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May 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback  
May 3, 2023 4:23 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

I believe that we haven't given the last rule change enough time to see any positive or negative affects. To make a proper change. Also making it illegal and having your harvest taken is only going to make it so that people don't turn in Trumpeter swans at all. I genuinely believe it hurts more than it helps.

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May 3, 2023 5:31 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

I'm very happy to see that Trumpeter are now outlawed. Over the last few years there have been too many "TROPHY HUNTERS"  
I hope the poaching fine is high enough to actually have an effect on these self centered individuals.  
There is absolutely no way to mistake a Trumpeter for a Tundra. If they can't tell the difference "STAY HOME"

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**Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan?** Strongly agree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the turkey recommendations for 2023?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?** Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?** This whole thing is a disaster. This solves nothing and creates more problems than what we already have. Comparing duck species identification with swan species identification is comparing apples and oranges. How about we have a male only Canada goose hunt? Why won't that work? This isn't comparing [redacted] and elbows, it's comparing one [redacted] cheek against the other. Anyone with an IQ slightly larger than a toddler can see that eliminating PSG from the hunt area is a great place to start with trying to find a more practical solution.

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May 3, 2023 6:10 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?** I hope the fine is equivalent to poaching any other trophy say \$1000.00, and lifetime suspension from swan hunting

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**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

By making it illegal to shoot trumpeter swans you are only setting hunters up for failure. If you know most trumpeter swans were taken on PSG then close that area. My buddy and I were out hunting last year he had 3 come over him silently I didn't even see them my buddy shot and killed one only to find it was a trumpeter swan. You're only going to create a bigger problem as hunters will either not report or leave the birds in the weeds. And people all together will stop hunting them which hurts state revenue also. Just close PSG and continue to close after 20 birds are taken. 20 birds is not going to hurt the population. The swan numbers fluctuate with weather patterns. Please show the data showing the 20 birds are negatively affecting the population.

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May 4, 2023 10:56 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

It is often very difficult if not impossible to tell if it is a trumpeter or tundra swan. The last swan I got was flying straight at me and was not calling so I could not tell which type it was. Since it was the 8th day I had hunted and had no other opportunities I did not wish to pass on shooting although I was trying to get a tundra. Luckily it was a tundra

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

I disagree with making Trumpeters illegal to harvest. We have an increase of 100k trumpeters, and we are not going to manage them?

Trumpeters are not listed as endangered or even a threatened species, other states have tried to implement a season on them and were unsuccessful due to anti-hunting pressure. The Central Flyway portion of Montana has even lifted the restrictions on the taking of Trumpeter swans and we are going backwards?

I also believe you are not comparing apples to apples on bird identification, ducks and geese are highly distinguishable from one another. I have guided and hunted swans for 30 years, if a Trumpeter is silent or not flying with Tundra swans, they can be almost impossible to tell apart on the wing. We have made it unsportsmanlike to land birds and shoot them on the water and this would be the only way to be 100% certain, after viewing it in binoculars to tell them apart.

If we must wait on FWS to come back with isotype testing and by the data I would rather see tag numbers reduced and a closure of the Northern boundary. I would like to see Utah work closely with FWS and push for an increase of study to see what population of Trumpeters we are seeing; do they need to be managed/hunted?

In addition, I think waterfowlers would like to know...

Will citations be issued to those that take Trumpeter swans?

What would the fine be and if it is considered poaching would one lose his license for 3-5 years?

Will enforcement be stepped up on WMAs to discourage wanton waste of those who accidently shoot one?

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May 4, 2023 10:18 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Somewhat agree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

It is correct. That hunters must identify other species while hunting. But nothing in the proposed rules addresses the juvenile swan population. It is impossible to tell what kind of swan it is when it's a juvenile. Will it still be considered poaching, for shooting a juvenile Trumpeter? Or is juvenile swan hunting going to be illegal? Also what is the proposal to stop unethical hunters from stomping trumps in the mud?

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May 5, 2023 8:53 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?** Let's not hunt a species into extinction.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the wild turkey management plan?**

I do agree with the management including feeding turkeys, especially with extreme weather being probable in wild turkey populations. We do need more releases in the Northern Region, instead of mostly Southern Utah.

I've had tags for the past 3 seasons. The only turkeys we've seen are on private property. We've knocked on a lot of doors, tried to find owners of the property, and we cannot get written permission from anyone. Is there a way that hunters could contact private property owners that are having nuisance turkey problems?

I do agree with the changes to the boundary lines to easily identifiable landmarks, the maps we have currently are incredibly difficult to read while in the field.

**Which best describes your position regarding the turkey recommendations for 2023?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the turkey recommendations?**

I do not agree with allowing air rifles for turkey hunts. The proposed rules will create a lot of confusion, especially with new hunters. While the proposed rules would alleviate some of the issues, it is incredibly likely that there will be a lot more serious, but not immediately deadly, injuries on turkeys.

**Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the upland game recommendations?**

In areas that the survival rates are decreased on released birds there should be other wild bird permits either by trapping and releasing in other areas, or specifically hunting for conservation in other species. Especially on the public waterfowl land. There are several people that believe that we are just feeding the raptors, as opposed to release for hunting.

The migratory birds should not be in the upland game books. Doing so causes confusion on the differences in seasons and available hunting areas. Putting them in a guidebook for migratory birds would be the least confusing option.

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

<p><b>Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?</b></p>	<p>I do agree with the digital duck stamps option, to align with other laws from the state.</p> <p>The guidebooks should have actual photos of the birds to determine which species, the drawings are very difficult to determine which species. There are apps available, but do not always work in the field.</p>
<p><b>Which best describes your position regarding the proposed revision to the pen-reared gamebird rules?</b></p>	<p>Somewhat agree</p>
<p><b>Do you have any additional comments about the pen-reared gamebird rules?</b></p>	<p>There should still be permits on the low level of releases, backyard breeders are more likely to not test for diseases as opposed to commercial breeders.</p>
<p><b>Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the animal collection, importation and possession rules?</b></p>	<p>Strongly agree</p>
<p><b>Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to these rules?</b></p>	<p>Any time you can have multiple programs that affect each type of animal, they should have the same rules across all the departments. The new definition if a species is un-classified it is defaulted to prohibited, will help a lot with confusion. Allowing grandfathered in COR is likely to alleviate a lot of conflicts with previously allowed rules for the specific people they were given to.</p>
<p><b>Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests?</b></p>	<p>Neither agree nor disagree</p>
<p><b>Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU variance requests?</b></p>	<p>It is not fully understandable what the benefit of a CWMU is for the public? If this is creating more space for public access, then it should be approved. If this is creating less space for public access, then it should be rejected. I have spoken with several agencies on CWMU properties and there is a lot of confusion in general on how the public can use the properties.</p>
<p><b>Which best describes your position regarding the translocation management plan for desert tortoises?</b></p>	<p>Somewhat agree</p>
<p><b>Do you have any additional comments about the translocation management plan?</b></p>	<p>While I agree moving the tortoises as absolutely necessary in some situations, it must also be considered to not allow undeveloped land to be to be developed by private companies. There are multiple species the over development of land is affecting.</p>
<p><b>Which best describes your position regarding the Parowan Front WMA habitat management plan?</b></p>	<p>Somewhat agree</p>

**Do you have any additional comments about the habitat management plan?**

Is there a consideration to allow ORV options on WMA's, on specified trails. There is a large population of hunters that are unable to fully hike into the areas. Landowners near any WMA or other generalized property should only be allowed to have wildlife friendly fences.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

The best way to eliminate illegal and/or unnecessary kills of trumpeter swans is to eliminate swan hunting entirely in the state of Utah. The DWR should consider that according to the Salt Lake Tribune, only nine states allow any type of swan hunting. There are good reasons why 41 states outlaw this practice; we should join them. Despite comments from the DWR that the hunt is necessary to prevent overcrowding of swans, I can say that as an experienced birdwatcher, swans are still rare, and a joy to spot.

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?** Somewhat disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

I do not support making the take of Trumpeter Swans illegal. I do support a stronger penalty if a trumpeter is taken, I would like to see a 10 year swan hunting ban if a Trumpeter is harvested. I believe this would deter the majority of swan hunters from specifically targeting Trumpeters and still allow a hunter that mistakenly shoots one to keep it. Trumpeter Swans are increasing in numbers and are not endangered at all.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests?** Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU variance requests?**

In regards to Trade lands, I would like to see trade lands used only in very limited situations and only when it benefits public Hunters. If there are trade lands it should be mandatory that the CWMU operator must post their land as open to hunting. What happens is that a trade happens, and the private land is never posted as open so hunters don't know they can hunt it.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the translocation management plan for desert tortoises?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the translocation management plan?**

I would like to see done whatever is best for desert Tortoise's. Such a cool creature.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the upland game recommendations?**

As a wildlife photographer, I have found it nearly impossible to distinguish the difference between the Trumpeter Swans and Tundra Swans from a distance and I am using state of the art photography equipment with a lens range of 1200mm. It's not till I get home and to edit and crop can I actually see what species I photographed and that can only lead me to believe that it is too easy for hunters for mistakenly kill the wrong species. That and the avian flu that has affected to many types of birds, we should protect the Trumpeters and ban hunting them until they begin to thrive again. Utah is one of nine states that allows Trumpeter swan hunting. Maybe it's time for Utah to lead the way in preserving a struggling species.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the upland game recommendations?**

Utah is one of 9 states that allows hunting of trumpeter swans. You cannot tell the two species apart until you get close - and hunters do not. I strongly recommend stopping all swan harvesting or pause harvesting for several years to assist repopulation. I also think reducing hunting ground areas is also important. There are plenty of other hunting opportunities. With Utah open land devastation through overdevelopment, it is imperative that Utah take steps to preserve wildlife and safe migration spaces.



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May 5, 2023 7:48 pm

**Which best describes your position** Strongly agree  
**regarding the waterfowl rule and swan**  
**hunt recommendations?**

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May 8, 2023 8:12 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the wild turkey management plan?**

Do not hunt turkeys in the fall there is no turkeys now we never see any turkeys

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May 2023 RAC Proposals Feedback  
May 10, 2023 10:48 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

I do not support making it illegal to harvest trumpeter swans. I do not intentionally target this species of swans and I believe the quota should be raised from 20 to 30.

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May 14, 2023 12:51 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about the upland game recommendations?**

Please do not add an "illegal" aspect to the swan hunt, rather manage this issue by Location, Location, Location. If an area is determined to produce the majority of Trumpeters bagged, shut that area down and maintain the current federal shutdown quota of 20. This will extend the annual swan hunt closer to the programmed closure date and possibly allow for a sub-20 Trumpeter harvest in 2023. There are plenty of areas to work around for the hunter to be afield with their swan tag, even if a part of the state is shut off to Swan hunting. 52 years of waterfowl experience, and I could very easily harvest a Trumpeter by mistake. Thank you, Robert Bawden.

**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

I am an avid waterfowler and have harvested several swans over the years. I think the proposal to make the harvest of a Trumpeter illegal is completely over the top. This video provided shows the data that Public Shooting Grounds, when became open to swan hunting is more of the cause to the hunt closure than any other cause. Most everyone leaving comments are for closing Public and leaving the counts in place that are set for Trumpeter harvest. The DNR and Wildlife Board should not cater to the folks that complain about the closure which thats what it appears to be doing. If people would get off the social media and in the field and just hunt when it's open there wouldn't be so many complaints. If you want it bad enough take time off like everyone else and go hunt. I suggest that the Wildlife Board reflect their decision on their own data shown, move the boundary back to where it used to be and see how the next seasons harvest goes instead of jumping right to the extreme. No need to make criminals out of honest people especially with no release of Isotope testing results. Making it illegal to harvest Trumpeter is nothing more than a win for the anti hunting community and I don't appreciate our hunting rights being eroded away little by little. The count and 5 year no draw entry was the start to the next thing and the next thing. To do something else without Isotope data would be not fair to the hunting community. Please consider my comments to not follow through with this bogas proposal. Rich Gonzales

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<b>Which best describes your position regarding the wild turkey management plan?</b>	Somewhat agree
<b>Do you have any additional comments about the wild turkey management plan?</b>	I like the better defined units as long as they done get any smaller.
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the turkey recommendations for 2023?</b>	Somewhat agree
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the upland game recommendations for 2023–25?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Do you have any additional comments about the upland game recommendations?</b>	I am not a fan of 15% going to youth for sage grouse. I would rather have a youth draw where they are allocated their own tags and can hunt any of the units.
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?</b>	Somewhat agree
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the proposed revision to the pen-reared gamebird rules?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Do you have any additional comments about the pen-reared gamebird rules?</b>	Will you do the paperwork in a timely manner?
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the animal collection, importation and possession rules?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests?</b>	Strongly disagree
<b>Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU variance requests?</b>	CWMU units need to be contained to the cwmu. If they want to expand multiple CWMUs to make a single larger one that should be okay. Expanding onto CWMUs that want to stay their own or onto public land is absurd.
<b>Which best describes your position regarding the translocation management plan for desert tortoises?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree

**Which best describes your position regarding the Parowan Front WMA habitat management plan?**

Neither agree nor disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the habitat management plan?**

You will always have people bending and breaking the rules. Sportsman, and non sportsman alike. If you have any rules or recommendations you want to enforce. You must have the man power to enforce them

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May 17, 2023 9:34 am

**Which best describes your position regarding the CWMU variance requests?**

Strongly disagree

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**Do you have any additional comments about the CWMU variance requests?**

Please vote no to allow the CWMU variance request. It sets a terrible precedent and has the potential to allow a CWMU hunter to hunt off the CWMU.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the waterfowl rule and swan hunt recommendations?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

First of all, thank you for letting the public give input. I thought it was a easy cut an dried straight forward proposition. However after listening, I was made aware of other points of views. I hate to ban anything outright. We may need wiggle-room in the future. I'm an environmentalist like all hunters and fishermen and I think that there are balances required, (due to our interference with nature). Black and white lines, may not be what we need for the health of Trumpeter Swans. Once you put an outright ban on harvesting a species the wannabee environmentalists declare victory. Starting up again, may not happen. Reasoning and facts, right or wrong. There may be a way to solve this concern, without a ban.

**Which best describes your position regarding the translocation management plan for desert tortoises?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any additional comments about the translocation management plan?**

Great presentation. Good work and follow-up on project. Spent around 20-30 days in Zones 1-4 last year. Although not looking for tortoises, I did not see personally see one. It may not have been the season for them to be out. Hopefully, I can see one in their habitat. Its interesting how any animal or plant can sustain live in this harsh environment. Did however find out that roadrunners are not near as fast on their feet, as led to believe.

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May 23, 2023 1:28 pm

**Which best describes your position** Strongly disagree  
**regarding the proposed changes to the**  
**animal collection, importation and**  
**possession rules?**

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposed changes to these rules?**

Comment 1: Reindeer and caribou are classified at the same species of deer (cervids). The only difference is that reindeer are domesticated and caribou are found in the wild. The proposed regulation only indicate reindeer and no reference to caribou.

Comment 2: As a current operator of the Certificate of Registration (COR) there has not been any public input when the decision has been made to change the COR nor notifications until final decision. I feel there needs to be a 45 day public comment period or some type of meeting to discuss the changes to the COR.

Comment 3: Reindeer have been domesticated for thousands of years(1) . The reindeer is the only successfully domesticated deer in the world. Nomadic tribes that stretched across from Norway, Russia, and Mongolia used reindeer to ride, pack, pull sleds, milk, clothing, and food. Not much has changed to how reindeer are being used similar from today. Reindeer can be milked for human consumption as well as the antlers are sold to make jewelry, buttons, and knife handles, etc. The reindeer had an important economic role in the early establishment of our country by delivering mail and supplies to Nome Alaska in the late 19th century(2) . Reindeer were also used in WWII moving equipment and ammunition in the northern countries of Europe. Under 7 CFR § 9.201, 7 CFR § 760.204, and 7 CFR § 1416.304 the federal government classifies reindeer and elk as domesticated animals. Elk on rare occasion can be handle by people verse most reindeer can be handled. So why is the State of Utah defining reindeer as prohibited and Elk domestic mammals when privately owned?

Comment 4: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was first identified in 1967 but not recognized until 1978. Experimental case study of oral transmission of CWD to reindeer shows certain reindeer breeds may be susceptible to CWD, while other subpopulations may be protective against CWD in free-ranging populations(3). The only two known cases of CWD of reindeer is one wild reindeer herd was found in Norway in 2016 (4) and another in the State of Illinois in 2019. There has been rumors of more, but I could not find any documentation to proving otherwise. In the case of Elk there are several cases of CWD found in the domestic herds within the US each year. There are even three captive herds shown in Distribution of Chronic Wasting Disease in North America map, updated March 6, 2023 that the State of Utah has allows to be manage within their borders. Going back to my first question if CWD is a priority to protect the wildlife then why is Elk classified under domestic mammals when privately owned and not reindeer.

Comment 5: Sometime in October 2021 UAC R657-3 was changed to allow for reindeer to come from east of the 100th meridian allowing for new diseases to come to Utah. Why are you classifying reindeer as prohibited 2 years later?

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May 26, 2023 11:20 am

**Which best describes your position**      Neither agree nor disagree  
**regarding the waterfowl rule and swan**  
**hunt recommendations?**

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**Do you have any additional comments about these waterfowl recommendations?**

26 May 2023

Swan Hunt Recommendations for 2023  
C/O Utah Division of Wildlife Resources  
Main Office  
Box 146301  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Swan Hunt Recommendations for 2023

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Swan Hunt Recommendations for 2023.

As you know, the Swan Hunt Recommendations for 2023 propose closing incidental harvest of trumpeter swans during the swan season and removing the mortality quota for trumpeter swans, thereby making it illegal to take a trumpeter swan. It has been analogized that because ducks require identification when hunting, it isn't implausible that swans should too be identified by hunters. SCI would submit that swan identification is inherently many, many times more difficult on the wing for an average hunter than duck identification and perhaps likely impossible should an individual bird appear in isolation. It has been stated that ten percent of all adult tundra swans do not have yellow on the lores so even that is not a definitive identification marker. Even cranes (whooping and sandhill), where the species overlap and hunting seasons occur, have many different identification markers that allow hunters to distinguish between species. As such and while balancing the Division's rationale for the proposed change, SCI raises concerns about the potential for future enforcement actions against hunters, particularly in light of conversations nationally about potentially heading towards a swan season encompassing both species as trumpeter swans continue to expand in population and range, and encourages the Division to take a light handed approach as the transition to a tundra swan only season occurs.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Swan Hunt Recommendations. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters!

Sincerely,

Sven Lindquist  
President  
Safari Club International

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