second part of it is we would allow these deployed military members to buy a bonus or preference point anytime during that year if they've been deployed overseas for 90 consecutive days. So we just wanted to show our appreciation for their service to our country and offer this opportunity to them.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you. And you'd waive the requirement of a combination license just for the application, right? You wouldn't waive one if they come back to go hunting would they still need to get a license?

**Lindy Varney:** Yes, they would. It's just the requirement if you were to buy a preference or bonus point you'd have to have a hunting or combination license to be eligible, and we'd waive that. But if they come back after they've been deployed, they'd still need a hunting or combination license if they wanted to participate in any hunting activity.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, thank you. Are there any questions from the RAC for Lindy?

**00:54:10 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

**Dan Abeyta:** This is Dan, I don't have a question, Brett, I just want to say I think this is a really good step in the right direction Lindy. I just want to say I appreciate your

efforts, your staff's efforts and everyone in the Division who has helped bring this to pass. I think this is great.

**Lindy Varney:** Thank you.

**Brett Prevedel:** Miles, I don't believe we had any public comment, did we?

**Miles Hanberg:** So the public had 100% support. I don't think anyone made any specific comment on this though.

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you. Ok, are there any other questions or discussion? If not I would entertain a motion on item number eight.

**The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Dick Bess.**

**MOTION: I move that we approve the recommendation as presented by the Division.**

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you, I'll do a roll Call. Dan?

**Dan Abeyta:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Joe?

**Joe Arnold:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Jamie?

**Jamie Arrive:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Dick?

**Dick Bess:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Natasha?

**Natasha Hadden:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Rebekah?

**Rebekah Jones:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Mike?

**Mike Smith:** Yes.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, thank you, that was unanimous.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Brett Prevedel:** My yes' and no's look a little different than last month on the lion discussion. That's the last item on the agenda. Miles, did you have anything else? Or anyone from the Division?

**Miles Hanberg:** No, I don't. Thanks everyone for participating tonight, and we look forward to next time.

**Brett Prevedel:** Ok, with that I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

**The following motion was made by Dick Bess, seconded by Joe Arnold.**

**MOTION: I move that we adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Brett Prevedel:** Thank you for your participation and thank you public for those of you who attended the meeting, and this meeting is now adjourned.

(Goodbyes)

**00:57:13 Meeting adjourned.**

## 2020 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2020	Interest	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	Remaining Funds Verified Bank Balance
UWSF	\$449,184.76	\$445,560.00	\$305.21	\$895,049.97	\$241,241.59	\$653,808.38
MDF	\$864,798.28	\$967,110.00	\$21,845.23	\$1,853,753.51	\$1,298,705.74	\$555,047.77
NWTF	\$129,166.91	\$129,988.80	\$0.00	\$259,155.71	\$98,095.96	\$161,059.75
RMEF	\$259,515.87	\$315,597.60	\$0.00	\$575,113.47	\$384,514.75	\$190,598.72
SCI	\$7,808.14	\$166,207.20	\$8.35	\$174,023.69	\$0.00	\$174,023.69
SFW	\$903,732.37	\$1,113,450.00	\$6,389.14	\$2,023,571.51	\$692,111.44	\$1,331,460.07
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2,614,206.33</i>	<i>\$3,137,913.60</i>	<i>\$28,547.93</i>	<i>\$5,780,667.86</i>	<i>\$2,714,669.48</i>	<i>\$3,065,998.38</i>



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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Wildlife Resources

MICHAL FOWLKS  
*Division Director*

October 1, 2020

To: Byron Bateman, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Kevin Albrecht, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2020 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 not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed 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 Jeremy Snitker. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was given 72 of the 326 permits in 2020. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 26 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. The bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$1,611,850.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	<u>(\$ 161,185.00)</u>
Less 30% remitted to DWR	<u>(\$ 483,555.00)</u>
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 967,110.00
Carry-over funds	\$ 864,798.28
Interest Accrued for Projects	<u>\$ 21,845.23</u>
Total:	\$1,853,753.51
Less 2020 & 2021 Projects billed	<u>(\$1,298,705.74)</u>
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$ 555,047.77</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$ 2,255,633.51
Adjustment	<u>(\$1,700,585.74)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 555,047.77</u>

### Findings and Recommendations



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October 1, 2020  
Subject: 2020 Conservation Permit Audit – Mule Deer Foundation

All 2020 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check # 1066 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 483,555.00)
Check # 1065 to DWR (FY2021 Project Billing)	(\$1,264,695.74)
10% of permit proceeds that can be removed	(\$ 51,185.00)
Permit Proceeds still to be collected	\$98,850.00
Total adjustment	<u>(\$ 1,700,585.74)</u>

MDF was contacted regarding the permit funds that need to be deposited and it was confirmed that the appropriate amount has since been deposited into the account. We sincerely thank MDF for their time, as well as their willingness to provide the information requested, and make corrective actions when necessary. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

  
kenny.johnson@sep 17, 2020 10:31 MDT

Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Mule Deer Foundation



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October 1, 2020

To: Byron Bateman, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
 Kevin Albrecht, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2020 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 not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed 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 Alex Clipperman. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was given 40 of the 326 permits in 2020. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified the auction price of 12 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:	\$ 525,996.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	<u>(\$ 52,599.60)</u>
Less 30% remitted to DWR	<u>(\$157,798.80)</u>
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 315,597.60
Carry-over funds	<u>\$ 259,515.87</u>
Total:	\$ 575,113.47
Less 2021 Projects billed	<u>(\$384,514.75)</u>
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$ 190,598.72</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$ 732,912.27
Adjustment	<u>(\$ 542,313.55)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 190,598.72</u>





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Subject: 2020 Conservation Permit Audit – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2020 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process.

Check # 1266422 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 157,791.30)
Check # 1266423 to DWR (FY2021 Project Billing)	(\$ 384,514.75)
Check # 1266771 to DWR (remaining 30% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 7.50)
Total adjustment	<u>(\$ 542,313.55)</u>

RMEF incorrectly identified the price of one permit sold. Their calculations of the 30% due to DWR were therefore incorrect. RMEF was notified and the error was corrected immediately. 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,

  
kenny.johnson@rmeff.org Sep 17, 2020 10:33 MDT

Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation



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October 1, 2020

To: Byron Bateman, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Kevin Albrecht, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2020 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 not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed 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 Jeff Rawlings. Safari Club International was given 40 of the 326 permits for 2020. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified the auction price of 23 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:	\$ 277,012.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 27,701.20)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$ 83,103.60)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 166,207.20
Carry-over funds	\$ 7,808.14
Interest Accrued for Projects	\$ 8.35
Total:	\$ 174,023.69
Funds remaining for projects	\$ 174,023.69
Bank Statement Balance	\$ 284,828.49
Adjustments	(\$ 110,804.80)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$ 174,023.69



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Subject: 2020 Conservation Permit Audit – Safari Club International

**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2020 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

10% of permit proceeds that can be removed	(\$ 27,701.20)
Check #0004 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 83,103.60)
Total Adjustments	<u>(\$ 110,804.80)</u>

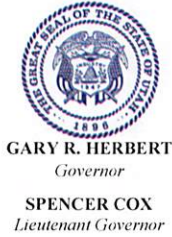
We sincerely thank SCI for their time, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

  
kenny johnson (S-p 17, 2020 10:34 MDT)

Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Safari Club International



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To: Byron Bateman, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Kevin Albrecht, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief
Subject: 2020 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 not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed 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 NWTF was Melanie Mercier. NWTF was given 36 of the 326 permits in 2020. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 7 permits sold and compared them to the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Total Permit Revenue, Less 10% retained for administrative expenses, Less 30% remitted to DWR, Total retained by organization for project(s), Carry-over, Total, Less 2021 Projects billed, Funds remaining for projects, Verified Bank Statement Balance, Adjustment, and Adjusted Bank Balance.

Findings and Recommendations



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October 1, 2020

Subject: 2020 Conservation Permit Audit – National Wild Turkey Federation

All 2020 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1028 to chapter (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 21,664.80)
Check #1027 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 64,994.40)
Total Adjustment	<u>(\$ 86,659.20)</u>

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

Sincerely,

  
kenny johnson (Sep 17, 2020 10:32 MDT)

Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
National Wild Turkey Federation





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October 1, 2020

To: Byron Bateman, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Kevin Albrecht, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2020 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 not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed 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 Angie Gunn. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was given 122 of the 326 permits in 2020. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified the auction price of 59 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:	\$1,855,750.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	<u>(\$ 185,575.00)</u>
Less 30% remitted to DWR	<u>(\$ 556,725.00)</u>
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 1,113,450.00
Carry-over funds	\$ 903,732.37
Interest Accrued for projects	<u>\$ 6,389.14</u>
Total:	\$2,023,571.51
Less 2021 Projects billed	<u>(\$ 692,111.44)</u>
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$ 1,331,460.07</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$2,059,255.07
Adjustments	<u>(\$ 727,795.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 1,331,460.07</u>



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October 1, 2020

Subject: 2020 Conservation Permit Audit – Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2020 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$ 556,725.00)
10% of permit proceeds that can be removed	(\$ 171,070.00)
Total Adjustment	<u>(\$ 727,795.00)</u>

SFWs 30% payment was submitted after the deadline. SFW has committed to meeting the deadline in the future. 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,

  
kenny.johnson (Sent: 10/17/2020 10:34 MDT)

Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife



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October 1, 2020

To: Byron Bateman, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Kevin Albrecht, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2020 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed 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 UWSF was Swen Mortenson. All information requested was promptly provided. UWSF was given 16 of the 326 permits for 2020. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction price of 9 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:	\$ 742,600.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 74,260.00)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$ 222,780.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 445,560.00
Carry-over funds	\$ 449,184.76
Total:	\$ 894,744.76
Less 2020 & 2021 Projects billed	(\$ 240,936.38)
Funds remaining for projects	\$ 653,808.38
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,045,719.40
Adjustment	(\$ 391,911.02)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$ 653,808.38





**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2020 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1005 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$222,780.00)
10% of permit proceeds that can be removed	(\$ 49,510.00)
Check #1006 to DWR (Interest accrued)	(\$ 305.21)
Check #1004 to DWR (FY2021 Project Billing)	(\$119,315.81)
Total adjustment	(\$391,911.02)

We sincerely thank UWSF 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,



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Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
UWSF

UTAH'S CONSERVATION PERMIT PROGRAM

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# ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR  
**2020**

# Utah's Conservation Permit Program Annual Report — Fiscal Year 2020

Utah's Conservation Permit Program benefits all Utah hunters. What started in the early 1980s as a creative approach to raise needed funds for wildlife conservation has blossomed into a well-regulated program that raises millions of dollars each year. Those dollars are then invested back into wildlife conservation. This novel approach to funding conservation has allowed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to seize opportunities, grow the state's wildlife populations and improve wildlife management.

## Origins of Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Historical accounts and archeological evidence indicate that bighorn sheep were once abundant across much of Utah, but in the early 1970s, many of Utah's bighorn sheep populations were struggling or had altogether disappeared. There was a very limited distribution of desert bighorn across southern Utah. Biologists observed large tracts of unoccupied desert bighorn sheep habitat and, at the same time, became concerned about the many desert bighorn concentrated in Canyonlands National Park. Wildlife managers recognized that the high bighorn densities in Canyonlands were not sustainable. Those excess bighorn presented wildlife managers with both an opportunity and a dilemma.



The excess bighorn in Canyonlands provided an opportunity to establish new populations and augment other struggling herds, but how could a large-scale, expensive translocation project fit within the tight constraints of the DWR's budget? At about the same time, a group of avid hunters founded the Utah Bighorn Sheep Society. They made a

proposal to generate funding to reestablish bighorn sheep in the state. They asked for one permit that could be sold at auction, with the proceeds dedicated to bighorn sheep management. In 1980, the first permit sold for \$20,000, and Utah's Conservation Permit Program was born. The program allowed generous hunters to help cover the costs of conserving, transplanting and managing this highly sought-after species.

The conservation permit strategy was effective, and over several years, the DWR used the proceeds of auctioned desert bighorn sheep conservation permits to fund a successful translocation program. That



program led to the establishment and/or supplementation of new desert bighorn sheep herds in the San Rafael-North, San Rafael-South, Arches National Park, Henry Mountains, Capitol Reef National Park, Kaiparowitz-East, Kaiparowitz-Escalante and several other desert bighorn sheep units.

The early success of the Conservation Permit Program led to its expansion. The program now includes and benefits the following species: bear, bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain), bison, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, pronghorn and turkey.



### **How the program works**

Conservation permits represent only a small percentage of total hunting permits issued, but they can produce big results. The number of conservation permits allocated for a given species is based on how well a population is doing (e.g., population size, increasing trends and long-term health) and the number of hunting permits available to public hunters. As public hunting opportunities increase, conservation permits may also increase, with a maximum of eight conservation permits per hunt unit. After the Utah Wildlife Board approves specific permits and numbers, the DWR partners with wildlife conservation organizations to sell the permits. Conservation organizations that participated in the program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 included the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Safari Club International (SCI), Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW) and Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF, formerly known as Utah Foundation for North American Wild Sheep). Other conservation groups can also apply to participate by following the procedures listed in Administrative Rule R-657-41, which is the rule that regulates the Conservation Permit Program.

The conservation organizations market, promote and auction the permits. These auctions typically coincide with chapter banquets, expos or other fundraising events. The goal is to maximize revenue to

fund wildlife conservation activities. After the auction, the conservation organization returns 30% of the money raised directly to the DWR. The conservation organizations may keep up to 10% of the proceeds to cover administrative costs, and the remaining 60% is held by the conservation organizations for a short time as they work cooperatively with the DWR to choose approved conservation projects to fund. As a result, hunters are able to identify and prioritize projects that matter to them and then direct conservation permit funding to those projects. It gives conservation-minded hunters a strong voice and encourages cooperation and collaboration between the DWR and participating organizations.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the traditional, in-person banquets were canceled this year, and several conservation organizations resorted to auctioning permits online. Additionally, potential bidders for conservation permits had many questions throughout the process, and the DWR is grateful to the conservation organizations for working through several unique challenges associated with this pandemic.



### **Seizing opportunities**

The funds raised through the Conservation Permit Program are reinvested back into Utah's wildlife. Conservation projects are wide ranging and provide diverse benefits. With these projects, wildlife managers can establish new populations, augment existing populations, improve wildlife habitat, monitor for disease and conduct essential research. The program provides resources and tools that let wildlife biologists and hunters accomplish remarkable things for wildlife and habitat conservation.

Having a source of funding available to wildlife managers in a timely manner can make all the difference when it comes to managing wildlife. Wildlife and their habitats are dynamic, and changes can happen rapidly. The desert bighorn sheep source population in Canyonlands National Park experienced a die-off



shortly after the translocations in the 1980s occurred. Had wildlife managers been forced to pursue traditional funding, which is typically limited in availability and takes much longer to obtain, that opportunity might have been lost. Whether it is capturing source animals when they are abundant, or striking while the iron (or ground) is hot to get a wildfire reseeded, timing is essential in effective wildlife management. Utah's Conservation Permit Program allows wildlife managers to adapt to challenges and allocate resources where and when they are needed.

### **Improving wildlife management in FY 2020**

Having adequate funding is often a source of concern and a limitation for state fish and wildlife agencies. While many western states struggle with increasingly stretched budgets, Utah leads the way with habitat work, wildlife transplants, wildlife research and monitoring. The Conservation Permit Program is key to providing funding for needed research and management of Utah's big game populations. Below are examples of work completed this past year that wouldn't have been possible without funding from conservation groups and the Conservation Permit Program.

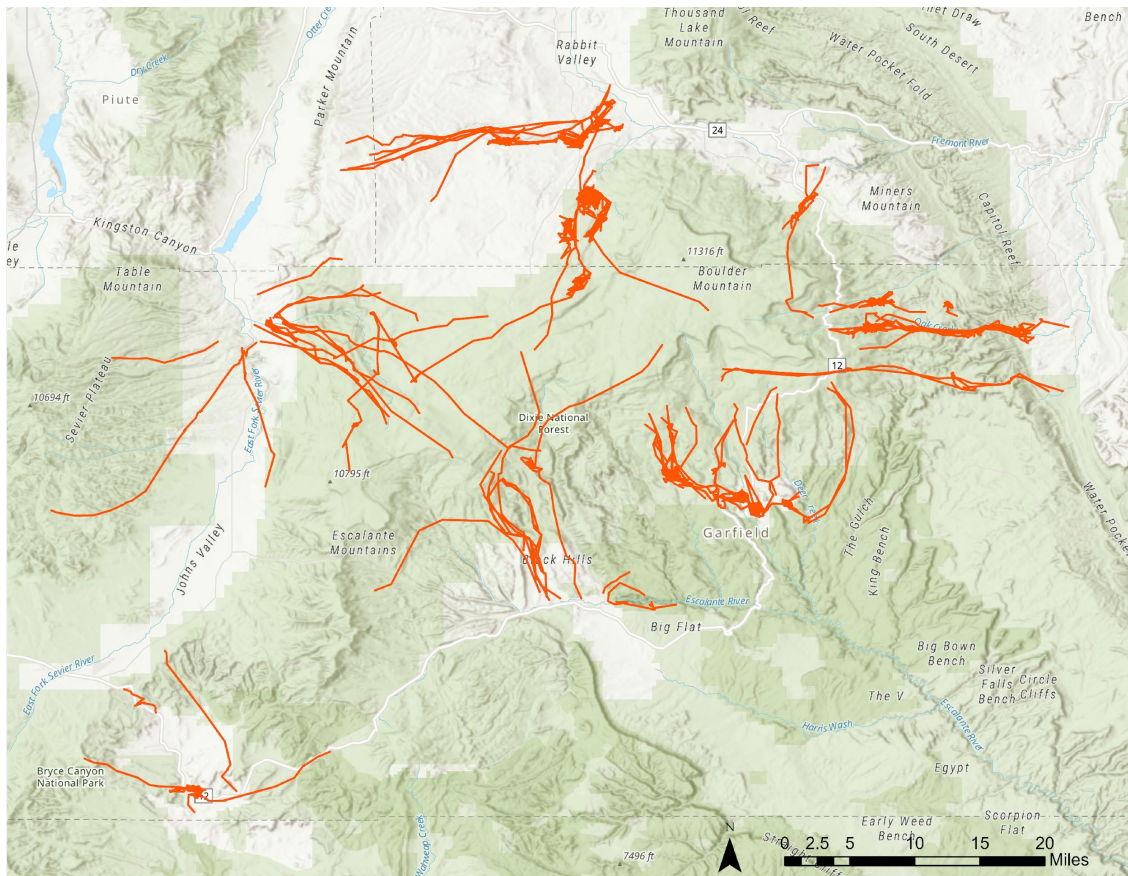


### **The Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative**

The Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative has been documenting, preserving and enhancing wildlife movement in Utah since 2017. The initiative uses state-of-the-art GPS tracking technology to monitor animal movement in near real-time. Through the Conservation Permit Program, Utah's conservation groups have generously supported this important effort. The funding has allowed the DWR to track the movement of thousands of animals throughout the state.

In December 2019, the Wildlife Migration Initiative, with help from the Conservation Permit Program and an order from the Secretary of the Interior (3362), began a large study on mule deer movement on Boulder Mountain (see Figure 1). The Boulder Mountain management unit is part of the high-plateau complex in southern Utah. The area is unique as it is the highest timbered plateau in North America. The unit encompasses 1.3 million acres and is home to approximately 7,000 mule deer. The deer population is migratory, with animals using high-elevation habitat on Forest Service lands in the summer and lower-elevation habitats on BLM and state lands in the winter. The DWR is monitoring the movement of mule deer (bucks and does) to describe migration routes and timing for this important population.

**Figure 1. Mule deer migration corridors near Boulder Mountain**



### Understanding cougar populations

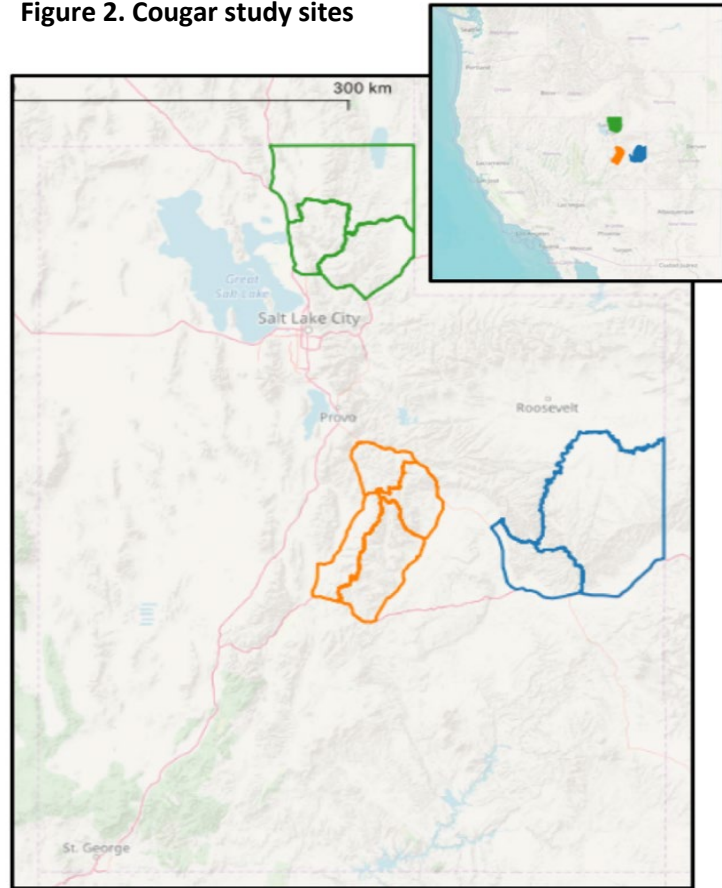
The DWR is working with Utah State University (USU) to improve estimates of cougar abundance and population growth rates across the state of Utah. The resulting data will inform management decisions, while contributing to the body of knowledge about cougar ecology. Research objectives include monitoring demographic parameters (e.g., reproduction rates, juvenile survival, and adult survival) and the interspecific interactions of cougars (e.g., cougar movements in relation to primary prey migrations and competition between black bears and cougars). With these objectives, researchers will contribute to long-term conservation and sustainable harvest of this ecologically important game species in Utah. An important goal of this project is to fill critical knowledge gaps (e.g., reproduction, competition and movement) using empirical data across a range of environmental conditions to improve the DWR's ability to model cougar abundance and population



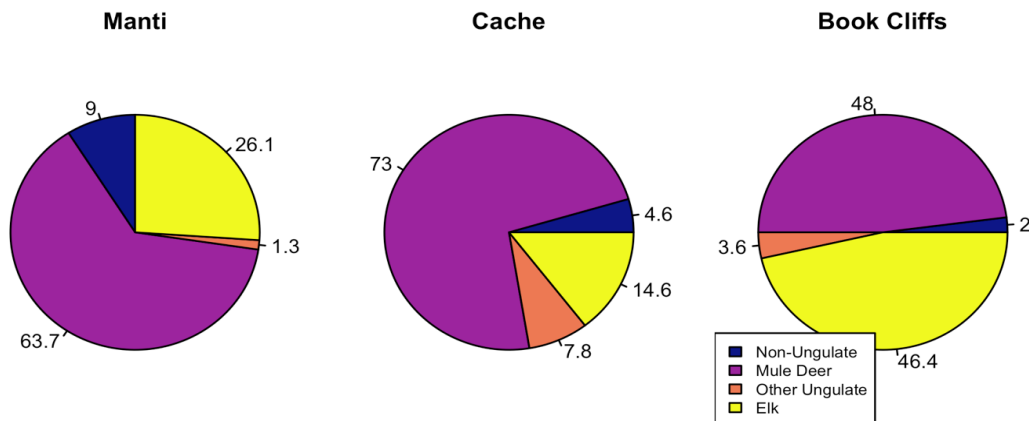
dynamics. To specifically improve the efficiency of Utah’s Cougar Management Plan, this research will bring together reproductive parameter estimates, predator-prey interactions and predator-predator competition to answer questions about cougar ecology in Utah. Data is being collected on cougars at three study sites (see Figure 2) to provide support for defensible and robust management decisions to the benefit of cougars, black bears, mule deer, elk, and other game species. Results may be extended to other cougar systems throughout their range.

The DWR and USU successfully captured and immobilized, 38 female and 5 male cougars over the winters of 2018-2019 and 2019-2020, placing GPS collars on them for tracking purposes. Researchers also collared 11 neonate kittens at five den sites in the summer of 2019. From May 2019 to May 2020, researchers investigated 1,018 kill-site clusters across all three study sites and deployed 124 trail cameras at active kill sites to monitor feeding behavior, vigilance and scavenging activity (see Figure 3). This is an ongoing project, with more meaningful data to come.

**Figure 2. Cougar study sites**



**Figure 3. Prey composition by study site over the first year of this study from kill-site investigations of collared female cougars.**





## Bighorn sheep translocations

The Conservation Permit Program was forged to re-establish bighorn sheep into parts of Utah where they once flourished but had been lost. The legacy of recovering bighorn sheep in Utah using translocation projects has been very fruitful, and this past year was an historic success. In addition to capturing 68 bighorns in Utah for health sampling, the DWR successfully translocated 101 bighorns from other states into Utah. This is the most bighorn sheep ever translocated into Utah during a single year — more than the past five years combined — and more bighorns translocated across state lines than all the rest of the western states combined in the past year. Two of the most notable translocations were the reintroduction of bighorns onto the Mineral Mountains and Antelope Island. Fifty-one desert bighorns were translocated from the Stillwater Range in Nevada to begin a new herd on the Mineral Mountains where they had been absent for decades. Twenty-five Rocky Mountain bighorns were translocated from Rocky Boy's Reservation in Montana to reestablish a healthy nursery herd on Antelope Island. These two reintroduced herds will not only provide memorable opportunities to view and hunt bighorns, but also produce more bighorns that will be translocated to augment other herds or establish new herds in Utah for years into the future. Numerous once-in-a-lifetime hunting experiences will result from the success of the bighorn sheep translocations performed this past year.



## Big game captures

Utah's biologists are able to conduct regular aerial surveys to count bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, mountain goats and pronghorn. Conservation permits have also contributed to the ongoing monitoring of black bear and cougar survival, disease monitoring, turkey-trapping efforts and other components of

wildlife management. In FY 2020, conservation permit sales funded the capture of more than 1,400 big game animals as part of translocations, research, monitoring and disease-testing activities (see Table 1). This work would not have been possible without the money generated through the Conservation Permit Program.

**Table 1. Big game animals captured and/or transplanted using conservation permit funds in FY 2020**

Species	No. Animals	Unit	Purpose
<b>Bighorn Sheep</b>	25	Montana	Transplant to Antelope Island
	4	Mineral Mountains	Relocate animals
	51	Nevada	Transplant to Mineral Mountains
	24	New Mexico	Transplant to Antelope Island
	15	Oak Creek	Disease testing, survival, and movements
	25	Oregon	Transplant to Stansbury Mountains
	15	Potash	Disease testing, survival, and movements
	30	San Rafael	Disease testing, survival and migration
	1	Stansbury Mountains	Relocate animals
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>		

<b>Moose</b>	<b>5</b>	Parley's Canyon	Collared for movement study
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<b>Bison</b>	<b>21</b>	Book Cliffs	Disease testing, survival and migration
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<b>Pronghorn</b>	30	Antelope Island	Survival and migration
	34	Cache, Morgan-South Rich	Survival and migration
	32	Three Corners	Survival and migration
	33	West Desert, Dugway	Survival and migration
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>		

<b>Elk</b>	46	Book Cliffs	Survival, migration, neonate capture
	15	Cache/Morgan-South Rich	Survival, migration, disease risk
	5	Parley's Canyon	Survival and migration
	8	San Juan	Survival and migration
	23	Southwest Desert	Survival and migration
	20	West Desert, Tintic	Survival and migration
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>		

<b>Deer</b>	50	Antelope Island	Deer survival and migration
	35	Beaver	Deer survival and migration
	95	Book Cliffs	Deer survival, migration, neonate capture
	118	Boulder	Deer survival and migration
	96	Cache	Deer survival, migration, neonate capture

	47	Chalk Creek/Kamas	Deer survival and migration
	5	Dugway	Deer survival and migration
	8	Eagle Mtn	Deer survival and migration
	8	Grouse Creek	Deer survival and migration
	70	La Sal (includes 20 fawns)	Deer survival and migration
	40	Monroe	Deer survival and migration
	52	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Deer survival and migration
	10	Parley's Canyon	Deer survival and migration
	25	Parowan	Deer survival and migration
	40	Pine Valley	Deer survival and migration
	30	Promontory	Deer survival and migration
	42	San Juan	Deer survival and migration
	50	South Slope	Deer survival and migration
	10	Vernon	Deer survival and migration
	50	Wasatch East	Deer survival and migration
	70	Wasatch Manti	Deer survival and migration
	20	Zion	Deer survival and migration
<b>Total</b>	<b>971</b>		

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,433</b>
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## Program results in FY 2020

The Utah Wildlife Board approved 326 conservation permits for FY 2020 (see Table 2). This represents less than 2% of the total number of permits issued for all these hunts combined. Permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than \$5.2 million. In contrast, if these permits had just been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised approximately \$53,000. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than \$59 million for conservation work in Utah (see Appendix 2).

The number of conservation permits sold and the amount of revenue generated (Table 2 and Appendix 2) are current as of August 15, 2020. Because several cougar units were changed from a limited-entry to a harvest-objective hunting strategy this summer, eight cougar conservation permits may be refunded to conservation permit holders. If this occurs, the total number of conservation permits and revenue obtained for FY 2020 would be reduced from the totals presented in this report.

**Table 2. Conservation permits authorized for FY 2020**

Permit type	Number
Antlerless elk	19
Bear	30
Bison	8
Buck deer	48
Bull elk	97
Bull moose	4
Cougar	18
Desert bighorn sheep	6
Mountain goat	6
Pronghorn	45
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	5
Wild turkey	40
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>326</b>

The true value of conservation permit dollars often exceeds the balance listed on paper. The DWR frequently uses this money to serve as matching funds for grants and other funding mechanisms that result in much larger amounts being awarded and spent in Utah. For example, in projects permitted by the Pittman-Robertson Act, every dollar generated by the Conservation Permit Program can be matched by three dollars in federal aid.

In FY 2020, conservation permit funds covered the costs of numerous habitat, research and monitoring projects. The amount of revenue spent on approved projects or transferred to the DWR for each of the three previous fiscal years can be found in Appendix 1. The conservation-related project lists found in Appendix 1 are also included in the conservation permit audit for FY 2020.

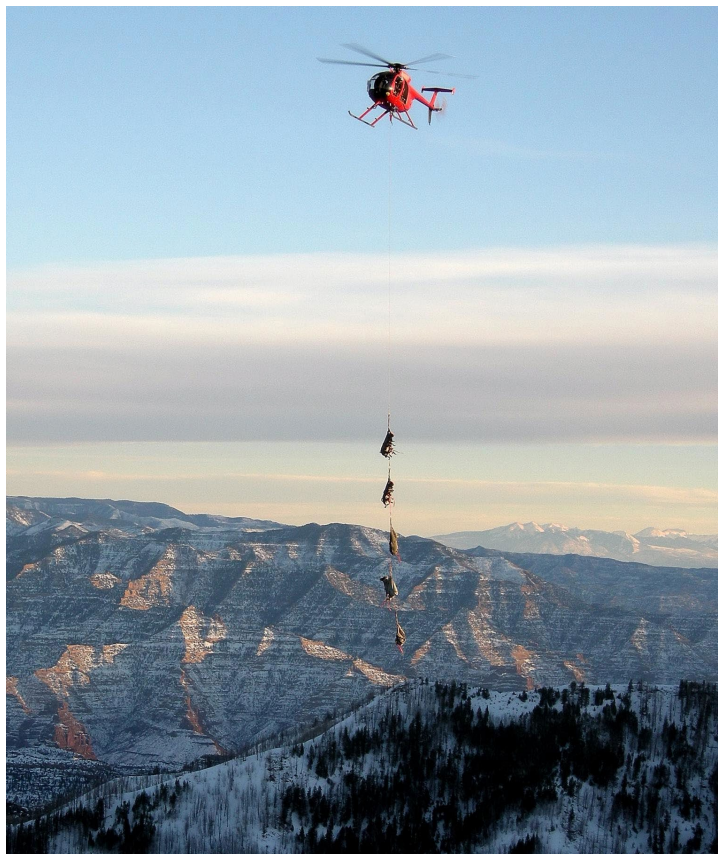


## Program oversight

The DWR understands the value of Utah’s wildlife resources and takes many steps to ensure the Conservation Permit Program is transparent, complies with administrative rule and uses funds effectively for wildlife conservation purposes. In addition to an annual report, the DWR conducts an audit of the Conservation Permit Program each year. Both the annual report and the results of the audit are presented in a public meeting to the Utah Wildlife Board. Additionally, specific information about all funded conservation projects — including project details, budgets, wildlife benefits and summary reports — is available online at <https://wri.utah.gov/wri/>.

## Successful wildlife conservation

In FY 2020, Utah’s Conservation Permit Program raised millions of dollars that were directed back into productive and meaningful wildlife conservation projects. These projects help the DWR better fulfill its mission of serving as trustees and guardians of the state’s wildlife. The program has a track record of success and creates unique opportunities for hunters to work with the DWR in expanding wildlife populations and conserving wildlife habitat. As a result of this program, Utahns have more wildlife species to enjoy, and hunters have a greater diversity of hunting opportunities. Translocations and population growth have also ensured the availability of more hunting permits. The DWR believes that wildlife is valuable to everyone, and the Conservation Permit Program protects and improves wildlife and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.



**Appendix 1.**

Below are tables showing how conservation permit funds (60% retained by the groups) raised in 2018, 2019 and 2020 have been spent or transferred to DWR as of the time of this report.

<b>Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$392,805.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4683	FY19 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Biologist III	2019	\$7,772.00
4466	Bighorn Specialist	2019	\$27,500.00
4748	Feral Horse Film Funding FY19	2019	\$5,000.00
5053	Flat Canyon USFS Allotment FY19	2019	\$112,500.00
4825	Cedar Mountains Big Game and Chukar Guzzlers	2020	\$4,200.00
4966	Book Cliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$2,000.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$2,000.00
4842	Newfoundland Mtns Water Improvement FY20	2020	\$4,125.00
4922	FY20 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Biologist	2020	\$31,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$60,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$5,000.00
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$103,971.43
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$10,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$2,000.00
4812	Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$5,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$10,736.57
			<b>\$392,805.00</b>
	<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$377,520.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4836	South Bookcliffs Phase 7 (Nash)	2020	\$3,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4990	Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$2,000.00
4958	Sevy Bench Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4807	Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$2,000.00
5041	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Specialist	2020	\$32,500.00
5151	Bighorn Protective Fence Black Rock Rd (N Mineral Mtns)	2020	\$13,860.00
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$6,200.00
4920	Bighorn Sheep Quarantine Site FY21	2021	\$6,250.00
5386	Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$7,500.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00

5312	Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY21	2021	\$10,050.00
5411	FY21 Mountain Goat Captures	2021	\$20,000.00
5409	FY21 Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Biologist	2021	\$31,000.00
5412	FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$8,648.19
			<b>\$169,271.62</b>
	<b>Remaining 2019 Revenue</b>	<b>\$208,248.38</b>	
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$445,560.00</b>
	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$653,808.38</b>	

<b>Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$834,162.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
			<b>\$834,162.00</b>
4524	Cedar Fort PJ Removal Phase 2	2019	\$214.69
4534	Book Cliffs weed treatments	2019	\$5,000.00
4544	Parowan Front Mastication	2019	\$24,541.50
4545	South Slope Vegetation Restoration	2019	\$15,552.50
4556	Wallsburg WMA Shrub Planting	2019	\$7,237.50
4568	UKC - Spaniard Spring/Sink Valley Phase II	2019	\$25,000.00
4590	Henefer WMA Browse Scalping and Pipeline Arc Clearance	2019	\$29,595.00
4598	Coldwater WMA Fire Rehab Phase II	2019	\$4,850.00
4604	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2019	\$30,000.00
4614	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 3)	2019	\$25,000.00
4615	Timpanogos, Santaquin and Levan WMAs Shrub Planting Project	2019	\$10,300.00
4648	Pockets Aspen Stewardship Project - Phase II	2019	\$10,000.00
4650	La Sal/North Elk Ridge Rx FY19	2019	\$17,800.00
4657	White Rock Spring PJ Removal	2019	\$10,000.00
4667	Center Creek Chaining Project	2019	\$15,000.00
4693	FY19 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2019	\$105,875.00
5021	MDF Stewardship Position FY20	2020	\$50,000.00
4961	SR Mule Deer Winter Range Bitterbrush Enhancement FY20	2020	\$3,625.00
4789	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 3	2020	\$6,475.00
4814	Three Canyons Deer Winter Range Habitat Treatment -phase 2	2020	\$9,586.57
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$25,000.00
4907	Dry Wash Units 4, 5, 9	2020	\$20,000.00
4959	Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$25,000.00
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$29,882.23
4989	Skutumpah Terrace Chalk Ridge	2020	\$30,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$33,000.00
4928	Northern Region WMA Browse and Water Enhancements	2020	\$33,000.00
4837	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 4)	2020	\$40,000.00
4990	Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$40,000.00
4804	Dairy Fork Bullhog	2020	\$50,000.00
4807	Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$10,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$10,000.00
4835	Grimes Wash Phase 3	2020	\$10,000.00
4778	Pine Canyon to Koosharem Creek/Bell Rock Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project - Phase 3	2020	\$15,000.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$20,000.00



4892	Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald Mtn fire	2020	\$2,500.00
4803	McPherson Water Development Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4825	Cedar Mountains Big Game and Chukar Guzzlers	2020	\$4,200.00
4966	Book Cliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,500.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$1,600.00
4977	Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance (SEA) Coordinator Position FY 20	2020	\$5,000.00
5038	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$7,000.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$5,000.00
5031	FY20 Mountain Goat Captures	2020	\$6,750.00
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$77.01
			<b>\$834,162.00</b>
	<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$822,030.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4473	Left Fork Stewardship Project Phase II	2020	\$34,010.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$125,000.00
5233	Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$10,000.00
5322	Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$10,000.00
5370	Lost Spring Guzzler	2021	\$10,000.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$25,000.00
5352	Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance (SEA) Coordinator FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5363	Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$5,000.00
5400	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$5,000.00
5274	Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$10,000.00
5202	Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	2021	\$15,000.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$15,000.00
5376	Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$19,211.68
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$20,000.00
5196	New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$20,000.00
5310	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase II	2021	\$20,000.00
5180	Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation	2021	\$25,000.00
5413	FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$19,265.50
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$25,000.00
5208	Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$30,000.00
5234	Southeastern Utah Sagebrush and Shrub Planting	2021	\$30,000.00
5379	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$30,000.00
5406	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$30,000.00
5223	Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$35,000.00

5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$40,000.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$40,000.00
5232	Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$40,000.00
5253	Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$40,000.00
5198	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$55,000.00
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$34,542.82
			<b>\$822,030.00</b>
	<b>All 2019 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$967,110.00</b>
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$20,457.18
5270	Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$117,325.00
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$274,280.05
			<b>\$412,062.23</b>
	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$555,047.77</b>	

<b>National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$107,610.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4428	Sheeprocks Beaver Dam Analogues Phase 2	2019	\$2,000.00
4448	Red Creek Rabbitbrush Control Project	2019	\$2,000.00
4453	Indian Peak (Bull Hog)/Atchison Creek(cultural clearance) - Hamlin Valley (Year 4)	2019	\$1,000.00
4471	Augusi Bullhog	2019	\$3,000.00
4472	Lake Fork Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project	2019	\$2,000.00
4473	Left Fork Stewardship Project Phase II	2019	\$3,000.00
4476	Devil's Canyon	2019	\$3,000.00
4477	Hardware Ranch Juniper Lop and Scatter III and Unauthorized route decommission	2019	\$2,000.00
4488	South Canyon (Sunset Cliffs)	2019	\$2,000.00
4494	Cow Hollow	2019	\$3,000.00
4514	Moab Mule Deer Winter Range Habitat Improvement-Phase 3	2019	\$3,000.00
4522	South Bookcliffs Phase 6 (Blaze)	2019	\$2,000.00
4534	Book Cliffs weed treatments	2019	\$1,000.00
4558	Dolores River Restoration 2.0 - Utah	2019	\$3,000.00
4568	UKC - Spaniard Spring/Sink Valley Phase II	2019	\$2,000.00
4571	Quarry Springs Water Enhancement Project	2019	\$1,000.00
4572	Mendon Turkey Plantings Phase IV	2019	\$5,500.00
4604	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2019	\$3,000.00
4614	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 3)	2019	\$4,000.00
4615	Timpanogos, Santaquin and Levan WMAs Shrub Planting Project	2019	\$1,000.00
4634	Dixie National Forest Guzzlers	2019	\$2,000.00
4648	Pockets Aspen Stewardship Project - Phase II	2019	\$13,183.62
4650	La Sal/North Elk Ridge Rx FY19	2019	\$3,000.00
4657	White Rock Spring PJ Removal	2019	\$1,000.00
4667	Center Creek Chaining Project	2019	\$2,500.00
4734	Miller Creek Watershed Restoration 2.0	2020	\$5,000.00
4777	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 4	2020	\$3,000.00
4778	Pine Canyon to Koosharem Creek/Bell Rock Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project - Phase 3	2020	\$2,000.00
4779	Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4812	Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$2,000.00
4835	Grimes Wash Phase 3	2020	\$2,000.00
4836	South Bookcliffs Phase 7 (Nash)	2020	\$2,000.00
4837	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 4)	2020	\$18,000.00
5038	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$1,426.38
			<b>\$107,610.00</b>

<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>			
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$115,860.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4072	Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$10,000.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4625	Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4840	Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal Aspen Regeneration Phase VI	2020	\$3,000.00
4860	Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$2,000.00
4881	Cedar Mtn (Mormon Peak Phase I) Habitat Protection	2020	\$2,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$4,000.00
4888	Dolores River Restoration 3.0 - Utah	2020	\$3,000.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$3,000.00
4932	Lower Diamond Fork Post Fire Riparian Rehabilitation Phase I	2020	\$15,000.00
4952	Colorado River Restoration 3.0	2020	\$3,000.00
4959	Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$3,000.00
5018	East Pockets Stewardship	2020	\$19,298.90
4781	Hogs Heaven Watershed Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5161	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5177	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$916.53
			<b>\$84,789.05</b>
		<b>Remaining 2019 Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,070.95</b>
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$129,988.80</b>
		<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$161,059.75</b>

<b>Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$273,855.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4415	Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2019	\$4,005.69
4427	Ephraim Canyon Bullhog	2019	\$5,000.00
4433	Cockey Hollow phase II	2019	\$10,000.00
4435	Willow Fuels Project - Phase 1	2019	\$20,000.00
4438	SW Strawberry roads Phase 2	2019	\$2,000.00
4445	Anthro Guzzler Project	2019	\$2,000.00
4446	Death Valley Guzzler Project	2019	\$2,000.00
4447	Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase I	2019	\$2,000.00
4453	Indian Peak (Bull Hog)/Atchison Creek(cultural clearance) - Hamlin Valley (Year 4)	2019	\$7,123.50
4471	Augusi Bullhog	2019	\$5,000.00
4474	Southeast Dutton Ponds	2019	\$2,000.00
4477	Hardware Ranch Juniper Lop and Scatter III and Unauthorized route decommission	2019	\$2,000.00
4494	Cow Hollow	2019	\$1,000.00
4506	Burnt-Beaver Restoration Phase I	2019	\$10,000.00
4545	South Slope Vegetation Restoration	2019	\$2,000.00
4548	Gregory Basin wildlife friendly fence.	2019	\$2,000.00
4569	Kamas WMA Boundary Fence	2019	\$1,000.00
4604	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2019	\$5,000.00
4605	Northern Region WMA Annual Browse Enhancement	2019	\$2,000.00
4614	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 3)	2019	\$10,000.00
4634	Dixie National Forest Guzzlers	2019	\$2,000.00
4657	White Rock Spring PJ Removal	2019	\$2,000.00
4662	Bob Jones Wildlife Guzzler	2019	\$2,000.00
4668	Mineral Mountains Wildlife Guzzler	2019	\$2,000.00
4688	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY19	2019	\$2,000.00
4692	FY19 Northern Utah Elk Study	2019	\$4,812.50
4698	FY19 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2019	\$3,064.00
4705	Utah Migration Initiative	2019	\$20,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$7,962.11
4807	Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$3,100.00
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$8,024.33
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$3,000.00
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$28,000.00
4804	Dairy Fork Bullhog	2020	\$3,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$1,000.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$3,000.00

4856	South Slope Vegetation Restoration Phase 2	2020	\$5,000.00
4799	Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4846	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$2,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$15,000.00
4816	UWC FS North Zone Juniper Lop and Scatter FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4814	Three Canyons Deer Winter Range Habitat Treatment -phase 2	2020	\$3,000.00
4734	Miller Creek Watershed Restoration 2.0	2020	\$10,000.00
4836	South Bookcliffs Phase 7 (Nash)	2020	\$2,000.00
4860	Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$5,000.00
4835	Grimes Wash Phase 3	2020	\$2,000.00
4840	Cold Springs WMA Conifer Removal Aspen Regeneration Phase VI	2020	\$3,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4993	Powell District Mud Springs phase II	2020	\$2,000.00
4778	Pine Canyon to Koosharem Creek/Bell Rock Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project - Phase 3	2020	\$13,000.00
4818	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$5,762.87
			<b>\$273,855.00</b>
	<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$272,772.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4818	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$4,237.13
4959	Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4958	Sevy Bench Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4072	Raspberry Canyon Habitat Restoration Project	2020	\$2,019.00
4892	Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald Mtn fire	2020	\$6,000.00
4803	McPherson Water Development Project	2020	\$2,000.00
4966	Book Cliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,000.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$3,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$5,000.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$7,037.89
5045	Lake Fork Allotment Water System Repair - Helicopter Lift Project	2021	\$4,000.00
5122	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5161	North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5162	Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$5,000.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$25,000.00
5177	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration and Fire Rehab Project	2021	\$25,000.00
5179	Circle Springs Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$2,000.00
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5196	New Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00

5197	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$1,100.00
5198	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 5	2021	\$35,207.81
5199	Salina Creek/Gooseberry Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 2	2021	\$10,000.00
5202	Swasey/Dry Wash/Grimes Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction	2021	\$10,000.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$10,000.00
5208	Shiner Basin-McKee Bench Seeding	2021	\$5,000.00
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5220	Miller Creek 3.0	2021	\$10,000.00
5231	Crab Creek Guzzlers	2021	\$3,500.00
5232	Burrville Collaboration Ecosystem Restoration Project	2021	\$8,100.00
5233	Sowers Canyon Watershed Improvement	2021	\$5,000.00
5237	Whiterocks Watershed Improvement Project	2021	\$5,000.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$10,594.50
			<b>\$272,772.00</b>
	<b>All 2019 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$315,597.60</b>
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$14,405.50
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$20,000.00
5251	Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$1,000.00
5257	Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$15,000.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$12,500.00
5274	Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 5	2021	\$10,000.00
5278	Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,200.00
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$5,000.00
5310	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase II	2021	\$3,000.00
5322	Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324	Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$10,000.00
5325	Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363	Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$2,398.75
5364	Little Pigeon Mtn Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$2,000.00
5367	South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$1,000.00
5376	Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$5,000.00
5386	Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5406	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$2,494.63
			<b>\$124,998.88</b>
	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$190,598.72</b>	

<b>Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$127,650.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4402	Little Bear Valley to Fremont Canyon Sagebrush Steppe Habitat Restoration	2019	\$5,461.68
4415	Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2019	\$3,000.00
4427	Ephraim Canyon Bullhog	2019	\$5,000.00
4428	Sheeprocks Beaver Dam Analogues Phase 2	2019	\$1,000.00
4433	Cockey Hollow phase II	2019	\$5,000.00
4438	SW Strawberry roads Phase 2	2019	\$3,000.00
4444	Book Cliffs Bison Habitat Enhancement Cherry Mesa	2019	\$5,000.00
4447	Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase I	2019	\$2,000.00
4453	Indian Peak (Bull Hog)/Atchison Creek(cultural clearance) - Hamlin Valley (Year 4)	2019	\$4,000.00
4470	Parowan Stake/Parowan Gap/Paragonah Cattle/Willow Spring Vegetation Improvement Project	2019	\$3,000.00
4471	Augusi Bullhog	2019	\$2,000.00
4472	Lake Fork Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project	2019	\$2,000.00
4473	Left Fork Stewardship Project Phase II	2019	\$3,000.00
4474	Southeast Dutton Ponds	2019	\$3,000.00
4486	Kyune Creek Prescribed Fire	2019	\$3,000.00
4494	Cow Hollow	2019	\$2,000.00
4506	Burnt-Beaver Restoration Phase I	2019	\$7,500.00
4522	South Bookcliffs Phase 6 (Blaze)	2019	\$3,000.00
4534	Book Cliffs weed treatments	2019	\$2,000.00
4544	Parowan Front Mastication	2019	\$2,000.00
4545	South Slope Vegetation Restoration	2019	\$2,000.00
4556	Wallsburg WMA Shrub Planting	2019	\$2,500.00
4569	Kamas WMA Boundary Fence	2019	\$1,000.00
4571	Quarry Springs Water Enhancement Project	2019	\$2,000.00
4604	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2019	\$5,000.00
4614	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 3)	2019	\$5,000.00
4634	Dixie National Forest Guzzlers	2019	\$5,000.00
4636	Powell Guzzler Fencing/Maintenance	2019	\$933.64
4648	Pockets Aspen Stewardship Project - Phase II	2019	\$2,000.00
4650	La Sal/North Elk Ridge Rx FY19	2019	\$7,500.00
4662	Bob Jones Wildlife Guzzler	2019	\$3,000.00
4688	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY19	2019	\$2,000.00
4698	FY19 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2019	\$3,064.00
4701	FY19 Bison captures	2019	\$3,000.00
4705	Utah Migration Initiative	2019	\$10,000.00



4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$2,014.55
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$5,676.13
			<b>\$127,650.00</b>
	<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$118,275.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$5,000.00
5031	FY20 Mountain Goat Captures	2020	\$6,750.00
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$5,000.00
5034	FY20 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2020	\$3,000.00
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$20,000.00
4804	Dairy Fork Bullhog	2020	\$10,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$5,000.00
4812	Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$10,000.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$5,000.00
4856	South Slope Vegetation Restoration Phase 2	2020	\$5,000.00
4799	Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4846	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$3,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$5,000.00
4816	UWC FS North Zone Juniper Lop and Scatter FY20	2020	\$5,000.00
4966	Book Cliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$4,000.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$3,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$5,000.00
5197	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2020	\$1,384.64
			<b>\$110,458.51</b>
	<b>Remaining 2019 Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,816.49</b>	
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$166,207.20</b>
	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$174,023.69</b>	

<b>Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$955,737.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4657	White Rock Spring PJ Removal	2019	\$6,291.79
4662	Bob Jones Wildlife Guzzler	2019	\$7,250.00
4667	Center Creek Chaining Project	2019	\$15,000.00
4668	Mineral Mountains Wildlife Guzzler	2019	\$8,750.00
4688	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY19	2019	\$4,000.00
4692	FY19 Northern Utah Elk Study	2019	\$4,812.50
4698	FY19 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2019	\$3,064.00
4699	FY19 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2019	\$25,281.50
4701	FY19 Bison captures	2019	\$12,875.00
4705	Utah Migration Initiative	2019	\$64,000.00
5053	Flat Canyon USFS Allotment FY19	2019	\$112,500.00
4754	Zion Bighorn Sheep Unit	2019	\$16,000.00
5032	Wildlife Crossing US191 mp 62.6 to 67	2019	\$13,000.00
4748	Feral Horse Film Funding FY19	2019	\$5,000.00
4730	Curtis Ridge Lop & Scatter	2019	\$40,000.00
5041	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Specialist	2020	\$32,500.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$6,420.78
4807	Replacement of Loafer Mountain Wildlife Management Area Guzzlers	2020	\$10,600.00
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$29,489.43
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$9,248.50
5034	FY20 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2020	\$48,890.50
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$43,525.00
4804	Dairy Fork Bullhog	2020	\$25,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$5,000.00
4812	Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$40,664.00
4917	Willow Creek WMA Aquatic and Terrestrial Improvement Project 2020	2020	\$15,000.00
4856	South Slope Vegetation Restoration Phase 2	2020	\$10,000.00
4025	Home Ranch Bullhog	2020	\$10,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$75,000.00
4814	Three Canyons Deer Winter Range Habitat Treatment -phase 2	2020	\$25,865.50
4734	Miller Creek Watershed Restoration 2.0	2020	\$30,000.00
4837	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 4)	2020	\$45,000.00
4836	South Bookcliffs Phase 7 (Nash)	2020	\$15,000.00
4860	Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$10,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$20,000.00
5012	Mahogany Point Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement	2020	\$10,000.00
4777	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 4	2020	\$10,000.00
4993	Powell District Mud Springs phase II	2020	\$10,000.00

4778	Pine Canyon to Koosharem Creek/Bell Rock Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project - Phase 3	2020	\$10,000.00
4818	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$20,000.00
4625	Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$10,000.00
4989	Skutumpah Terrace Chalk Ridge	2020	\$20,000.00
4959	Center Creek Chaining Project Phase II	2020	\$20,000.00
4990	Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$708.50
			<b>\$955,737.00</b>
	<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>		
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$978,264.00</b>
4990	Parowan Front Braffits Creek	2020	\$39,291.50
4928	Northern Region WMA Browse and Water Enhancements	2020	\$33,000.00
4789	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 3	2020	\$6,475.00
4907	Dry Wash Units 4, 5, 9	2020	\$20,000.00
4961	SR Mule Deer Winter Range Bitterbrush Enhancement FY20	2020	\$3,625.00
4892	Helicopter lift to remote fire damaged water facilities - Pole creek/Bald Mtn fire	2020	\$2,500.00
4825	Cedar Mountains Big Game and Chukar Guzzlers	2020	\$4,200.00
4966	Book Cliffs Guzzler Repair	2020	\$3,500.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$1,600.00
4842	Newfoundland Mtns Water Improvement FY20	2020	\$4,125.00
5038	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY20	2020	\$7,000.00
5013	Pass Canyon Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2020	\$58,250.00
4334	Watts Mountain Pipeline Project	2020	\$10,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$64,408.44
5159	Regional Long Range Rifles	2020	\$29,000.00
5119	2019 Book Cliffs aerial estray horse count and habitat assessment survey	2020	\$30,000.00
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$5,500.00
5231	Crab Creek Guzzlers	2020	\$6,000.00
5262	East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2020	\$20,000.00
5312	Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY21	2021	\$9,000.00
5367	South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$88.27
5179	Circle Springs Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$4,750.00
5400	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$6,000.00
4920	Bighorn Sheep Quarantine Site FY21	2021	\$6,250.00
5364	Little Pigeon Mtn Guzzler Replacement	2021	\$7,750.00
5218	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY21	2021	\$10,000.00
5223	Government Creek P/J Reduction - Phase I	2021	\$10,000.00
5304	Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$10,000.00
5379	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$10,000.00
5330	Marshall Draw WMA Spring Developments	2021	\$10,500.00
5363	Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$12,000.00
5417	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$12,000.00

5386	Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$12,500.00
5175	Stansbury Mountains Watershed Restoration Project	2021	\$15,000.00
5197	Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$15,000.00
5206	Thousand Lake Habitat Improvement Project Phase I	2021	\$15,000.00
5253	Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$15,000.00
5257	Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$15,000.00
5385	Annabella WMA Upland Habitat Improvement Project Phase III	2021	\$16,046.00
5376	Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$19,211.67
5229	Ranch Creek Watershed Improvement Project - Phase II	2021	\$20,000.00
5279	Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$20,000.00
5322	Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$20,000.00
5412	FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$21,000.00
5411	FY21 Mountain Goat Captures	2021	\$23,250.00
5241	Heber Wildlife Rx - West Fork Restoration	2021	\$12,209.02
5248	Burnt-Beaver Phase III	2021	\$30,000.00
5191	UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements FY21	2021	\$34,224.03
			<b>\$760,253.93</b>
		<b>Remaining 2019 Revenue</b>	<b>\$218,010.07</b>
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,113,450.00</b>
		<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$1,331,460.07</b>

<b>Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded</b>			
		<b>FY18 Revenue</b>	<b>\$61,950.00</b>
<b>WRI #</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Year Funds Were Spent</b>	<b>Amount</b>
4568	UKC - Spaniard Spring/Sink Valley Phase II	2019	\$1,126.07
4569	Kamas WMA Boundary Fence	2019	\$1,000.00
4604	Mytoge-Tidwell Sage Grouse Habitat Improvement Phase 2	2019	\$1,000.00
4614	North End La Sal (Brush Hole Phase 3)	2019	\$2,000.00
4634	Dixie National Forest Guzzlers	2019	\$2,000.00
4636	Powell Guzzler Fencing/Maintenance	2019	\$1,000.00
4650	La Sal/North Elk Ridge Rx FY19	2019	\$2,000.00
4668	Mineral Mountains Wildlife Guzzler	2019	\$2,000.00
4688	Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY19	2019	\$2,000.00
4692	FY19 Northern Utah Elk Study	2019	\$2,000.00
4701	FY19 Bison captures	2019	\$2,000.00
4705	Utah Migration Initiative	2019	\$2,000.00
4965	Bookcliffs Big Game Guzzlers	2020	\$814.76
4842	Newfoundland Mtns Water Improvement FY20	2020	\$2,000.00
5029	Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2020	\$3,000.00
5030	FY20 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2020	\$641.94
5033	FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2020	\$2,000.00
5034	FY20 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2020	\$1,000.00
4982	Strawberry Ridge Aspen Regeneration	2020	\$5,000.00
4809	Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 1	2020	\$1,000.00
4812	Central Region Shrub Restoration Projects FY2020	2020	\$2,000.00
4856	South Slope Vegetation Restoration Phase 2	2020	\$2,000.00
4799	Rabbit Gulch Winter Range Improvement Phase II	2020	\$2,000.00
4846	Raft River Aspen Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$1,000.00
4819	Burnt-Beaver Phase II	2020	\$2,000.00
4734	Miller Creek Watershed Restoration 2.0	2020	\$2,000.00
4860	Shingle Mill Phase 1	2020	\$4,000.00
4882	La Sal/Abajo Prescribed Fire FY20	2020	\$1,000.00
4777	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 4	2020	\$2,000.00

4778	Pine Canyon to Koosharem Creek/Bell Rock Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project - Phase 3	2020	\$3,000.00
4818	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project	2020	\$2,544.23
4625	Red Canyon Habitat Restoration Project Phase I	2020	\$1,000.00
4989	Skutumpah Terrace Chalk Ridge	2020	\$1,823.00
	<b>All 2018 Funds Expended</b>		<b>\$61,950.00</b>
		<b>FY19 Revenue</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
		<b>FY20 Revenue</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Remaining Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

## Appendix 2.

### 2001 - 2020 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization

Updated: September 2, 2020

YEAR	Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife		Mule Deer Foundation		Utah Wild Sheep Foundation		Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Safari Club International		National Wild Turkey Federation	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$188,539	55	\$158,400	29	\$283,880	17	\$168,665	43	\$15,770	4	\$101,398	68
2002	\$429,038	97	\$90,964	63	\$252,950	8	\$119,915	61	\$28,700	8	\$120,112	57
2003	\$656,521	197	\$51,853	43	\$226,500	5	\$270,205	54	\$1,250	5	\$51,835	26
2004	\$848,790	135	\$252,310	41	\$291,320	9	\$300,770	97	\$0	0	\$46,312	14
2005	\$522,647	178	\$622,040	82	\$310,600	10	\$175,975	27	\$28,500	11	\$19,901	26
2006	\$710,875	109	\$932,400	113	\$258,650	14	\$306,445	47	\$710,875	22	\$91,035	56
2007	\$1,039,552	102	\$913,220	151	\$405,870	24	\$336,775	30	\$81,515	8	\$82,670	37
2008	\$1,079,055	102	\$976,510	152	\$382,650	24	\$288,390	30	\$83,760	8	\$89,425	37
2009	\$860,000	102	\$822,802	152	\$390,075	24	\$250,675	30	\$72,055	8	\$66,365	37
2010	\$948,400	116	\$900,020	95	\$502,090	43	\$262,095	39	\$148,850	7	\$68,085	32
2011	\$799,290	116	\$754,695	97	\$486,785	43	\$235,000	39	\$102,500	7	\$65,470	32
2012	\$876,600	104	\$968,715	92	\$494,400	41	\$247,740	38	\$93,500	6	\$70,210	31
2013	\$1,083,725	124	\$971,285	84	\$519,500	23	\$275,135	26	\$128,747	21	\$104,535	21
2014	\$1,273,679	124	\$975,530	84	\$516,200	23	\$334,995	26	\$172,950	21	\$99,335	21
2015	\$1,508,650	124	\$1,259,765	84	\$564,510	23	\$366,865	26	\$158,970	21	\$112,145	21
2016	\$1,429,825	145	\$1,186,400	63	\$550,800	14	\$354,190	31	\$205,200	24	\$141,675	26
2017	\$1,449,675	145	\$1,258,550	63	\$578,325	14	\$382,845	31	\$216,420	24	\$165,375	26
2018	\$1,592,895	145	\$1,390,270	63	\$654,675	14	\$456,425	31	\$212,750	24	\$179,350	26
2019	\$1,630,440	122	\$1,370,050	72	\$629,200	16	\$454,620	40	\$197,125	40	\$193,100	35
2020	\$1,855,750	122	\$1,611,850	72	\$742,600	16	\$525,996	40	\$277,012	40	\$216,648	36
	<b>\$20,783,946</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>\$17,467,629</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>\$9,041,580</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>\$6,113,721</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>\$2,936,449</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>\$2,084,981</b>	<b>665</b>

YEAR	Utah Archery Association		California Deer Association		Boone & Crockett		Ducks Unlimited		Total	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$916,652	216
2002	\$0	0	\$14,010	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,055,689	299
2003	\$0	0	\$27,565	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,285,729	340
2004	\$0	0	\$3,270	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,742,772	304
2005	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,679,663	334
2006	\$0	0	\$10,500	20	\$11,500	1	\$0	0	\$3,032,280	382
2007	\$6,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,000	4	\$2,884,602	358
2008	\$10,250	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$14,625	4	\$2,924,665	359
2009	\$6,750	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,200	6	\$2,494,922	361
2010	\$15,400	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$18,300	6	\$2,863,240	342
2011	\$28,700	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,472,440	341
2012	\$37,500	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,215	3	\$2,797,880	322
2013	\$53,525	13	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,430	4	\$3,148,882	316
2014	\$64,875	14	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$23,075	4	\$3,460,639	317
2015	\$90,050	18	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,060,955	317
2016	\$77,500	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,945,590	314
2017	\$99,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,150,440	314
2018	\$103,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,589,615	314
2019	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,474,535	325
2020	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,229,856	326
	<b>\$593,050</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>\$55,345</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$122,845</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$59,211,046</b>	<b>6,501</b>



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# State of Utah

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board/Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Darren DeBloois, Predatory Mammals and Furbearer Program Coordinator

DATE: September 16, 2020

**SUBJECT: Cougar Conservation and Expo Permit Request**

Because many cougar units in the State of Utah are being managed as predator control units, hunt strategies on some conservation and expo permit units has changed.

Conservation permits and groups affected:

Unit	Organization
Plateau, Boulder	MDF
Central Mtns, Southwest Manti	MDF
Central Mtns, Northwest Manti	MDF
Central Mtns, Southeast Manti	MDF
Wasatch Mtns, Currant Creek-North	NWTF
Central Mtns, Northeast Manti	SCI
Fillmore, Pahvant	SCI
Central Mtns, Nebo-West Face	SFW

We have reached out to the organizations and they will offer refunds to their permit buyers. These units can now be hunted with a harvest objective permit that can be obtained over the counter or online and do not hold the value they did when they were limited entry opportunities.

Expo permits affected:

Species	Original unit area	Change to unit
Cougar	Plateau, Boulder	Plateau, Fishlake
Cougar	Central Mtns, Northeast Manti	Wasatch Mtns, West-Strawberry
Cougar	Central Mtns, Southeast Manti	Central Mtns, Nebo (excludes West Face)
Cougar	Fillmore, Pahvant	Monroe



We are recommending that for the expo permits listed here, the person who drew the permit be awarded a permit for alternate units near the original unit that are still split hunting units. This will increase the number of permits available for the alternate unit by one. DWR feels that these units can sustain the potential additional harvest.

In addition to these changes, DWR recommends that no cougar unit permits be marketed and offered for sale next year to avoid having to make similar changes if other units fall under predator management plans.

# 2021 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](http://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.

**CR RAC – 6 PM**

Wildlife Resources Conference Room  
1115 N. Main Street, Springville

**SER RAC – 6:30 PM**

John Wesley Powell Museum  
1765 E. Main St., Green River

**NR RAC – 6 PM**

Weber County Commission Chambers  
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden

**NER RAC – 6:30 PM**

Wildlife Resources NER Office  
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

**SR RAC – 7 PM**

Beaver High School  
195 E. Center St., Beaver

## Schedule & Tentative Agendas

**January – Board Meeting, January 5, 2021 - Tuesday**

- Dec. 2020 RAC agenda items.

**February –** No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

**March –** No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

**April – RAC meetings:**

- Big game permit numbers.
- Antlerless permit numbers
- CWMU rule amendments
- CWMU management plans
- LOA management plans

April 6 - CR  
April 7 - NR  
April 13 – SR – 5:00 pm  
April 14 - SER  
April 15 - NER

**Board meeting April 29**

- April 6-15 RAC agenda items.

**May –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Upland game and turkey recommendations
- Fishing informational – online survey

May 11 - CR

May 12 - NR

May 18 – SR

May 19 - SER

May 20 - NER

**June –**

**Board meeting June 3**

- May 11-20 RAC agenda items
- Conservation Permit List

**July –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers (contingent)
- Bobcat permit numbers (contingent)
- Fee proposals

July 27 – CR

July 28 – NR

Aug 3 – SR

Aug 4 – SER

Aug 5 – NER

**August –**

**Board meeting August 26**

- July 27- Aug 5 RAC agenda items
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

**September –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Fishing recommendations and guidebook (contingent)

August 31 – CR

September 1 – NR

September 7 – SR

September 8 – SER

September 9 – NER

**Board meeting September 30**

- August 31 – September 9 RAC agenda items
- 2022 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 1 yr
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2024)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit

**November –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Big Game 2022 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations
- 2022 Waterfowl Recommendations

November 9 – CR

November 10 – NR

November 16 – SR -5:00 pm

November 17 – SER

November 18 – NER

**Board meeting December 2:**

- Nov. 9-18 RAC agenda items

**December –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Falconry recommendations

November 30 – CR

December 1 – NR

December 7 – SRO -6:00 pm

December 8 – SERO

December 9 –NERO

**January –**

**Board Meeting January 4, 2022 - Tuesday**

- Nov 30 - Dec. 9 RAC agenda items