

Wildlife Board Work Session
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington UT
April 9, 2024 9:00 am
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1. Legislative Update – Riley Peck, DWR Legislative Liaison and Public Policy Analyst

2. Mule Deer

- Statewide Update - Dax Mangus, Big Game Program Coordinator
 - Deer population update
 - Trends in general season deer permit numbers vs buck-to-doe ratios and population trends, social difficulties in managing to the objectives in our existing, approved management plans
 - Statewide Management Plan revision status
- California Condors and Lead - Danielle Finlayson, Conservation Biologist Southern Region
 - Update on the status of California condors and how hunters may be able to help
- Statewide deer survival study update - Kent Hersey, Big Game Projects Coordinator
 - Body condition and survival information for study units
 - Habitat use and body condition
 - Importance of summer range
- Deer Survival Study lessons learned and management applications - Dr. Randy Larson and Dr. Brock McMillan from Brigham Young University
 - Buck to doe ratios and herd productivity
 - Neonate (newborn) fawn study update
 - Predation thresholds
 - List of things we know now that we probably wouldn't have believed 10 years ago
- Mule deer perspectives from DWR regions - Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief and Eric Edgley, Habitat Section Chief
 - Regional mule deer tour summary and priority projects moving forward

3. Disease Update - Dr. Virginia Stout, UDWR Veterinarian

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
 - Overview, summary of locations and prevalence, carcass movement rules (in state/ out of state), etc.
- Other disease issues
- Concerns related to the movement of deer (alive)

4. Law Enforcement Updates – Chad Bettridge, Captain

- Residency Fraud
- K9 Investigation
- DNR LE consolidation

5. Licensing – Lindy Varney, Licensing Coordinator

- Licensing update on 2023 draw odds, applicant demographics, bonus and preference points, etc.

6. Statewide Elk Plan Update - Dax Mangus, Big Game Program Coordinator

- General season bull elk permit overview
- Limited entry elk ages and harvest success rates under the new plan

7. Cougar Update – Darren Debloois, Mammals Program Coordinator

- Provide an update on cougar harvest