

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 19, 2024, Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

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Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
– Randy Dearth, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
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3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
– Gary Nielson, Vice-Chairman
4. DWR Update **INFORMATIONAL**
– Justin Shirley, DWR Director
5. 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments **ACTION**
– Trina Hedrick, Coldwater Sportfish Coordinator
6. R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests **ACTION**
– Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator
7. Conservation Permit Audit **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
8. Conservation Permit Annual Report **ACTION**
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
9. Expo Permit Audit **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
10. Expo Permit Allocation **ACTION**
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
11. LOA Committee Membership **ACTION**
– Chad Wilson, Private Lands Public Wildlife Coordinator
12. 2025 RAC/Board Meeting Dates **ACTION**
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator
13. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
– Randy Dearth, Chairman

Wildlife Board Action Log

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Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2024

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Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to: Rusty Robinson
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: May 2, 2024

Spring 2025 – Target Date – Green Pelts

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Motion made by: Paula Richmond
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Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: June 13, 2024

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Motion made by: Kent Johnson
Assigned to: Rusty Robinson
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: June 13, 2024

Fall 2025 – Target Date – Dedicated Hunter Hours Bank

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Motion made by: Gary Nielson
Assigned to: Bryan Christensen
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 - J. Shirley, DWR Director
 5. Legislative Status Update **INFORMATIONAL**
 - Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General
- Rules to be impacted by Legislative Actions**
- R657-5 – Taking Big Game**
 - R657-13 – Taking Fish and Crawfish**
 - R657-38 – Dedicated Hunter Program**
 - R657-42 – Fees, Exchange, Surrenders, Refunds**
 - R657-44 – Big Game Depredation**
6. Cougar Update **INFORMATIONAL**
 - Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator
 7. CWMU Rule Amendments **ACTION**
 - Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
 8. Conservation Permit Program Rule Amendments – R657-41 **ACTION**
 - Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
 9. Conservation Permit List **ACTION**
 - Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief
 10. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
 - Randy Dearth, Chairman

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Kent Johnson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024 Wildlife Board Meeting as submitted.

3) Cougar Update (**Informational**)

The following motion was made by Paula Richmond, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into the viability of selling green pelts for both bear and cougar. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

4) CWMU Rule Amendments – R657-37 (**Action**)

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5) Conservation Permit Program Rule Amendments – R657-41 (**Action**)

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6) Conservation Permit List (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Bret Selman and passed 3 in favor, 1 recusal. Paula Richmond recused herself from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Conservation Permit List as presented by the Division.

7) Other Business (**Contingent**)

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J. Shirley – Executive Secretary	Kent Johnson

RAC Chairs

Central – Mike Christensen
Southern – Kevin Bunnell
Southeastern – Eric Luke (virtual attendance)
Northeastern – Grizz Oleen
Northern – Brad Buchanan

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Mike Christensen	Dallon Christensen
Justin Shannon	Staci Coons	Jason Vernon
Ashley Green	Paige Wiren	Darren DeBloois
Kenny Johnson	Charles Lyons	Mark Martinez
Blair Stringham	Jim Christensen	Eric Edgley
Kevin Bunnell	Chad Wilson	Dax Mangus
Covy Jones	Seth Magers	Mike Wardle
Wyatt Bubak	Riley Peck	Phil Gray

Public Present

Tom Land	Angie Wonnacott
Braden Sheppard	Michael Labrum
Gary Webb	Dave Freiss
Troy Justensen	

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- 00:07:58** Chairman Dearth called the meeting to order, read the public meeting statement, and asked the board members to introduce themselves.
- 00:10:26** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.
- 00:10:50** Chairman Dearth asked the RAC chairs to introduce themselves.
- 00:11:52** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Bret Selman, seconded by Kent Johnson and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:12:22** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
Habitat Section Chief Eric Edgley reported on the action log item regarding Wildlife Management Area use fees, and guides and outfitters special use permits on Waterfowl Management Areas.
The Board asked about guides and outfitters setting up permanent blinds on Waterfowl Management Areas. The Board commented on feedback received from the non-consumptive public on Wildlife Management Area use fees.
The Board asked how fees and/or issued permits would be regulated on non-contiguous WMAs, and asked about regulating accidental non-consumptive WMA use. The Board further asked if special use permits for guides would be assigned to a specific property or not, and if a WMA use fee would allow access to all WMAs.
Vice-Chairman Nielson noted that the action item regarding CWMU recommendations would come before the Board today.
- 00:21:00** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director J. Shirley gave Administrative Services, Aquatic, Habitat, Law Enforcement Outreach and Wildlife section updates. Also, a “Help Stop Poaching” video was played.
- 00:37:30** **5) Legislative Statue Updates (Informational)**
Assistant Attorney General Charles Lyons shared that at the 2024 Western Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies conference, he learned that the state of Oregon has a dedicated state wildlife prosecutor. He then noted legislative rule

changes.

00:41:04 Board Questions

There were no questions from the Board.

00:41:28 6) Cougar Update (Informational)

Mammals Coordinator Darren DeBloois shared statewide cougar management data highlights.

00:43:33 Board Questions

The Board asked about the sale of green cougar pelts, and if it is legal to sell green bear pelts in Utah. The Board requested to be put on the action log that the Division look into legal selling of green pelts.

The following motion was made by Paula Richmond, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into the viability of selling green pelts for both bear and cougar. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

00:48:15 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

00:48:58 7) CWMU Rule Amendments – R657-54 (Action)

Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator Chad Wilson noted that the committee had a lot of meetings and discussion in the past year, and stated that he would answer any questions from the Board or RAC chairs.

00:49:36 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RAC chairs.

00:49:53 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

00:52:14 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:07:08 RAC Recommendations

The RACs voted in favor of the rule amendments recommendations with various stipulations.

01:08:58 RAC Summaries

Chairman Dearth gave a summary of all the RAC motions.

01:10:17 Board Questions/Discussion

The Board asked if there is anything in the CWMU rule that prevents an operator from asking the public to show proof of insurance if the public are bringing personal off-highway vehicles onto a CWMU.

The Board also asked about the committee's recommendation for the number of guests that can accompany the person who has a CWMU permit, and to clarify the recommendation regarding the proximity to each other that hunters and their guests must be.

The Board commented that the new rule requires operators to annually update their property's rules by a certain date.

The Board asked about the 90% acreage rule and variance requests.

Chairman Dearth commented on data from a BYU professor that shows how much acreage is required to carry elk.

The Board asked if the proximity requirement of hunters and guests needed to be more specific.

The Board asked about late season antlerless harvest, and the reporting of, on CWMUs, and asked the Division to share antlerless harvest data at the next board meeting that addresses antlerless hunts.

The Board suggested that the number of guests who can accompany a hunter be specified, or specified with the option for an increased number of guests with the CWMU operator's permission.

The Board recognized that too many hunters and their guests on a CWMU during a hunt is problematic.

Board member Bret Selman, who is a CWMU operator, shared his experience as an operator, of managing guests on his property.

The Board further discussed if the number of guests should be specified in rule, and what that number of guests might be.

The following motion was made by Paula Richmond, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed 3 in favor, 1 recusal. Bret Selman recused himself from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we amend the Division's rule language to reflect that a hunter may bring a maximum of 4 guests, unless otherwise authorized by the CWMU operator.

Chairman Dearth asked the Board if they need to address the CWMU operators' concern about liability of having the public on their private land.

The Board discussed the acreage recommendation, and recognized that in Utah's diverse landscape, a one-size-fits-all CWMU acreage rule may not be practical.

The Board commented on the problem of some landowners needing to partner with neighboring landowners to meet the CWMU acreage requirement, and that the CWMU program helps private landowners with historical trespass issues.

The Board suggested that the verbal distance suggested in the rule change be specified as a number of feet.

The Board further discussed the acreage requirement recommendation, options for

private properties that are surrounded by public land, and noted that a CWMU operator could charge a trespass fee to a member of the public for a species hunt that the CWMU does not participate in.

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Gary Nielson, and passed 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 recusal. Paula Richmond was opposed, and Bret Selman recused himself from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendation on the 90% acreage requirement to qualify for a variance.

The Board discussed the recommendation that hunters and guests on CWMUs maintain a distance from each other whereby visual and verbal communication can still be maintained.

The Board addressed the public's concern regarding antlerless harvest opportunity on CWMUs when depredation is a problem.

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Paula Richmond, and passed 3 in favor and 1 recusal. Bret Selman recused himself from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the Division's recommendation as presented.

01:52:23 BREAK

02:06:44 8) Conservation Permit Program Rule Amendments – R657-41 (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones shared the history of the Conservation Permit Program, and summarized the current rule amendments.

02:11:48 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked why turkey and bear are in the program.

02:13:08 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

02:14:08 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the rule amendments, with one stipulation from the Southern RAC, and the Northeastern RAC asking the Wildlife Board to look at different ways to generate revenue from the current conservation permits.

02:16:18 Public Comments

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

02:16:20 RAC Summaries

Chairman Dearth gave a summary of all the RAC motions.

02:17:00 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board emphasized that if it were not for the Conservation Permit Program, there would be no bighorn sheep in Utah, and noted the enormous amount of revenue that is generated for wildlife management.

The Board asked how Utah compares to other states in terms of revenue generated using an auction versus a raffle fundraising model.

The Board asked if other states issue as many conservation permits as Utah does.

The Board asked the Division to compare auction fundraising to other fundraising models to determine which model could generate the most revenue for conservation.

The Board asked about the proposed rule change to eliminate the bighorn sheep conservation permit variance request, and also asked about the bighorn sheep conservation permit season dates.

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed unanimously.

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02:38:04 9) Conservation Permit List (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones gave a presentation titled, "2025-2027 Conservation Permits Recommended Permit Allocations."

02:45:04 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board.

02:45:35 Public Comments

There were no online public comments on this agenda item.

02:45:58 Board Discussion/Questions

The following motion was made by Kent Johnson, seconded by Bret Selman and passed 3 in favor, and 1 recusal. Paula Richmond recused herself from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Conservation Permit List as presented by the Division.

02:46:34 10) Other Business (Contingent)

Vice-Chairman Nielson commented on how favorably Utah wildlife management compares to other western states. He then presented an argument for allowing dedicated hunter to bank logged hours for a year.

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Paula Richmond and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to explore the concept of “banking” dedicated hunter hours prior to joining the program. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

02:50:30 Meeting adjourned.

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Thursday, August 22, 2024, Board Meeting 9:30 am

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– Randy Dearth, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. CWMU Over-objective Permit Request
– Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
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MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) CWMU Over-objective Permit Request (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Bret Selman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU over-objective permit request as presented by the Division.

3) Administrative Rule Hearing – Kimberly CWMU (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Bret Selman and passed 4 in favor and 1 opposed. Paula Richmond was opposed.

MOTION: I move to deny the Kimberly CWMU elk variance request for the reasons set forth in the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' response to the Kimberly CWMU request.

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	Bryce Thurgood

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Paige Wiren	Gary Wight

Kimberly CWMU Counsel

Michael Labrum

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00:16:51 Chairman Dearth opened the meeting and invited the Kimberly CWMU attorney, Michael Labrum, to speak to the Board, and then asked Division of Wildlife Assistant Attorney General, Kyle Maynard for procedural guidance. Mr. Labrum was again invited to speak, and to address the reason for the appeal. Chairman Dearth then explained the informal structure of the proceedings.

00:18:26 **3) Administrative Rule Hearing – Kimberly CWMU (Action)**

00:39:16 **Board Questions**

The Board asked for clarification on particular land ownership, and asked if there were public land in the property

Assistant Attorney General Gary Wight disclosed that he knows one of the private landowners that Mr. Labrum mentioned.

The Board asked for clarification on the proposed trade lands transaction that Mr. Labrum mentioned. Assistant Attorney General Kyle Maynard asked an additional clarifying question.

The Board asked if there were any agricultural use of the land being discussed, and what the private property owners' plan is to harvest cows on the property.

Kyle Maynard asked if the non-contiguous land being discussed in this meeting was discussed in previous RAC meetings.

00:59:29 **Division Comments/Board Questions**

Assistant Attorney General Kyle Maynard presented opinions representing the Division's interests.

Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator Chad Wilson voiced concerns about public land being a part of the Kimberly CWMU.

Chairman Dearth asked about the CWMU application process.

Mr. Labrum responded to the original application submission acreage calculation concerns.

The Board asked about public access on 126 total acres of public property, and asked Mr. Labrum and the Division to clarify how many total contiguous acres are in the Kimberly CWMU.

The Board asked for clarification of grazing rights on the deeded property.

Mr. Labrum asked Division of Wildlife Resources district biologist Mike Wardle to comment on biological elk and habitat information related to the CWMU property.

The Board asked about the potential for private-public boundary issues, asked what the hunt strategy is on the U.S. Forest Service land surrounding the CWMU, and

asked if there are other beneficial programs available for the private landowners to participate in other than the CWMU program.

Mr. Labrum voiced the landowners' collective intentions for improving big game habitat conditions, as well as commented on the current habitat conditions of the acreage that allow for a quality hunting experience. Mr. Labrum also gave his opinion on the speculation that hunting would deter elk from occupying the CWMU property.

Chad Wilson commented that the CWMU landowners could participate in Utah's Land Owner Association program, and asked Mr. Labrum to have his group submit a different and digital map to be used in the Utah hunt planner tool.

The Board asked Mr. Labrum if his group has had past success with working a trade lands deal with the U.S. Forest Service.

Mr. Labrum thanked the Board for their time.

01:40:39 Meeting adjourned for deliberation.

02:54:58 Board Discussion

Chairman Dearth reconvened the meeting.

Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Bret Selman and passed 4 in favor and 1 opposed. Paula Richmond was opposed.

MOTION: I move to deny the Kimberly CWMU elk variance request for the reasons set forth in the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' response to the Kimberly CWMU request.

02:56:08 Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

1) 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments (**Action**)

- NR: MOTION: I move we approve 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments as presented.
Passed: Unanimous
- CR: MOTION: To not accept the Division's proposal to remove the 18 inch limit on ice hole size at Flaming Gorge.
Passed: Unanimous
MOTION: Ask the Wildlife Board to consider an action log item to monitor the take by spearanglers and their impact on the fishery (e.g. stamp free certificate, etc.)
Passed: Unanimous
MOTION: Accept the remainder of the Division's recommendations as presented.
Passed: Unanimous
- SR: MOTION: Move to keep fly/lure only regulations in place for Manning Meadows and Barney Reservoirs, but accept the proposal for increased limits at these reservoirs.
Passed: Unanimous
MOTION: Move to accept the remainder of the Division's proposal with the exception of the change to the ice-hole size at Flaming Gorge.
Passed: Unanimous
- SER: MOTION: Accept the proposed Flaming Gorge regulation
Passed: Unanimous
MOTION: To not accept the regulation change at Echo Reservoir
Failed: 7-3
MOTION: To not accept the division's recommendation to add bait fishing to Manning Meadows and Barney Lake.
Failed: 8-2
MOTION: To accept the remainder of the division's proposal as presented.
Passed: 9-1
- NER: MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division except for the Manning Meadows and Barney Lake which will vote on separately.
Passed: Unanimous
MOTION: To accept the four fish limit increase and keep the Artificial Flies and Lure on Barney Lake and Manning Meadows.
Passed: 9-1

2) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Ruled Amendments (**Action**)

All Regions:

- MOTION: I move that we accept R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments as presented.
Passed: Unanimous

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

August 28, 2024

The meeting will stream live at <https://youtube.com/live/TX-ZROas6WM>

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes **ACTION**
- RAC Chair
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- DWR Regional Supervisor
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INFORMATIONAL
-Alan Ward, CR Aquatics Manager
6. 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments
ACTION
- Craig Walker, Asst. Wildlife Program Chief
- Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manger
7. R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal
Rule Amendments **ACTION**
- Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator

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Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.

CR RAC – Aug 27th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street Springville
<https://youtube.com/live/YSa-HEfDrwg>

SER RAC – September 4th, 6:00 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtube.com/live/YeX9-wLogus>

NR RAC – Aug 28th, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtube.com/live/TX-ZROas6WM>

NER RAC – September 5th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Rm
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
https://youtube.com/live/aW_LJSqPCm8

SR RAC – September 3rd, 6:00 PM

Board Meeting – September 19th, 9:00 AM

**Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Ross Worthington, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda and minutes.

2) 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Robert Dale, seconded by Nikki Wayment and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move we approve 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments as presented.

3) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Ruled Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Ross Worthington, seconded by Marshall Alford and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments as presented.

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 28, 2024

Attendance

RAC Members

Brad Buchanan – Chair
Ryan Brown – Vice-Chair
Blair Stringham-Exec Sec

Marshall Alford
Jaimi Butler
James Carlson
Robert Dale

Darren Parry
Jessica Wade
Nikki Wayment
Ross Worthington

Board Member

RAC Excused

David Earl
Junior Goring
Randy Hutchison
Casey Snider
Steve Sorensen

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Clint Brunson
Trina Hedrick
Chelsea Duke

David Beveridge

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 28, 2024

Minutes

- 00:07: 22** 1) Chairman Brad Buchanan called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience and reviewed the meeting procedures.
- 00:12:03** 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Ross Worthington, seconded by Ryan Brown and passed unanimous.
- MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda and minutes.**
- 00:12:57** 3) **Update from past Wildlife Board Meeting by Brad Buchanan, RAC Chair**
Links on website to view.
- 00:15:51** 4) **Regional Update – Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor (Informational)**
Blair Stringham updated the RAC on regional activities.
- 00:26:50** 5) **Strawberry Reservoir- Response to illegal introduction of walleye (Informational)**
Presentations could be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>
- Trina Hedrick summarized the presentation for the RAC.
- 00:27:04** **Questions from RAC Members**
Type of nets used to capture the walleye. Confident that walleye aren't going to be an issue in Strawberry Reservoir. Netting study through 2025 in Red Fleet Reservoir.

No public questions.

00:30:01 Electronic/ Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor

Blair Stringham summarized the public comments received from the online presentation.

There were no public comments.

00:31:14 6) 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments (Action)

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

Trina Hedrick summarized the presentation.

00:36:39 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Protocol statistics. Response bias to surveys. Chumming being illegal at Flaming Gorge in Utah, but not in Wyoming. Negative effects of chumming. Bag limit possession, limit of lake trout under 28 inches on Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Target around the lake trout in Flaming Gorge. Type of fish burbot primarily target and impact the most. Estimates of reduction in kokanee.

No questions from the public.

00:50:26 Electronic/ Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham, Regional Supervisor

Blair Stringham summarized the public comments received from the online presentation.

Public Comment

Ben Allen-Concerns about spearfishing regulation changes. Risk posed to broodstock, trophy and big fish populations in the state. Spear fisherman target the largest members of all species. Largest fish are almost always females and critical for future recruitment

of fish into the population. Unethical to hunt and remove such a fish from a waterbody that depends on them. Need specific restrictions on newly proposed regulation changes. Spearfishing should not be done at night. If allowed to fish at night, carp and chub should be the only legal species to target. Spearfishing should be closed during the walleye spawn, namely on the following waterbodies: Willard Bay Reservoir, Echo Reservoir, Deer Creek Reservoir, Utah Lake, Starvation Reservoir, Big Sand Wash Reservoir and Yuba Reservoir. These waters should be closed to spearfishing from March 1 until the fourth Saturday in May.

Greg Moore- Needs to be checks and balances when it comes to taking fish via spearfishing. In the spring, walleye are vulnerable. Large females are easily targeted. There is no law enforcement at night.

Close Starvation Reservoir, Deer Creek Reservoir and other bodies of water to spearfishing from March 1 through May 15. We protect bass and trout, why not protect the walleye?

Ken Strong- Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife/Utah Anglers Coalition- Opposed to the size of the ice hole recommendation. Want it to remain the same for safety reasons.

Jackson Hinck- Get Out & Play- Bass fishing quality in Southern Utah will be negatively impacted by the proposed regulation changes. Introduce a slot limit for bass 12 inches is too small.

01:05:11 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Spearfishing at night and use of artificial light. Regulate fishing at night. Amount of law enforcement available at night and concern about keeping anglers' honest. Advantage of spearfishing at night. Angling restrictions at Starvation Reservoir and the walleye spawn. Use of spot lights while fishing. Regulations need to be put in place to not stress other species of fish when they are spawning. No slot limit on bass. Reasoning behind removing the ice hole size at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Genetic testing of fish. Regulations have been thought out.

The following motion was made by Robert Dale, seconded by Nikki Wayment and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we approve 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments as presented.

01:25:48 7) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments (Action)

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

Chelsea Duke summarized the presentation.

01:28:00 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Disposal of public lands. Land acquired solely for public access. Internal transfers.

No questions from the public.

01:32:04 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Blair Stringham Regional Supervisor

Blair Stringham summarized the public comments received from the online presentation

No public comment.

01:32:53 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Will make it more efficient.

The following motion was made by Ross Worthington, seconded by Marshall Alford and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interest for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments.

01:34:37 Ross Worthington. Motion to adjourn.

RAC AGENDA

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- Craig Walker, Asst. Wildlife Program Chief
- Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager
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- Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator

**Central Region RAC Meeting
Summary of Motions
August 27, 2024
Springville, Utah**

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Braden Sheppard and passes unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of May 14, 2024 RAC Meeting Minutes

The following motion was made by Scott Jensen, seconded by Braden Sheppard and passes unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) Strawberry Reservoir – Response to illegal introduction of walleye

This was an informational item and no motions were made

4) 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by John Ziegler and seconded by Josh Greenahlgh and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Not accept the Division's proposal to remove the 18 inch limit on ice hole size at Flaming Gorge

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen and seconded by Scott Jensen and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ask the Wildlife Board to consider an action log item to monitor the take by spearanglers and their impact on the fishery (e.g. stamp free certificate, etc.)

The following motion was made by Braden Sheppard and seconded by Bryce Castagnetto and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the remainder of the Division's recommendations as presented.

5) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments

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The following motion was made by Kellen Hyer and seconded by Mike Christensen and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the Division's recommendations as presented

Central Region RAC Meeting

Attendance
August 27, 2024
Springville, Utah

RAC Members

Attending

Brock McMillan
Joshua Lenart – online
Mike Christensen
John Ziegler
Bryce Castagnetto
Josh Greenhalgh
Scott Jensen
Braden Sheppard
Kellen Hyer

Absent

Steve Lund
Eric Reid - excused
Amos Murphy
Jim Shuler - excused

Wildlife Board

Gary Nielson

DWR Personnel

Jason Vernon
Mark Farmer
Scott Root
Alan Ward
Lt. Matt Briggs
Ian Glackin

Trina Hedrick
Chelsea Duke
Mike Christensen
Mike Packer
Bailee Prestwich

Total members of the public in attendance: 4

Central Region RAC Meeting

August 27, 2024

Springville, Utah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSa-HEfDrwg>

06:00:19	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 and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:04:04	1) Approval of Agenda & Past Minutes (Action) The following motion was made by Brock McMillan, seconded by Scott Jensen and passes unanimously MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
06:04:35	2) Update on the past board meeting (Informational) Brock McMillan provided a brief update on the past board meeting held on June 13th .
06:06:35	3) DWR Regional Update (Informational) Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities. Wildlife Section <ul style="list-style-type: none">- High amounts of outdoor recreation in July & August influenced nuisance bear activity.- Conservation section has been conducting bat surveys all summer.- Intern Jake Barnes is monitoring chukar survival rates in the West Desert. Aquatics Section <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monitoring surveys and electrofishing surveys are happening throughout the region. i.e. - High elevation Lakes like Silver Lake Flat, Silver Lake, Deer Valley Lakes and Red Pine Lakes etc.- Monitoring of both native and sportfish in the Provo River Delta.- Wrapping up 3 months of carp control pilot project.- Kokanee Salmon viewing at Strawberry is coming up.- Investigations are underway for several fish kills throughout the region. Habitat Section <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Energy Gateway South powerline project is nearing completion.- Four new guzzlers have been installed on the Stansbury mountains.- Riparian fencing project for Sage grouse near Vernon is completed.- Approximately 1000 acres of big game habitat has been improved in Mill Creek Canyon and the Wasatch Front. Outreach Section <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Many seminars have taken place.- The State Fair building and fishing pond event is underway.- Our Volunteer Coordinator has had a very busy season working with 4500 Dedicated Hunters.- Underwater Strawberry River Kokanee live stream will be running in late September. Law Enforcement

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many officers attended the NAWEOA conference held in British Columbia. - Deep Creek patrols have started to alleviate concerns from the Goshute tribe that hunters are hunting on tribal ground. - Hunting season has opened. - Officers are seeing typical violations that occur each year.
06:26:16	<p>4) Strawberry Reservoir - Response to illegal introduction of walleye (Informational)</p> <p>Alan Ward, Strawberry Project Leader presented to the board.</p>
06:26:22	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>The RAC members asked questions on how the techniques Alan uses to detect walleye in Strawberry Reservoir work. There were also additional questions on the frequency of these illegal fish introductions and what Alan has seen in years past. The RAC members also asked how the environmental DNA specimen is collected.</p>
06:30:05	<p>Public Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Chinburg (UT Chapter of Backcountry Anglers) - Is the DNA specimen collection operated proactively for other species? Is it only for Walleye?
06:31:13	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p>
06:31:49	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC members discussed the support for the efforts the Division is taking to prevent these illegal fish introductions from happening.</p>
06:32:16	<p>5) 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments</p> <p>Trina Hedrick presented to the board.</p>
06:35:58	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>The RAC discussed the amount of changes UT has made in comparison to Wyoming at Flaming Gorge. The RAC conversed on who is driving these changes to be made. The regulation change being driven by anglers vs biology was also discussed. The RAC discussed ice hole size limitation and the thinking behind removing the restriction like Wyoming has. The RAC also questioned what impacts will come up from spearfishermen using artificial light targeting mature lake trout. The RAC questioned the brood stock lakes like Manning Meadows & what the biology is telling us about their growth. The RAC members discussed the concerns with removing the additional "bonus trout" from some of the high Uintas water bodies and what feedback avid anglers are bringing to the table as added motivation to move on this action. The RAC requested further details on why residents' responses were specifically targeted for surveys instead of non residents.</p>

<p>06:49:09</p>	<p>Public Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
<p>06:49:14</p>	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ken Strong (Sportsmans for Fish and Wildlife) - Agrees the public drives a lot of our regulation changes. He also feels we give in to Wyoming's regulation differences all too often. The ice hole restriction size, possibly being removed, brings up many concerns for anglers recreating at the south end of the lake as that area is much more shallow and tends to not fully freeze over. We feel it is important for us to stick to the rules we have in place. Second of all, SFW has put up a \$5000 bounty for any information on the person(s) involved with the illegal introduction of fish that are being planted across UT waterbody's. The SFW also sees the opportunity for improvement to the process of how these illegal fish are handled by the general public. Ken proposed that when an illegal fish is caught, the angler should be required to kill the fish and not be authorized to leave with it. - Peter Chinburg (UT Chapter of Backcountry Anglers) - Stated full support of the recommendations to regulation changes being proposed.
<p>06:54:42</p>	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC discussed the concerns with not having an ice hole size limitation. The ability for anglers to pull these trophy trout through a larger ice hole could potentially bring value to their overall experience and prevent future mishaps of lost fish. The RAC acknowledged the safety risk that arises when we remove these restrictions. Members of the RAC have personally had family fall through chiseled ice holes and although this is a the public takes while recreating icy waters it raises safety concerns exponentially with the restriction possibly being lifted. The fish being stunted at some of our broodstock lakes (i.e. Manning Meadows) was also discussed. Clarification that we only are removing eggs from these brood water bodies and not fish was also received.</p>
<p>07:02:42</p>	<p>2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by John Ziegler and seconded by Josh Greenhalgh. This was passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: Deny the suggestion to lift the ice hold restriction at Flaming Gorge.</p>
<p>07:11:44</p>	<p>2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Mike Christensen and seconded by Scott Jensen. This was passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To ask the Wildlife Board to consider an action log item to monitor the</p>

	take by spear anglers and their impact on the fishery.
07:13:52	<p>2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Braden Sheppard and seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. This was passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To accept the remainder of the regulations as presented.</p>
07:14:21	<p>6) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chelsea Duke presented to the board.</p>
07:14:58	<p>RAC Questions</p> <p>The RAC asked for clarification on what fair market values means. The RAC also asked for examples of how the Division decides that a property is disposable.</p>
07:20:52	<p>Public Questions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- None</p>
07:20:58	<p>Public Comments</p> <p>Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation.</p> <p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter Chinburg (UT Chapter of Backcountry Anglers) - Stated that the organization supports the restructure of this rule.
07:22:24	<p>RAC Discussion</p> <p>The RAC discussed the properties being dispersed by the Division. With there being no wildlife value to these properties there are very little concerns. The RAC also discussed who determines the property has no wildlife value and in turn makes the decision it is eligible for acquisition.</p>
07:24:12	<p>R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>The following motion was made by Kellen Hyerand and seconded by Mike Christensen. This was passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the changes on the R657-61 as presented by the Division.</p>
07:25:00	Meeting adjourned.

Southern Regional RAC Meeting
September 03, 2024 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd, Richfield, UT

RAC Members

Attending

Riley Roberts (Acting Chairman)
Bart Battista (Online)
Rachel Bolus
Chuck Chamberlain
Russell Gardner
Mike Grant (Online)
Tammy Pearson
Brooklyn Cox (Online)
Verland King
Bryant Johnson
Chad Utley (Online)

Absent

Travis Duran
Austin Atkinson

Wildlife Board

Paula Richmond – Online
Gary Nielson (Online)

DWR Personnel

Kevin Bunnell
Mike Hadley
Taylor Shamo
Oakley Toomer

Adam Kavalunas
MaKayla Roundy
Gabe Patterson

Public invited to join online: <https://youtube.com/live/88RvRPZV3Cc>

Southern Region RAC Meeting

September 03, 2024

Richfield, Utah

<https://youtube.com/live/88RvRPZV3Cc>

06:00:02	<p>1) Acting Chairman Riley Roberts called the meeting to order. Called the roll of RAC members. Riley Roberts and DWR Regional Supervisor Kevin Bunnell outlined the agenda for tonight's meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explained the RAC process and noted there will be no live presentations during the meeting.• Encouraged those who want to express their opinions at tonight's meeting to submit a comment card.• Reminded everyone to be respectful of others, especially of those who have ideas and opinions that may differ from their own.• Recognized Wildlife Board members in attendance and online.• Welcomed public in attendance and those watching and listening online.• Microphones and cameras are in the room and pick up sound. Side conversations will most likely be heard on YouTube.
06:03:00	<p>2) Approval Of Agenda and Minutes (Action) Acting RAC Chairman Riley Roberts: The following motion was made by Tammy Pearson, seconded by Verland King.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we approved the Agenda and Minutes as presented.</p> <p>Passed unanimously.</p>
06:04:00	<p>3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational) DWR Regional Supervisor Kevin Bunnell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The most recent RAC meetings were cancelled because we didn't have anything on the agenda's that needed to go out to the public. There was an abbreviated Wildlife Board Meeting that does have some pertinence to the Southern Region. Mike Labrum who has a CWMU on the Beaver unit, made an appeal to the Board to see if he could be approved for Elk. It's already approved for Deer. It was the last part of the appeal process. Very formal, both sides represented by attorneys. After back and forth, the Board decided to stay with their original decision to not have that be an Elk CWMU. The requirement is 10,000 acres for an Elk CWMU, there are some that are less – but they are usually on the 7,000-9,000 acre range. Although Mr. Labrum CWMU is on fantastic habitat, it is just over 5,000 acres. The Board just didn't feel comfortable granting the exception.

06:07:44

4) DWR Update

(Informational)

- Kevin Bunnell, DWR Regional Supervisor updated the RAC on all regional activities.

Wildlife Section:

- **Sheep Management Plan (Mineral Mountains):** We made a commitment to the local Agriculture community that if any Sheep moved out of certain parameters we would remove them. We had to do this recently with two Rams that wandered off. They're starting into their breeding season. These two went too far across the lines and we were worried about them coming into contact with domestic sheep. So, unfortunately, they were euthanized on the Cricket Mountains.
- **Zion Bighorn Sheep** continue to display coughing, but we haven't had widespread mortality. The pneumonia events in Bighorn Sheep can be very mild to quite virulent and can cause high mortality. We are hoping we are on the lighter side with those Sheep.
- **Completed pre-season Elk and Pronghorn classification.** Things look good for both species.
- **CWD sampling on Fishlake, Thousand Lakes, Boulder, Monroe, Mt. Dutton, and Pine Valley.** A letter will be sent out to permit holders. Please help us get the word out to increase our sampling. We are seeing CWD making large movements recently. The southern region has been somewhat buffered from this so far, but it jumped Utah and went from Colorado to Nevada. If it did that, we are also at risk in Southern Utah. Our best tool is know where it's at.
- **Upland Game:** Good water year, good population of Forest Grouse. Opened on Monday, September 01, 2024. Youth Chukar hunt opens September 21-23, 2024. General Chukar hunt opens on September 28, 2024. Populations are rebounding. Youth Pheasant hunt begins on October 26 -31st, general Pheasant hunt starts November 02, 2024. We will be releasing Pheasants in our normal locations and that information will be listed on our website. Gamble Quail are rebounding down in Washington County.
- **Prairie Dogs:** Numerous Prairie Dogs in numerous places. Over 2,400 Prairie Dogs were trapped and moved. Lots of different reasons they are trapped off of private land and released onto public land. The heaviest once caught was just over four pounds. Highest springs count ever recorded - 13,800 this year. The Agriculture committee have been able to take over 2,000 Prairie Dogs, legally with control permits.
- **Big year for doing Bat surveys.** Being proactive. High return on our investment. Bat night at Mammoth Cave last week as an Outreach event. It was well attended and very popular. We filled up all of the available seats and had 100 people on the waiting list.

Aquatics:

- Some summer fish kills caused by high water temperature, which creates low oxygen. Panguitch Lake – mostly yearling Chubs, Piute Reservoir – 100-200 trout; Otter Creek Reservoir – handful of trout.
- **Mike Hadley:** Those kinds of numbers are minimal. Most of the fish are staying in deeper water where it's colder and there's more oxygen.
- Kevin encouraged everyone to fish the Boulder Mountain. Good winter survival the past several years

Washington County Field Office:

- Always extremely busy.
- Native Fish Projects. Woundfin are endangered.
- Smallmouth Bass are an extreme problem, try to remove them and encourage Largemouth Bass growth.
- Santa Clara River is doing well, high native fish counts.
- High focus on Desert Tortoise. Population is doing well. Young ones were recently translocated.
- Southwestern Willow Flycatcher – most productive year since 2017.
- Western Toad: Biggest release of Western Toads since captive breeding efforts started in 2019.
- Efforts to secure we have high populations and avoiding endangered species listings on all of these species.
- Freshwater Mussels: Winged Floaters were found in surveys on Otter Creek (sites above and below the Reservoir).

Habitat Section:

- WRI Projects have been held up for a couple of months while we were waiting for a contract to be signed. All contracts have been signed and funds are now freed up and projects will move forward since July 01, 2024.
- Showed video of work being done in Bicknell Bottoms. A lot of work has been done with Herbicide and a Marsh Master over the last couple of years. Continuing effort, but seems to be helping.
- **Verland King:** Stated the video is misrepresentative of what's going on. It's a lake now and it wasn't until last week the NCRS came in there and measured the water. They told Torrey there wasn't enough water leaving after the flood that came down Government Creek. It dammed off the river and backed that up, so you could see how muddy it is. Normally, it's not that muddy. Bicknell Bottoms has been raised nearly a foot. It's back to normally old him there wasn't enough water, it's back Bicknell Bottoms and raised it about a foot.
- **Kevin Bunnell** stated we are aware of this. We are in that critical period right now after a flood happens there are opportunities to go in and alleviate and remove some of that, we've talked to the county about that.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verland King: The Torrey Irrigation Company hired Jackson's Excavating to dig that trash out, so it's slowing dropping the Bottoms back. • Kevin Bunnell: I agree that having those channels created, once they get that kind of plug released it does allow that water to move through there more efficiently than it has been in the past. <p>Outreach Section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of work with Dedicated Hunters. Most of the rush is over. Still many projects for hunters to complete to get their hours. • Tushar Mountain Goat event cancelled due to road closures. • Mammoth Cave Bat Night was a great success. • Kokanee Salmon viewing event at Fish Lake will be late September – early October. • Shotgun Clinic at Purgatory Range on October 5, 2024. • Women's .22 rifle clinic at Purgatory Gun Range in Washington County. <p>Law Enforcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new officers that have completed FTO in West Washington and East Iron Counties. New officer in Kane County will start the end of November, the first part of December. We still have vacancies in Garfield, Beaver and Salina Districts. Josh Carver continues to work with the Canine unit.
<p>06:12:12</p>	<p>RAC Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Pearson: How do we get Prairie Dogs delisted? Do we have to have the counts on Federal Land? Or does public land still count? • Do you track them at all? Collars? Ear tags, GPS, etc? • Did you put any in Beaver County? • Kevin Bunnell: Both lands count. We are moving forward with delisting. We can demonstrate that they are not threatened or endangered. • No. We have put some telemetry tracking and whatnot, but we don't have the technology. It's too heavy and with them being underground it's hard to track. • Yes, we put some on our Indian Peaks WMA. • Verland King: Chronic Wasting? What's your thinking or theory on it jumping state lines? • Kevin Bunnell: Probably someone harvesting an animal in an infected state that brought it back. • Tammy Pearson: And then dumped it somewhere? • Can it be transmitting by birds or varmints? • Kevin Bunnell: Yes, then dumped it somewhere. That's plausible.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, there's no evidence that's it is transmitted by birds so far. It's tied to their neurological system. Brain stem and brain matter. • Russell Gardner: What part of Nevada? Do we know? • Kevin Bunnell: I don't know. I've been told, but I don't remember. • Tammy Pearson: What part of Colorado? • Everywhere? I've got a kid out there hunting deer. • Kevin Bunnell: All over Colorado. All of our Eastern borders. All of our units that border Colorado have CWD. • Bryant Johnson: With the road closures on the Tushar Mountains, will there be any recourse for those who hold Goat permits due to road closures? Limited access? • Kevin Bunnell: No, there's access, but you're going to have to do it by horse or on foot. It's hunting and not killing. Some years are harder than others.
<p>06:25:00</p>	<p>Public Questions: None.</p>
<p>06:25:00</p>	<p>RAC Discussion: None.</p>
<p>06:25:30</p>	<p>5) Strawberry Reservoir – Response to Illegal Introduction Of Walleye (Informational) - Craig Walker, Assistant Wildlife Program Chief</p> <p>Illegal Walleye introduced into Strawberry Reservoir a while ago. It was detected, this past Winter, by an ice Fisherman. This individual provided us with a video and we were amazed that Walleye had actually shown up in Strawberry. Not surprised another illegal introduction had appeared in a body of water in Utah. Presented his recommendations and answered questions.</p>
<p>06:27:22</p>	<p>RAC Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Pearson: Where are Walleye in Utah? • Craig Walker: Several locations. Willard Bay is the primary location, Starvation Reservoir, reestablishing a sterile population in Northeastern Utah.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Hadley: In the Southern Utah region they're limited to Lake Powell, then a couple of reservoirs in Delta, DMAD, Gunnison Bend, and Lower Sevier River. • Chuck Chamberlain: Craig, what would happen if we had a bunch of Walleye in Strawberry? What would you envision? • Craig Walker: We are meeting with Wes Pierce, Allen, Chris Crockett, who is the Regional Manager for the Central Region and myself and Trina Hedrick as well as our researchers at our animal health research center to come up with a cohesive game plan that has triggers built into it. So, if this, then that type of program. We believe we have the time and space to develop this. We feel we have 3-5 years to come up with a plan. • Riley Roberts: Craig, I know you guys have been really proactive regarding this. In the presentation there was an algorithm in regards to the number of Walleye that should be caught just by anglers throughout a 12 month period of time. If that hasn't been established, then come December, January, then we just move forward? Is that the idea? • Craig Walker: If we don't detect any further Walleye we will give it 2-3 years of intensive effort to verify the presence of Walleye in the system. If we don't then we'll probably back off of those. At the same time we are going to be meeting and coming up with a suite of options. If we hit certain trigger points, those trigger points are going to indicate either the presence of additional adult Walleye – which would mean that we'd move in one direction from a response. Probably going into a netting mode. If we were to detect the recruitment of Walleye in the system, that's reproduction, that would send us into a different mode of response.
<p>06:30:38</p>	<p>Public Questions: None.</p>
<p>06:30:40</p>	<p>Public Comments:</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: Online Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree: 2 (67%) • Somewhat agree: 0 (0%) • Neither agree nor disagree: 0 (0%) • Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%) • Strongly disagree: 1 (33%)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total votes: 3 • Weighted average: $[(1 * 1) + (0 * 2) + (0 * 3) + (0 * 4) + (2 * 5)] / 3 = 3.67$
<p>06:31:08</p>	<p>RAC Discussion : None.</p>
<p>06:31:22</p>	<p>6) 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments (Action) - Craig Walker, Asst. Wildlife Program Chief</p> <p>Presented their recommendations and answered questions.</p>
<p>06:35:24</p>	<p>RAC Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad Utley: I want to make sure I'm on the correct Agenda Item. Are we talking about all the proposed changes or just Flaming Gorge? So we receive a few comments with regard to proposed changes to Manning Meadow and Barney Lake. Striking both of them as artificial fly and lure only. Would like to know more about the process on this. • How many bodies of water do we have in Utah that are artificial fly and lure only? • When was the last time an artificial fly and lure only body of water was proposed to be established in Southern Utah? • Correct me if I'm wrong. Kolob was artificial fly and lure only year round. And that management plan changed it from artificial fly and lure only to bait fishing from Memorial Day to Labor Day is that correct? • Craig Walker: All of them. I just wanted to highlight Flaming Gorge nested in there. • Mike Hadley, Aquatics Program Manager in Southern Utah: In Southern Utah, artificial fly and lure only water bodies are Minersville, Kolob for a portion of the year, Dorry Basin Lake, Manning Meadow and Barney Lake would be the other. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That would predate my time. Kolob was in the early 1990's. • That is correct for Kolob. It is a seasonal bait restriction. • We do have a few streams that also have artificial fly and lure only. The East Fork of the Sevier River, Black Canyon and Mammoth Creek. And Minersville Creek as well. • Kevin Bunnell: That would have been the Kolob Management Plan.

- **Tammy Pearson:** I don't think Minersville has been that far back.
- **Mike Hadley:** I think it was in the 1990's.
- **Riley Roberts:** If I am correct, the biggest reason for the change is because the fish in Manning Meadow and Barney Lake are thriving? To give more opportunity?
- There isn't any concern over the next few years over projected harvest?
- How do you respond quickly? A lot of things we do on the RAC – especially with Big Game there are management plans and it a longer process. Are we talking year to year?
- **Mike Hadley:** Yes. Monitoring Manning Meadow very closely for over 30 years. It is the reservoir where we hold our population of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout for Southern Utah. Every year we net that lake and collect Cutthroat and spawn them. So we've been watching them closely every year. The abundance of fish in that body of water is very high.
- Conducted an Angler survey in 2022 that allowed us to assess the use of that water body and found that it still doesn't get a lot of use, especially with harvest with the current regulations. This will give more of our Angler public the ability to utilize those fish and gain some appreciation for them.
- We monitor it regularly and can respond very quickly if numbers drop drastically or are over harvested. Doesn't anticipate this.
- Responding quickly means stocking rates. We can collect more eggs if we need them and stock more that Fall.
- **Kevin Bunnell:** That's a change from a biological side with stocking. Regulation changes take a little longer. Maybe walk us through that.
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- **Mike Hadley:** Correct. Currently, the way the system is set up for fishing regulation is we view those every two years, the implement changes on the odd years. So it would be 2027 or the next potential change.
- **Bryant Johnson:** Is the same with Barney Lake as Manning Meadow? Or does it Winter kill?
- **Mike Hadley:** With Barney Lake's special regulations. It is so close to Manning Meadow, it made more sense from a Law Enforcement prospective if the regulations were the same. We are recommending the change to stay consistent and help Law Enforcement maintain that. We have seen some Winter kill in a bit in Barney Lake, that was really due to severe drought conditions in recent years. The other philosophy

is if we do get regular Winter kill that actually make it less responsible to have special regulations where we build up a stockpile of fish that can then be lost to Winter kill instead of allowing anglers to fish.

- **Chad Utley:** You indicated you conducted some angler surveys. Is there a way in your angler surveys to target the anglers who are fishing with artificial flies and lures only?
- Would you say anglers who fish with artificial flies traditionally are looking to fish for wild Trout, trout that have been in the reservoir for a while versus stocked Trout?
- When you stock them, would you be changing the size of the stocked fish?

- **Mike Hadley:** Yes Chad. The angler survey was done onsite at Manning Meadow, so we only interview anglers who were fishing there. Almost all the people we surveyed there were fishing with artificial flies and lures only. There was a group of five who were fishing illegally with bait.
- All the Trout in Manning Meadow is stocked Trout. The tributary in Manning Meadow is not big enough for them to maintain a wild population. There might be a handful of fish that might be wild, but I would say it would be a negligible amount that don't contribute anything to the population.
- No, the fish are stocked at two inches in the Fall.

- **Mike Grant:** The benefit to taking artificial flies and lures off. Are we hoping to get larger fish in there? Obviously, there will be more opportunity, so is there a larger quantity of fish or a larger size of fish that we're going to change it to, so people have more opportunity for bigger fish?
- A couple of the other streams you mentioned, East Fork, they are Blue Ribbon Fisheries, correct? So, they are targeted for larger fish that can be caught with artificial flies and lures only. Is that going to affect these guys like Chad talked about?

- **Mike Hadley:** That would be one of the hopes. The number one priority is allowing more use and opportunity for anglers from an abundant resource. One of the side benefits of that is if we reduce density there could be improved growth and we would hope to see a larger maximum size. As of right now, we don't see fish over 16-17 inches in Manning Meadow. So, yes, if there was an increased harvest we could see improved growth and larger average size.
- I can't really speak for the intentions of those anglers. What I can speak to is that Blue Ribbon status is based on a number of variables. Abundance of fish, size of fish, uniqueness of the fishery. Regulations

are one of the variables that is not the determining factor for Blue Ribbon Status.

- **Bryant Johnson:** Does Barney have the same Cutthroat as Manning?
- **Mike Hadley:** Yes, they are Bonneville Cutthroat as well.
- **Craig Walker:** Mike's proposed regulations both at Manning Meadow's and Barney Lake speak to the overall conservation success that we've had with Bonneville Cutthroat statewide. Indication we are pivoting away from active conservation and moving into a maintenance mode. Brood for Sportfish populations are currently secure in our hatcheries, specifically the brood represented here at Manning Meadow is represented in our Mammoth Creek Fish Hatchery.
- With regard to the survey representing fly and lure anglers and bait anglers, we make sure we are sampling representative to the proportion of anglers in each region. So the Southern Region received a proportional amount of survey requests. With the respondents there is equal representation, 50/50 among licensed anglers that we surveyed both fly and lure anglers and bait anglers as far as their preference for tackle. So, the likelihood that each one would have received a survey is equal.
- Stocking larger fish in all reservoirs isn't necessarily the answer. Likely, a maximum size of fish that can be obtained in certain systems. As long as we can get them to grow to that size, we feel that we're making the wisest use of our fish.
- **Mike Hadley:** We talked about two different Angler surveys. The one that Craig was focusing on was sent out to targeted groups. That was our public survey online sent out earlier this year. We did a direct Angler survey at Manning Meadow in 2022, over a four-month period. We had employees on the ground talking to Anglers several times each month.
- The Brood for Bonneville Cutthroat for Southern Utah is actually not backed up at our Mammoth Creek Hatchery. There are some other groups of Cutthroat that are there. Basically, the Brood is backed up within the wild populations across Southern Utah if we needed to draw more, we could do that.
- **Bryant Johnson:** I guess we don't have a copy of the questions that were actually asked on these surveys to look at do we?
- A lot of his experience with these surveys that went out has been, they've almost tricked people. For example, the Mule Deer Plan. When the surveys came back without what some of the answers the committee wanted to hear, arms went in the air. In the same survey, they almost changed their answers because of the way the question was asked.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Hadley: Craig may have that. Basically, it presented the proposals and asked if the Anglers were in support or not. • Mike Hadley: We wanted to make sure that the questions we asked were asked in a way that it didn't lead the answer, we want the public to give their response on how they felt on the regulations presented. • Craig Walker: Question asked about the difference between the behavior of bait anglers versus fly and lure Anglers. The major difference is fly and lure Anglers are not harvest oriented. It's not about the size of the fish that they're seeking. It's about the catch and release. That's where the rub comes in as far as these two different user groups. One being harvest oriented and one not being harvest oriented. We need to have some discussion with fly Anglers to make sure they are getting opportunities and what they view as their preferred use of resources are moving forward. • Bryant Johnson: On Monroe Mountain there are maybe 10 reservoirs. Would it be beneficial to have one that left for fly and lure Anglers as is? Instead of changing all of them to bait? • Craig Walker: We'll be working with each of our five Regional Managers in the coming years to do just that. Basically, what we'd like to have is proportional opportunities on the landscape based on representation of our Angling public. The end game is to provide a satisfying fishing experience. • We are proposing to open the body of waters to all players. You're not restricted from using flies and lures. Diverse opportunities, segregate from those fishing in a way you don't agree with. We don't want people to come into conflict with each other.
<p>06:58:10</p>	<p>Public Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Lloyd, representing himself from Monroe, Utah: Do you have data on the number of respondents, specifically on Barney Lake and Manning Meadow that are from Piute and/or Sevier County? • Didn't receive a survey. The Southern Region is large. Were the respondents asked if they even know where Barney Lake is and if they've ever recreated there? • Kevin Bunnell: When people respond to our online survey, they use their zip code, so we can break it down that way and get you that information.

- **Craig Walker:** John, they are not. We allow people to respond with neutral, which indicates to me that they do not have an opinion on that. So, the answer is no.
- **Kevin Bunnell:** Then maybe the more accurate would be survey would be the survey they did on location at Manning Meadow.
- **Mike Hadley:** In that survey, we solely measured the amount of use, harvest, catch, those metrics. We didn't ask any opinion questions. At the time we were not planning to bring an immediate regulation change proposals. The proposal came out of all the data we've been collecting at the reservoir and Angler survey.
- **Craig Walker:** When we look at the potential bias to have the "heavy hitters" of St. George and Salt Lake City or wherever when we are talking about a statewide survey it may seemingly overwhelm the vote if you will of smaller counties throughout the state if you will. What we try to do is over represent those counties as far as the respondent pool. If we anticipate getting only 60 respondents in a county that is smaller, we'll try to ask 5-7 times the number of respondents and actually inflate the proportion of their representation relative to other counties to try and inflate the actual number of responses we get. What we do find in some of our more rural areas, the response rates are lower for whatever reason.
- **James Garrett, Monroe, representing himself:** With the restrictions on the dates for fishing Manning Meadows to protect the Brood hatchery. Are there other areas in the state that have the same restrictions on the dates you can fish? Are there other Brood fisheries that are open if you're looking at opening up the fishing?
- Follow up question, you say there has been 30 years of management and net surveys at Manning Meadow. In regards to Barney Lake, I believe the last net survey was in 2020? So nothing in the last couple of years?
- The Winter kill at Barney Lake, you said it was based off the Creel survey, but there hasn't been a Creel survey recently.
- **Mike Hadley:** For about 30 years, we've been working on establishing Cutthroat Brood populations across the state. They represent the different subspecies of Cutthroat that we have as well as individual groupings within those subspecies. Manning Meadow is the Brood population for the Southern Region. Common practice for the past 25-30 years to have these restricted regulations. Success story, Bonneville Cutthroat in Utah are more secure than they ever have been before. This Brood population in particular is one of the most productive group of populations in Utah. At this point, it feels like that level of

protection is excessive for that population. Those blanket regulations may not be necessary for every situation/population. Start sending a new message to the Angling public that these fish can be utilized in different manners and enjoyed by more segments of the public.

- Yes, in 2020. Creel surveys are very intensive and costly. We chose 1-3 bodies of water each year to conduct these types of surveys.
- Winter kill is based off of Angler reports.
- For smaller water bodies like Barney Lake, we don't typically find it necessary to conduct annual netting. We've found that rotation, usually every 3-5 years annually is sufficient to give us some indication of what's happening and we also have Angler's reporting.

- **Mike James, representing himself and an outdoor guide:** Fishes Manning Meadows often. What are the fish per numbers on your nets or out of your general surveys out of Manning compared to similar waters that allow bait fishing on them?

- **Mike Hadley:** One of the things we look at for our fish density or fish abundance is the number of fish caught per net. Over the past few years, it ranges from 100-150 fish per net. For that type of net, the size and length of it, we typically see the range of 50 fish or less in a water body that is considered healthy or strong. So this is three times that amount, this is one reason we feel like it could handle some harvest and less fish.

- **Kevin Bunnell:** Maybe talk about from a biological standpoint why, up to a certain point, more isn't necessarily better when it comes to fish. What are the tradeoffs?

- **Mike Hadley:** Fish, especially with Trout, is called density dependent growth. The higher the density in a population, the more competition there are for resources because the resources are at a set amount. Less food to go around, the fish spend more energy competing for limited resource. Can reduce their growth rates.

- **Bryant Johnson:** Would it make sense then, when you guys are stripping these eggs to take these fish and put them, already at a decent size, into another body of water where they let that kind of fish be and then not have to let them grow from babies and let Anglers catch them that way? When you're already up there catching them?

- **Mike Hadley:** There are two reasons we can't. The number one reason is the fish in Manning Meadow have Whirling Disease and we cannot transfer those to any other body of water. The other issue we run into is if you grab some of these fish that are full-sized and then moved them to another water body they won't necessarily adapt.

	<p>Doesn't necessarily mean the Anglers are going to enjoy those fish. We can grow those same fish in a hatchery with very little investment and allow them to grow naturally in a body of water naturally. A lot more efficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad Utley: Mike, you said earlier that these fish typically get up to 16 to 17 inches and that they're healthy. That doesn't sound like a stunted population, not a trophy fish, but a 16-17 inch Trout is considered a quality Trout on most bodies of water. • Do you think that part of that abundant strong population is due to the artificial fly and lure Anglers propensity to catch and release? • Mike Hadley: I didn't use the word stunted, I wouldn't call them stunted, I would call them overabundant, which doesn't necessarily mean that they're running into really poor growth. Their growth just isn't maximized. Comes down to we have a strong, abundant population that doesn't really need the protection that it has currently. • I would say the abundance is, yes. It's a productive body of water, so you can still have some healthy fish, but density is ultimately determined by the amount of fish going in and the amount of fish coming out. So we stock 15,000 fish every year. The amount harvested each year by Anglers, we measured it at about 170 fish total. You can add another 200-300 harvested by our netting survey for approximately 500 fish per year removed by Angers and the DWR. Everything else is natural mortality. The lack of harvest certainly is one of the driving factors to the abundance. The healthiness of the fish is determined by the productivity that they have at the current density. • Craig Walker: I just wanted to add the idea of compensatory mortality of having freeboard that can be harvested is where we're at this population. That is why we have an opportunity to provide Anglers with something they haven't had at this water because of our need to be conservative with the brood population for the past 30 years. Again, pivoting into a more successful time from a Cutthroat Trout conservation standpoint and wanting to open up that resource and have it be used rather than have it just take a nap in the sediment. Mike is making the right call. This is going to be the future of Angling in Utah, we are all going to have to get along on particular bodies of water, especially when we are talking about lakes and reservoirs.
<p>07:14:39</p>	<p>Public Comments:</p> <p>Kevin Bunnell: Online Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly agree: 6 (38%) • Somewhat agree: 2 (13%)

- Neither agree nor disagree: 0 (0%)
- Somewhat disagree: 1 (6.3%)
- Strongly disagree: 7 (44%)
- Total votes: 16

Weighted average: $[(7 * 1) + (1 * 2) + (0 * 3) + (2 * 4) + (6 * 5)] / 16 = 2.94$

- **Craig Walker:** We are starting up a Black Bass, Smallmouth Bass and Largemouth Bass management team effort in 2025. Hope to allay fears that were put forward in the comments regarding Bass regulations in Southern Utah and Bass regulations in general. Working with those groups the same way we've worked with Tiger Muskie Anglers to come up with a consensus on what we view as the appropriate regulations for various management objectives. We anticipate that to be a two-year process. Anyone interested is more than welcome to become a team member in this process.
- **James Garrett:** Local resident and avid Fisherman and respects the rule of law. Typically sleeps out the second Saturday in July for Manning Meadows to open up. It is a premier fishing destination for many locals and other around the state. With regard to Barney Reservoir, keeps good notes and good logs. Last two years it has been absolutely decimated with the fish population. I've talked to multiple people and I haven't caught a fish. I talked to Bryant earlier – what did you see? A ripple?
 - Surprised with the proposal to open it up for bait fishing.
 - On a float tube, fishing, a couple of years back. Some guys came up and were bait fishing. They proceeded to hammer the fish. I called Gabe on his cell phone and reported them for using bait. He said there wasn't anyone that could respond. After they were finished fishing I had to clean up after them. Dead fish, hooks, etc.
 - If you allow bait fishing there, it will decimate what's left of the fishing there. I don't think they'll ever recover.
 - There are a lot of fish at Manning Meadow, premier fishing. Very limited resources for those who enjoy fly fishing. Minersville is probably the closest around here. Upper and lower Box Creek, Otter Creek, Big Lake, Deep Lake, anywhere you can go bait fish. All the community ponds – loves to take nieces and nephews there. Asked about time frames at Manning Meadows because they're restrictive. If we're wanting to take more fish, why don't we just open up to four fish then take that time away, but keep it a destination for those who enjoy fly fishing and teaching others as well.
 - Read a statement by **Ed McGuire** who was unable to attend. Mr. McGuire opposes the proposed rule changes removing artificial flies and lures only restrictions on Manning Meadows and Barney

Reservoirs. Only local waters that have such restrictions, been a nice resource for fly Fishermen.

- **Bryant Johnson:** I was up there about three weeks ago. There wasn't even a fish on the water right in the evening – on a cool evening.
- **Chad Lloyd:** Thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and thanked Mike Hadley for his work. Reiterated what James Garrett said. He and James probably fish Barney Lake more than anyone he knows. Upset to see that in the video that was presented in the board meeting that it was told to you and all of the public that Barney Lake had a good fish population. On the DWR website, it admits there was Winter kill back in the 2021-2022 Winter. That Winter kill happened again in 2022-2023. In the Spring of 2023, the lake was horrible. Knows it's been stocked since then and now in 2024. There are some fish swimming around those little two inchers or however big they are now. You may be able to run up there on any given evening and see something different than what Bryant saw. You might see some fish activity, but the healthy population of trophy Tigers that were in the lake four years ago when you did your netting survey, pretty sure it's gone.
- Interesting to hear Mr. Hadley's comments that Manning is really driving the decision on Barney. They are two completely different fisheries. Manning offers a really big recreational opportunity for people with campers, trailers, families kayaking, canoeing, etc. Barney is out of the way and harder to access. You can't pull your camper and trailer there – they aren't even allowed up the road. Barney's a place to get away. Instead of catching quantity of fish, which you do at Manning, you go to Barney to catch quality.
- Turning it into a bait fisheries would devastate it from ever becoming a trophy fishery again.
- Questions validity of the survey. It's probably scientifically accurate, but if you were to send out 3,000 survey results here in Sevier County alone, people on the North end of the county probably have never fish Barney Lake, they would probably respond, sure, turn it into a bait fishery because I don't go there, I don't care.

Kent Strong: Representing two groups: Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife and Utah Anglers Coalition. The coalition is a huge group that gets together once a month and discusses everything that goes on in the state of Utah. Works closely with Craig Walker and his two counterparts. The coalition agrees with, and supports, Craig on everything except the size of the ice hole at Flaming Gorge. The United Parcels Service is also against increasing the size of the ice-hole on the Utah side of Flaming Gorge. Understands the reasoning behind the proposal. Eighteen inches should be big enough – Wyoming side is 20 inches. On the Wyoming side the water is

	<p>shallower, freezes faster. On the Utah side, it doesn't always freeze. It's a safety issue. I don't agree with the way the survey is done and the way the questions are asked. Wyoming ices freezes first and there hasn't been an issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael James: Helps with the Gill Net surveys. Usually in support of the DWR. Spends a lot of time at Manning Meadow fishing. Enjoys the healthy, high population of fish there. Knows he can get his clientele into fish whether or not they're new to fishing or not. Has a lot of aging clientele and access to that body of water is good as some of them have difficulty moving around. Not opposed to raising the limit, but is opposed to opening it up to bait fishing. Last year, the guy next to him was bait fishing, using worms. The amount of fish he was reeling in was amazing. When he left, he left his bait can there and threw in the remainder of his worms. He drew in a significant amount of fish. • Really opposed to bait fishing on Manning Meadow.
<p>07:30:25</p>	<p>RAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Johnson: It's disappointing when you talk to guys prior to the meetings and then they don't show up at the meetings. I think the reason they don't show up is because they think Salt Lake or the bigger areas like Washington County might just get their way because of their numbers and power they have. We need to listen to the local people who live in this area and fish here. Once we leave here tonight we may not hear much discussion about Manning or Barney unless some of the groups write letters to other RACs and got speak to the Wildlife Board. Like some of the comments here, there may be very few people across the state that come here or even know where these bodies of water are. When I looked at some of the lakes we have on this proposal, I thought yes, I can vote for that. I don't know where that's at. As to Barney, you're going to see more traffic up there and there isn't room for that many people up there. It's hard to even pass people sometimes on that road. With Manning, you'll see the banks lined with people, you'll see more trash around the lake once it's opened to bait fishing. It's a success story as you've said and I think it should stay that way. Let's not change Barney. I was up there this weekend and it was hard to get down the roads on that mountain with all the people up there. I'm guessing it's because Beaver has been closed so you get all the wheelers up there. I kind of agree with Mr. Strong on the size of the ice hole at Flaming Gorge. I don't think we need to match Wyoming. Listen to the local people and leave things how they are. Austin and Riley, please bring this to the Wildlife Board. • Tammy Garner: Can I just say "Amen".

- **Chad Utley:** I appreciate all the comments and presentations on this. I think Mike said it best when he named the bodies of water in Southern Utah that have artificial fly and lure only and he named them on one hand. That's the point. If we want to serve a diverse body of Fishermen, we need a few bodies of water for Anglers that want to catch and release, and to fly fish. For the artificial Angler to be able to throw a spinner. It's a different experience when you fish a body of water that is artificial fly and lure only. There your catch rates are higher, the quality of fish is higher, usually the reservoir is cleaner. I can tell you that when Kolob changed, even to have from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the experience changed substantially. It used to be you could dry fly fish all summer long, catch lots of big fish. The ability to dry fish like we could before is just not there like it was before. Fished both the Manning Meadow and Barney Reservoir. They're known in the artificial fly community. Contacted by numerous Angers in St. George and they have encouraged him to voice his opinion and their opinion on this matter. Encouraged RAC members and Wildlife Board not to embrace this change. Part of the success is the catch and release. Some of those fish eventually die and some grow old. It's a different experience, the Board and Wildlife Board needs to reject the proposal when it comes to Manning Meadow and Barney. As to the Bass fishing in Washington County, sat on committee to recommend the changes to Sand Hollow and Gunlock. There was a diverse body of Bass Anglers present on that committee. Took about six weeks and about lengthy meeting it was a unanimous vote to recommend those regulation changes. Convinced through the process that Sand Hollow would benefit from the take of more Bass. Wanted to add that in even through there hasn't been a lot of discussion on that, especially for the Wildlife Board Members that are listening to tonight's meeting.
- **Verland King:** Not a Fisherman. Last time the RAC meet, he asked what the death loss was on catch and release? Curious and believed that loss was significant. Comes from a different background, because he doesn't fish. His dad and brother-in-law raised fish. They could raise the prettiest fish, then sell them to other ponds in other states. It was hard to get through the regulations in Utah. At the Barney and Manning as it is now, is it either bait or fly fishing? Or are these bait Fishermen they are seeing breaking the law?
- **Riley Roberts:** They are breaking the law.
- **Kevin Bunnell:** Mike, is there a difference between the mortality rate on fish that are release in an artificial fly and lure and lower situation versus bait fishing?
- **Mike Hadley:** Number of studies done in the past on those mortality rates. Yes, all things being equal, the mortality on released fish

caught by flies and lures is much lower than it is on bait. However, our Angler surveys consistently show catch rates much higher among fly and lure Anglers. If you factor in that much higher catch rate the actual effective mortality by both methods is not as different as if the catch rates were exactly the same.

- **Kevin Bunnell:** Just wanted to clarify that. Believed the question Verland asked before was very general, this is more specific.
- **Verland King:** Then these bait Fishermen are harvesting, not catching and releasing?
- **Mike Hadley:** In general, we see much higher harvest rates among Anglers who are using bait, yes.
- **Rachel Bolus:** With regard to the presentation, found there wasn't a lot of data, which made it hard to assess. Every presentation said here's one survey number. Thinks having the local County survey number broken up would be very helpful. Also, not just the, it's good or it's bad, but what are the population numbers, what are the density in the nets. That would be very useful.
- **Mike Hadley:** We provided that comment when building the survey. That type of information that would need survey responses. The ownership is then what are the avenues of getting that information/responses.
- **Craig Walker:** With regard to the presentation itself and presenting the information in a more granular format where we actually show what the response rate that was at the county level. We took the lowest survey number across counties, across interest groups, all the different things. We started off with each of these regulations, having 4-5 slides. We would have been giving the RAC a three-hour whirlwind movie. We were told to cut it back, we cut it back to a 40-minute presentation. The number of regulations we are going to have to put forward to adapt to the various changes, and success in this case, are going to be high. We need to figure out how to present the RAC with the raw data behind this that isn't necessarily in the presentation itself for those that want to do a deep dive.
- **Kevin Bunnell:** Keep track of those questions. We will always have our local expertise here and they'll answer questions all night long for you. Austin does that and it's a good way to do it.
- **Mike Grant:** Is there a size limit on the fish caught on Manning?
- **Mike Hadley:** No that was removed in 2015. That was another attempt at the time of that change it was one over 18 inches. That wasn't essentially a catch and release regulation. We did not see any fish over 10 inches in the reservoir. That was the first attempt to allow a little bit more use and see if it would affect the population. One of the

reason the Angle survey was done in 2022, to evaluate that change. What we saw was that the harvest was still very minimal.

- **Chuck Chamberlain:** If you have questions, I talk to the Biologists all the time. When these proposals come out, call them and ask them. They'll give you the data. You don't have to wait until this meeting to ask questions.
- **Russell Gardner:** The couple of times I do fish, you have a guy with a fly and lure, he's catching all the fish. And the guy with the bait doesn't seem to. Couldn't see the reason not to vote for the proposals. But, does think we need to listen to the locals. Sometimes, they get lost in the shuffle. As far as the gentleman that commented on the size of the hole, it would have to be a really big fish. Seems it makes it more dangerous. Is there a reason for the recommendation of a size change?
- **Kevin Bunnell:** For consistency with Wyoming.
- **Riley Roberts:** Thanked the Division, learned a lot. Grew up in Antimony and now you're talking about Flaming Gorge and other areas across the state, didn't occur to him, other than Lake Powell, which is closer to home, that there would be different regulations across state lines, to look at the cohesiveness. Appreciates the comments that we are in Utah and get to do our own thing, but are talking year and years of progress trying to get things in line and try to get it easier. Both in oversight, our officers and just in getting the verbiage, all of those things. Chad, thank you for that information on being able to sit in on the group. All of this in new information. I'm not as familiar with things that happen in some of the other part so the state. I am familiar with Barney and Manning Meadows and all of the lakes on the Boulders, right in his backyard. Has a lot of boys, avid outdoorsmen. One is an amazing fly Fisherman and one that wants to be, but is not. Would hate to segregate his family at Manning Meadow because of this. Could the DWR separate this, keep Barney artificial only and change Manning Meadow only. Likes the success story of Manning and what it's done, it's been able to contribute to a lot of different places across the state as a brooding ground for our Bonneville Cutthroat. Why couldn't they be treated as separate? Keep Barney to artificial fly fishing and change Manning Meadow only?
- **Kevin Bunnell:** Gabe, from a Law Enforcement prospective, what would that look like? What would the issue be?
- **Gabe Patterson:** The issue is consistency. As of now, Manning Meadows is the most frequented lake by recreationist because it has a nice road, it's a beautiful lake, it's everybody's destination. No matter how many signs we put up around that lake with regulations, they don't read the regulations and we are writing several citations. Barney Lake is harder to get too. There's a 50 inch ATV trail that goes around it. If people don't have a 50 incher, they either go around the gate or they'll turn around. If those lakes aren't the same regulations, we'll see more

	<p>violations at Barney than we already do. If they're different, you'll see people bait fishing at Manning and assuming they can do the same at Barney.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Pearson: What the distance between the two? • Gabe Patterson: Barney's a branch off of Manning. It's about maybe a mile below Barney. The road itself is probably less than 2-3 miles to the lake. You can drive a pickup truck on it, but you're not taking a camp trailer or anything up there. Monroe is a side by side mountain anymore. You can be from one to the other in 10 minutes. • Kevin Bunnell: So, they're a couple of miles apart. • Craig Walker: From a statewide prospective, I just want to thank you for your comments, opinions you put forward and thoughtful questions about the Manning Meadows and Barney situation. We are more than willing to work with larger groups, especially ones that are focused on a particular method or species, or have particular behavior. Spear angling is a good example of something we have undertaken over the past three years. The fly and lure only, artificial crowd in Utah is a much larger group. More than willing to work with this group. We want to make sure opportunities are proportional to demand at a regional scale, so we aren't making people drive 3-4 hours to get what they are looking for out of a fishing experience. Reach out to him, happy to put you in a queue for the next management team, which will probably be around something like fly and lure opportunities in the state. • Craig Utley: We haven't seen artificial fly and lure Angler water proposed in Southern Utah in a very long time. In fact, nobody could remember the last time, but we do see regulations to terminate those waters every few years. In fact, just a few years ago we had a RAC where the DNR attempted to terminate the artificial fly and lure on Mammoth Creek. The reason people are so passionate about this is because there are very few waters where you can have this experience. Every other water around you can have the experience of using bait, fly fishing and lure, or whatever you want.
<p>07:54:12</p>	<p>MOTIONS:</p> <p>The following motion was made by Chad Utley, seconded by Verland King.</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we keep the fly and lure only regulations in place for Manning Meadows and Barney Reservoirs, but accept the proposal for increased limits at these reservoirs.</p> <p>Passed unanimously.</p> <p>The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Chad Utley:</p>

	<p>Motion: Move to accept the remainder of the Division’s proposal with the exception of the change to the ice-hole size at Flaming Gorge</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p>
<p>07:58:09</p>	<p>RAC Discussion on Motion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Chamberlain: Asked the for the Division’s response on that Motion? What that seasonal closure would do? • Mike Hadley: There’s a reason we didn’t recommend removing the seasonal closure. Specifically, there are thousands of fish that congregate at the inlet in late May and throughout June, right around our fish trap. Ultimately, opening up fishing during that time would be an ethical issue. Too easy for people to really get in there and target fish that are vulnerable as well as potentially interfering with trapping operations. Made sense to use to keep the seasonal closures in place. • Kevin Bunnell: With that clarification, does the motion stand? • Bryant Johnson: Could you clarify this seasonal closure? How long is it? • When we are talking about Manning Meadows, it probably doesn’t matter a whole lot until mid-April when the ice comes off? • With that, I’ll withdraw it. • Mike Hadley: Standard seasonal closure, which covers most of the state. Mostly for Cutthroat spawns that we are trying to protect. There ae also other spawns like Rainbow Trout that are being protected. It’s standard from January 01 through the second Saturday in July. • Manning is pretty much inaccessible through most of May. • Kevin Bunnell: Chad, are you okay with removing that part of the motion? • Chad Utley: Yes. • Verland King: Good with it, can we have more discussion on the motion now? Open letter up and looked at this. You can fish this species here, you can shoot them with a spear here. It boggles my mind. Thought he was looking at the hunting proclamation. Thinks it’s so complicated and it’s something Gabe eluded too. These guys are breaking the law with fishing. Are they doing it out of spite? Or out of ignorance? Sure ignorance is what they’ll claim. But if it’s posted, that

	<p>should be good enough. It's just complicated with all these different proclamations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, but you've got to buy a license. • Tammy Pearson: That's why you and I don't fish. • Chad Utley: Verland, it's a little easier than hunting. All you have to do is get the proclamation and look at the body of water you are fishing and it's right there. You don't have to figure out boundaries, just the body of water. • Tammy Pearson: Doesn't think we pay as much attention to the locals. Thinks it's huge that the public came and used their voice. It's one thing to be a Keyboard Warrior and just type in your responses, it's a whole other thing to spend your whole evening here talking about Fish. Appreciates the public's comments. We've had the battles before, like the Bighorn Sheep in our area and the Southern RAC was – basically we weren't unanimous when we voted to not put the Bighorn Sheep there. The problem is your voice isn't always heard by the other RAC's or anywhere else. Since these specific areas are in our Region that should weigh more heavily. • Size of the larger ice hole is concerning, dangerous. • Verland King: Thanked and agreed with Tammy. This meeting is great, but if you don't follow it up with the Wildlife Board, thinks the decisions made at the Southern Utah RAC should carry more weight when the Wildlife Board meets. Hopes it does, but has seen it time and time again. If you don't make the trip to Salt Lake and say and do what you did here, this is a waste of time, from his point of view. • Kevin Bunnell: For those who are interested, the Wildlife Board meeting will be September 19th in Farmington. • Bryant Johnson: Don't only follow it up with the Wildlife Board meeting, take it to each RAC. At least write a letter stating you can't be there and let other RACs know. The Wildlife Board will look at those and give them information which way to vote or not.
<p>08:07:35</p>	<p>7) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes Of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments (Action) - Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator</p> <p>Presented their recommendations and answered questions.</p>

08:08:27

RAC Questions

- **Tammy Pearson:** Do you know there's a huge push, legislatively, changing the ability of the Division to purchase property?
- There has been some issues.
- So, it won't tie into this at all?
- There are a whole lot of political issues. Politically taking private property or whatever off the tax roll for any of the counties that are an issue in huge public lands. We're talking federal and state land in any of these counties. The legislature is looking at rewording the statute.
- I know that the state RMP is also on that loss and I think that is a lot of the issue. That loss is specifically grazing, that's a huge issue. It's come up a lot.
- Specifically, what are the changes to this rule? Has it been approved through the (inaudible)
- If the Forest Service or BLM does rule changes, they have to go through...
- The last couple of years found that not everything jives with what the State Resource Management Plan is. They've been doing a little deeper dive on some of that. Maybe this is part of it?
- **Chelsea Duke:** I was unaware of that.
- Talking about the funding mechanism for a purchase. This rule does not contemplate funding of purchasing land.
- If the Division is contemplating purchasing private property, the Division has to follow a very strict set of rules or requirements. One is to go to the county council or commission where that property is held and have public comment, have the opportunity to discuss that with the commission. We also post in public newspapers and post the notice the notice website. After all of that is done, we submit that packet and all information through the office, then it goes to Governor Cox. We have to get a letter from Governor Cox in order to carry that out. As it stand now, that code is in effect and we do that for every acquisition from private. We try very hard to work with each county. We just did that in Daggett County. We worked with that county to ensure that their goals were met along with our purchase goals.
- With this rule, no coding is changing. Specifically, we are pulling what was at one point one giant section of rule and we're splitting it across into this is the process for acquisition of land, this is the process for disposal, and then the third process for exchange you must comply with both of them. Those are the main changes. Also, a change in language, a lot of definitions that were in rule were not cohesive with other things in Utah code. So we removed those definitions and we are putting in definitions from other sections of Utah code. The purpose statement. When would we want to purchase land and when would we want to dispose of land. Clarifying some of the exceptions to the appraisal requirements. We are required to pay fair market value or

	<p>receive fair market value. There are some exceptions to obtaining an appraisal, so we just clarified those.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doesn't believe our rule changes go through RDCC. This is just a rule. • This rule is required by a different code. Required to have this rule, so we're just clarifying that rule to make it easier for our staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Bunnell: That is specific to the use of conservation... • Currently, if we are contemplating purchasing land in a county, we specifically go to that County Commission and make sure we understand their position on that. This change that, correct? • We are a public lands state, so removing any land moving out of private ownership isn't, or shouldn't be done. • Will it go through the RDCC or not? • Some of our rules go through RDCC. • Tammy, we aren't changing the process. Just clarifying or making it easier to follow. • This is bringing our rule more in line with code. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley Roberts: Everything I read made sense. All of the clarifications, of course you do that. Even the name, makes sense. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelsea Duke: Yes, I tried. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verland King: You talked about you are required to meet with the counties. How long has that rule of law been in place? Is this something new? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelsea Duke: Been in the position for six years and it's always been a requirement for those six years. • I can go back and look at the code if you'd like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Bunnell: More than a decade Verland, maybe more than 20, but knows it's more than 10. Mike Canning just indicated it has been more than 30 years that it's been on the books.
<p>08:15:42</p>	<p>Public Questions: None.</p>
<p>08:15:46</p>	<p>RAC Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley Roberts: This one make sense to him. He's the opposite of adding more rules, like clarification.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verland King: Appreciates clarifying rules. A lot of time rule makers get carried away and he doesn't want more rules. Doesn't like the DWR and State of Utah can buy land. Like Tammy said, it takes away from the tax base of the county. Wayne County is a big county, but small in private property. Tomorrow he'll drive through Kingston Canyon, DWR owns all that property there. There's only been 2-3 times he's seen anyone fishing the Sevier River there. The rest of it's tall grass and wasteland. The County Commissioners in Wayne County, DWR owns all that Bicknell Bottoms. There's no grazing and now they've put in little shanty houses there on the fish hatchery so that their employees don't have to rent in the community. It's almost like the Capitol Reef National Park where they've got housing down there. Those people that work at the park. You never see them, they don't communicate with the locals. It is bad for us, but they would learn a lot if they would communicate. We have at least a change of teaching them, but the tax base when the State of Utah buys this private land, these little counties take a bigger hit than the bigger counties. Sticks in his craw – knows we aren't talking about that tonight, only some rule adjustments, but the State of Utah shouldn't be buying private land taking it out of the tax base. • Tammy Pearson: Ninety-percent private property.
<p>08:19:04</p>	<p>MOTIONS:</p> <p>The following motion was made by Bryant Johnson, seconded by Chuck Chamberlain:</p> <p>MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's proposal as presented.</p> <p>Passed unanimously.</p>
<p>08:19:56</p>	<p>Next Board Meeting: September 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at Farmington Bay, Utah. You many still submit comments to the Wildlife Board.</p> <p>Next Meeting: November 12, 2024 6:00 p.m. DNR Cedar City Complex Meeting adjourned.</p>

RAC AGENDA
September 4th, 2024

The meeting will stream live at <https://youtube.com/live/YeX9-wLogus>

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| 1. | Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
-RAC Chair | |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda and Minutes
-RAC Chair | ACTION |
| 3. | Wildlife Board Meeting Update
-RAC Chair | INFORMATIONAL |
| 4. | Regional Update
-DWR Regional Supervisor | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. | Strawberry Reservoir – Response to illegal introduction of walleye
– Alan Ward, CR Aquatics Manager | INFORMATIONAL |
| 6. | 2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments
- Craig Walker, Asst. Wildlife Program Chief
- Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager | ACTION |
| 7. | R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments
- Chelsea Duke, Wildlife Lands Coordinator | ACTION |

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Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.

CR RAC – August 27th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtube.com/live/YSa-HEfDrwg>

NR RAC – August 28th, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. #240, Ogden
<https://youtube.com/live/TX-ZROas6WM>

SR RAC – September 3rd, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd, Richfield
<https://youtube.com/live/88RvRPZV3Cc>

SER RAC – September 4th, 6:00 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E Main St., Green River
<https://youtube.com/live/YeX9-wLogus>

NER RAC – September 5th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
https://youtube.com/live/aW_LJSqPCm8

Board Meeting – September 19th, 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center
1157 S Waterfowl Way, Farmington
<https://youtube.com/live/71Jrrj9C2x8>

Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

September 4th, 2024

Summary of Motions

Action Item 1: Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi, seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously.
Motion: To approve the agenda and minutes from last meeting.

Action Item 2: 2025 fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments

- The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Sunshine Brosi and passed unanimously.
Motion: Accept the proposed Flaming Gorge regulation.
- The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Sunshine Brosi and failed 7-3.
Motion: To not accept the regulation change at Echo Reservoir.
- The following motion was made by Scoot Flannery, seconded by Sunshine Brosi and failed 8-2.
Motion: To not accept the division's recommendation to add bait fishing to Manning Meadow and Barney Lake.
- The following motion was made by Brad Richman, seconded by Cash Stallings and passed 9-1
Motion: To accept the remainder of the division's proposal as presented.

Action Item 3: R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments

- The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Brad Richman passed unanimously.
Motion: To accept the division's recommendation as proposed.

Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 4th, 2024
Attendance

RAC Members

Eric Luke – Chair
Dana Truman – Vice Chair
Chris Wood – Exec Secretary

Sunshine Brosi
Charles Fischer
Brad Richman
Darren Olsen
Steven Duke

Kirk Player
Scoot Flannery
Lynn Sitterud
Cash Stallings

Board Member

Kent Johnson

RAC Excused

Jack Cantsee Jr.
Justin Ivins

Joe Sacco

Tyler Gilson

Division Personnel

Mike Canning
Chris Wood
JD Abbott

Devin Shirley
Chelsea Duke
Craig Walker

Kyler Stilson
Ashley Kennedy
Brandon Behling

**Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 4, 2024
Minutes**

00:00:00 1) Chairman Eric Luke Called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and read a statement. All RAC members introduced themselves.

00:03:21 2) **Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**

The following motion was made by Sunshine Brosi, seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes.

00:05:20 4) **Regional Update – Chris Wood, Regional Supervisor (Informational)**

Chris Wood Updated the RAC on all Regional Activities.

00:14:05 3) **Wildlife Board Meeting Update given by Erik Luke (Informational)**

Link on website to view.

00:16:59 5) **Strawberry Reservoir – Response to illegal introduction of walleye (Informational)**

View presentations at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>

Craig Walker summarized the presentation for Alan Ward.

00:19:40 **Questions from RAC Members/Public**

Current penalty for illegally introducing fish.

00:20:42 **Public Questions**

None

00:20:55 6) **2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments (Action)**

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Craig Walker summarized the presentation.

00:25:02 **Questions form RAC Members/Public**

Illegally introduced fish in Echo Reservoir and striking the catch kill with a regular limit vs releasing or rotenone treatments for other water bodies and any conflict of interest with regulation change. Walleye impact on other fish in Echo. Possibility of increase in illegal introduction. Comparison to quagga education. Benefit of spear fishing regulations and aligning with WY rule. Benefit of 6 lines on select reservoirs. Possibility of more spearfishing opportunities. Regulations on brown trout in the Uintas and impact. Allowance of bait fishing for Barney Lake and Manning Meadow Reservoir. Regulations for ice hole size consistent with WY.

00:51:39 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Chris Wood, Regional Supervisor

Chris Wood summarized the public comments received.

00:53:13 Public Comment/Questions

Current ice hole size.

00:53:38 RAC Discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Commend the division in the use of surveys and reaching out to anglers.

The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Sunshine Brosi and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the Flaming Gorge regulation as proposed.

The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Sunshine Brosi and failed 7-3.

MOTION: not accept the regulation change at Echo Reservoir.

The following motion was made by Scoot Flannery, seconded by Sunshine Brosi and failed 8-2

MOTION: not to accept the division's recommendation to add bait fishing to Manning Meadow and Barney Lake.

The following motion was made by Brad Richman, seconded by Cash Stallings and passed 9-1

MOTION: Accept the remainder of the division's proposal as presented.

01:03:49 7) R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments (Action)

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Chelsea Duke summarized the presentation.

01:04:34 Questions from RAC Members/Public

Time frame for acquisition. Additional time restricting the division's ability to acquire land. Possibility of expediting the process.

01:07:20 Public Questions

None

01:07:27 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Chris Wood, Regional Supervisor

None

01:07:33 RAC Discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Benefits from WMA's maintained by the division and hope that the program will be maintained to continue going forward.

01:08:29 The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Brad Richman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the recommendation as presented.

01:09:49 The following motion was made by Scoot Flannery, seconded by Kirk Player and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

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**Northeastern Region RAC Meeting
September 5, 2024
Vernal, Utah**

RAC Members

Attending

Brad Horrocks (virtual)
Richard Buhler
Eric Major
Natasha Hadden
Nathan Crapo
Mark Chynoweth
Rebekah Jones
Dwayne Davies
Grizz Oleen
Renee Arce (BLM)

Excused

Ritchie Anderson
Jake Huber

Ute Tribe

Tim Ignacio (absent)

Wildlife Board Members Present

Randy Dearth

DWR Personnel Present

Miles Hanberg
Tonya Kieffer-Selby
Anthony Christianson
Cindy Mogen
Sydney Phillips
Rose Fedelleck-remote
Trina Hedrick
Chelsea Duke
Ryan Mosley
Josue Hernandez
Natalie Boren
Jordon Detlor
Tom Platero

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
September 5, 2024
Vernal, Utah
Summary of Motions and Minutes

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The following motion was made by Eric Major, seconded by Natasha Hadden, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the Agenda and Minutes as presented.

2025 Fishing Recommendations and R657-13 Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Mark Chynoweth, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division except for the Manning Meadow and Barney Lake which we will vote on separately.

The following motion was made by Eric Major, seconded by Nate Crapo, and passed 9-1.

MOTION: To accept the four fish limit increase and keep the Artificial Flies and Lure on Barney Lake and Manning Meadows.

R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Dwayne Davies, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.

06:00:00	RAC Chair-Grizz Oleen called the meeting to order. RAC members introduced themselves. Grizz explained the process and explained that there would be no live presentations. Public comments are to be kept at 3 min. Welcomed public.
06:04:01	<p>1) <u>Approval of Agenda & Minutes</u> (Action)</p> <p>The following motion was made by Eric Major, seconded by Natasha Hadden, and passed unanimously.</p> <p>MOTION: To approve the agenda and minutes as presented.</p>
6:07:24	<p>3) <u>Wildlife Board Meeting Update</u> (Informational)</p> <p>Grizz Oleen updated the RAC and the public on the latest Board meeting.</p>
6:11:45	<p>4) <u>DWR Regional update</u> (Informational)</p> <p>Miles Hanberg updated the RAC on all regional activities.</p>
6:25:55	<p>5) <u>Strawberry Reservoir-Response to Illegal Introduction of Walleye</u> (Informational)</p> <p>Presented by Trina Hedrick for Alan Ward</p>
6:26:00	<p>RAC Questions & Comments:</p> <p>N/A</p>
6:26:35	<p>Public Questions & Comments:</p> <p>N/A</p>
06:27:28	<p>Miles Hanberg read online comments:</p> <p>One person strongly agreed.</p> <p>One Person strongly disagreed</p>
6:27:45	<p>6) <u>Fishing Recommendations and Rule Amendments-R657-13</u> (Action)</p> <p>Presented by Trina Hedrick</p>
6:33:14	<p>RAC Questions & Comments:</p> <p>Grizz-How did the public recommendation come about for Barney Lake and Manning meadow?</p> <p>Trina elaborates.</p> <p>Eric Major-Recent fish kills?</p> <p>6:37:08 Trina-Working on restocking</p> <p>Flaming Gorge Discussion on restrictions/regulations, etc</p>
6:42:00	<p>In-person Public comments:</p>

	N/A
6:42:20	Miles Hanberg read Online Public Comments: 33% Strongly agree. 6.7% Somewhat agreed. 40% Somewhat disagreed. 27% Strongly disagreed.
6:42:30	Public Comments: Boost Kokanee on Strawberry for fish. .
6:42:35	RAC Comments: Eric Major How to make Ice holes?
06:50:50	<p>6) The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by, Mark Chynoweth and passed unanimously. MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division except for the Manning Meadow and Barney Lake which we will vote on separately.</p>
06:53:20	<p>The following motion was made by Eric Major, seconded by Nate Crapo, and passed 9-1. MOTION: Accept the four-fish limit increase and keep the Artificial Flies and Lures on Barney Lake and Manning Meadows.</p>
6:55:19	7) <u>R657-61 Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal Rule Amendments</u> (action) Presented by Chelsea Duke
	RAC Questions and Comments: .N/A
	Public Questions and Comments: N/A
	Miles Hanberg read online comments.
06:59:06	7) The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Dwayne Davies, and passed unanimously. MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division,

	Meeting Adjourned
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2024 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2024	Interest & Donations	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures	Remaining Project Funds/ Adjusted Bank Balance
MDF	\$ 1,148,597.56	\$ 1,434,510.00	\$ 29,726.15	\$ 2,612,833.71	\$ 1,205,994.00	\$ 1,406,839.71
NWTF	\$ 322,128.66	\$ 236,775.00	\$ -	\$ 558,903.66	\$ 168,285.00	\$ 390,618.66
RMEF	\$ 79,290.82	\$ 397,890.00	\$ -	\$ 477,180.82	\$ 384,751.00	\$ 92,429.82
SCI	\$ -	\$ 232,260.00	\$ 3.86	\$ 232,263.86	\$ 231,960.00	\$ 303.86
SFW	\$ 1,560,960.18	\$ 1,855,005.00	\$ -	\$ 3,415,965.18	\$ 2,830,514.00	\$ 585,451.18
UAA	\$ 118,689.00	\$ 137,130.00	\$ -	\$ 255,819.00	\$ 101,093.92	\$ 154,725.08
UHA	\$ 41,448.44	\$ 24,750.00	\$ 25.49	\$ 66,223.93	\$ -	\$ 66,223.93
UWSF	\$ 1,055,626.73	\$ 619,590.00	\$ 24.16	\$ 1,675,240.89	\$ 617,247.74	\$ 1,057,993.15
WCF	\$ 69,675.00	\$ 49,440.00	\$ -	\$ 119,115.00	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 36,615.00
<i>Total</i>	\$ 4,396,416.39	\$ 4,987,350.00	\$ 29,779.66	\$ 9,413,546.05	\$ 5,622,345.66	\$ 3,791,200.39

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$	1,241,190.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$	63,870.44
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$	15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$	7,214.50
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$	200,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$	625.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$	23,184.29
5901 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project	2023	\$	70,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$	180,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$	15,460.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$	11,500.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$	12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$	13,850.50
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	70,000.00
6738 MDF Stewardship Position FY24	2024	\$	80,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$	35,625.00
6206 Coldwater Canyon WMA Boundary Fence	2024	\$	10,000.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$	7,500.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$	36,440.00
6506 North Zone Aspen Restoration- Surveys	2024	\$	100,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$	10,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	20,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	80,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$	5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$	60,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	35,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$	25,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$	25,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$	10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$	2,926.77

	All 2022 Funds Expended	\$	1,241,190.00
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	2023 Revenue	\$	1,257,390.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$	12,073.23
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$	47,500.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$	20,000.00
6511 Yellowjacket Monument Knoll	2024	\$	13,019.21
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$	80,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$	15,000.00
FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile			
6761 Management Unit	2024	\$	25,000.00
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$	10,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$	9,640.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$	20,000.00
7228 Phil Pico Acquisition	2024	\$	250,000.00

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$	80,000.00
6913 Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	\$	40,000.00
6876 Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	\$	5,000.00
6932 Eastern LaSals Phase IV	2025	\$	25,000.00
7060 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	\$	45,000.00
6869 Henefer-Echo WMA Summer Range Enhancement	2025	\$	20,000.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$	57,500.00
6994 Nebo Big Game Guzzler Installation and Maintenance FY25	2025	\$	2,500.00
7118 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	\$	50,000.00
6871 Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	\$	20,000.00
6862 Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	\$	75,000.00
7017 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	\$	20,000.00
6828 Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 1	2025	\$	25,000.00
6852 Gooseberry Phase 4	2025	\$	50,000.00
6882 Diamond Fork and Spanish Fork River Watershed Post Fire Restoration Phase V	2025	\$	17,000.00
6909 Soldier Creek Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	\$	50,000.00
7010 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 4, FY-25	2025	\$	32,000.00
7053 Willow Watershed Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	\$	15,000.00
5902 White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	\$	30,000.00
6021 East Bear Lake Range And Stream Improvements - Phase II	2025	\$	65,000.00
7015 Bitter Creek Habitat Restoration Project	2025	\$	6,157.56
All 2023 Funds Expended			\$ 1,257,390.00
2024 Revenue			\$ 1,434,510.00
2025			\$ 27,670.29
2024 Funds Expended			\$ 27,670.29
Remaining 2024 Revenue			\$ 1,406,839.71
Remaining Balance			\$ 1,406,839.71

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$ 189,525.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$ 3,267.72
5967 Sheepecreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Impv FY 23	2023	\$ 10,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$ 1,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpernickle Habitat Resortation Shared Stewardship	2023	\$ 5,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$ 2,500.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$ 2,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$ 5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$ 5,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$ 2,500.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$ 2,500.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$ 5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$ 3,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$ 5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$ 20,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$ 5,000.00
5938 Mill Creek (Moab) Restoration Partnership 3	2023	\$ 3,000.00
5971 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Impv, Phase 3	2023	\$ 5,000.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$ 5,000.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$ 2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$ 2,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$ 4,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$ 2,000.00
7110 Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	\$ 3,500.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$ 2,500.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$ 5,000.00
6913 Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	\$ 10,000.00
6876 Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	\$ 5,000.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$ 7,500.00
6902 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 25	2025	\$ 7,500.00
6932 Eastern LaSals Phase IV	2025	\$ 2,500.00
7060 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	\$ 5,400.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$ 5,000.00
6862 Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	\$ 3,000.00
6828 Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 1	2025	\$ 2,500.00
6888 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase II	2025	\$ 7,500.00
7029 Zion Migration Cooridor Habitat Improvement Phase 5	2025	\$ 3,000.00
6852 Gooseberry Phase 4	2025	\$ 7,500.00
6882 Diamond Fork and Spanish Fork River Watershed Post Fire Rest Phase V	2025	\$ 10,000.00
7010 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 4, FY-25	2025	\$ 1,857.28
	All 2022 Funds Expended	\$ 189,525.00
	2023 Revenue	\$ 232,170.00
7010 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 4, FY-25	2025	\$ 142.72
6870 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	\$ 7,500.00
6868 Little Bear-Logan Watershed Restoration	2025	\$ 5,000.00
7053 Willow Watershed Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	\$ 2,000.00
5902 White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	\$ 10,000.00
6977 Antelope Bitterbrush Planting FY25	2025	\$ 5,000.00
7092 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	\$ 15,000.00
6914 CR Turkey Trapping Technician	2025	\$ 15,000.00
6915 NR Turkey Trapping Technician	2025	\$ 15,000.00
7055 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	\$ 3,683.62

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2023 Funds Expended	\$	78,326.34
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$	153,843.66
2024 Revenue	\$	236,775.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$	236,775.00
Remaining Balance	\$	390,618.66

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$	409,200.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$	292,721.05
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$	1,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$	10,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$	5,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$	13,339.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$	10,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$	5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$	16,439.90
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	15,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	2,500.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$	5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$	10,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$	10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$	5,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$	2,300.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$	5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$	900.05
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$	409,200.00

	2023 Revenue	\$	399,750.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$	2,500.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$	10,000.00
5952 Valley Mountains (South Valley)	2023	\$	4,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$	2,700.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$	5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$	10,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$	15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	30,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$	10,750.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$	2,500.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$	15,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$	5,000.00
6520 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	\$	2,500.00
6545 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	10,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	20,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$	7,500.00
6535 Levan WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY24	2024	\$	7,500.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$	25,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	15,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$	8,500.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	30,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$	10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$	10,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$	5,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$	7,009.18
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$	20,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$	15,000.00
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$	5,000.00
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$	15,000.00

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$	5,000.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$	2,500.00
6737 Mineral Range Water Development Project	2024	\$	16,790.82
All 2023 Funds Expended			\$ 399,750.00
2024 Revenue			\$ 397,890.00
6737 Mineral Range Water Development Project	2024	\$	2,709.18
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$	15,000.00
6617 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Project phase III	2024	\$	15,000.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$	15,000.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$	20,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$	10,000.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$	10,000.00
7131 FY25 Parker Mountain Pronghorn Capture and Transplant	2025	\$	2,625.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$	13,625.00
7060 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	\$	5,000.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$	30,000.00
6871 Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	\$	10,000.00
6862 Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	\$	10,000.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2025	\$	46,000.00
6888 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase II	2025	\$	25,000.00
6870 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	\$	30,000.00
5902 White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	\$	10,000.00
7019 Etna Sage Brush Habitat Restoration - Phase 2	2025	\$	2,500.00
6554 Last Chance Habitat Improvement	2025	\$	20,975.00
7099 Parowan Front Maple Hollow Lop and Scatter	2025	\$	12,088.00
2024 Funds Expended			\$ 305,397.18
Remaining 2024 Revenue			\$ 92,492.82
Remaining Balance			\$ 92,492.82

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$	210,450.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$	5,000.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$	5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$	5,000.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$	5,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$	5,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$	5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$	5,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$	5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$	40,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	10,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$	5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$	5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$	10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$	10,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$	500.00
5957 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project FY-23	2023	\$	8,200.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$	5,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$	5,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpnickle Habitat Resortation Shared Stewardship	2023	\$	5,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$	5,000.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$	10,000.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$	5,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$	5,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$	10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$	5,000.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$	5,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$	5,000.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$	5,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$	5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$	1,750.00
		\$	210,450.00
	All 2022 Funds Expended	\$	210,450.00

	2023 Revenue	\$	195,630.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$	15,550.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$	5,000.00
5920 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	\$	5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$	5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$	15,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$	1,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$	55,000.00
6533 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration FY-24	2024	\$	15,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$	15,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	50,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	14,080.00
		\$	195,630.00
	All 2023 Funds Expended	\$	195,630.00

	2024 Revenue	\$	232,260.00
	2024 Interest	\$	3.86
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	25,920.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24	2024	\$	15,000.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$	15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	43,000.00

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

7127 FY25 Bison Captures	2025	\$	2,500.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$	26,625.00
6902 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 25	2025	\$	50,000.00
6842 Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project - FY 25	2025	\$	25,000.00
7029 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase 5	2025	\$	14,712.00
6909 Soldier Creek Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	\$	27,189.00
6949 Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase I	2025	\$	11,151.00
7223 FY25 Hardware WMA Hay Purchase	2025	\$	1,783.00
	2024 Funds Expended	\$	231,960.00
	Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$	303.86
	Remaining Balance	\$	303.86

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$	1,648,306.80
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$	12,450.38
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$	46,036.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$	20,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$	15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$	77,897.00
5891 Vernal Municipal Watershed Restoration Project Phase 1	2023	\$	10,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	75,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$	10,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$	8,350.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$	25,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$	30,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$	20,000.00
5890 Ott's Canyon Habitat Project	2023	\$	4,500.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$	35,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$	50,000.00
5955 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-23	2023	\$	5,950.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$	15,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$	40,800.50
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$	3,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$	10,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$	10,051.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$	20,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$	6,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$	50,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$	25,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$	10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$	18,323.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$	8,100.00
5982 Fifty-Mile Bench Catchment Maintenance/Improvement	2023	\$	3,550.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$	15,000.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$	25,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$	15,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$	3,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$	25,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$	50,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$	200,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$	10,000.00
6080 South Bookcliffs Phase 10 (San Arroyo Bullhog)	2023	\$	30,000.00
6115 Mechanical Shrub Transplanter	2023	\$	20,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$	181,609.00
6211 Desert bighorn sheep nursery facility upgrades and maintenance	2023	\$	50,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$	2,500.00
6754 Utah SFW partnering with WAFWA Deer & Elk Workshop	2023	\$	7,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$	25,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$	12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$	13,850.50
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$	19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	61,750.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$	35,625.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$	21,250.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$	2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$	25,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$	10,000.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$	17,017.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	5,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	30,000.00

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$	5,000.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$	5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$	10,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$	4,381.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	4,497.92
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$	1,648,306.80

2023 Revenue \$ 1,731,570.00

6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	5,502.08
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$	20,620.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$	25,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$	25,000.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$	10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$	15,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$	42,500.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$	1,987.74
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$	15,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$	30,000.00
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$	10,000.00
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$	15,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$	2,500.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$	5,000.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$	29,380.00
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$	8,080.18
6818 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	\$	1,446,000.00
All 2023 Funds Expended		\$	1,731,570.00

2024 Revenue \$ 1,855,005.00

6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$	21,919.82
6676 Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile			
6761 Management Unit	2024	\$	27,277.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2024	\$	2,500.00
7246 Grader Replacement	2024	\$	46,000.00
7128 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition - Final Payment	2024	\$	1,007,640.00
7110 Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	\$	10,000.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$	10,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$	15,000.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$	15,000.00
6913 Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	\$	60,000.00
6876 Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	\$	10,000.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$	13,625.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$	20,000.00
7125 FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	\$	5,592.00
2024 Funds Expended		\$	1,269,553.82

Remaining 2024 Revenue \$ 585,451.18

Remaining Balance \$ 585,451.18

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$	91,320.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$	5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$	5,000.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$	3,114.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$	2,500.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$	5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$	5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$	5,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$	5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$	5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$	5,000.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$	5,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$	5,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$	3,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$	1,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$	5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$	2,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$	2,500.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$	5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$	4,622.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$	5,000.00
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$	5,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	2,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$	84.00
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$	91,320.00

	2023 Revenue	\$	106,605.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$	7,416.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$	5,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	2,500.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$	2,500.00
6530 Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY24	2024	\$	2,000.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	7,500.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$	2,500.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$	5,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$	2,500.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$	2,500.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$	2,500.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$	5,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$	2,500.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$	5,000.00
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$	2,500.00
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$	3,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$	5,000.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$	2,500.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$	2,500.00
6676 Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	\$	2,500.00
FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile			
6761 Management Unit	2024	\$	1,593.92
2023 Funds Expended		\$	89,009.92

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$	17,595.08
2024 Revenue	\$	137,130.00
Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$	137,130.00
Remaining Balance	\$	154,725.08

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
2024 Revenue	\$24,750.00
2024 Interest	\$25.49
Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$24,775.49
Remaining Balance	\$66,223.93

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$	594,000.00
6804 Interagency Bighorn Outreach Coordinator	2023	\$	45,258.03
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$	2,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool (RADD Tool), A tool fo	2024	\$	20,000.00
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$	19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	10,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$	5,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$	21,250.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$	2,500.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$	2,500.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$	34,460.24
6850 Promontory Nursery Facility Survey	2024	\$	2,838.19
6676 Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	\$	11,785.30
5835 Wild Sheep Guzzler Maintenance	2024	\$	5,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$	5,360.00
7110 Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	\$	2,500.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$	5,000.00
7232 North American moose conference and workshop	2024	\$	3,000.00
7110 Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	\$	2,500.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$	5,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$	5,360.00
6913 Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	\$	15,500.00
7127 FY25 Bison Captures	2025	\$	2,500.00
7131 FY25 Parker Mountain Pronghorn Capture and Transplant	2025	\$	2,500.00
6876 Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Rest Project - FY25	2025	\$	5,000.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$	7,500.00
6902 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 25	2025	\$	7,500.00
7060 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Impv Project Phase V	2025	\$	10,000.00
6869 Henefer-Echo WMA Summer Range Enhancement	2025	\$	10,000.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$	10,000.00
7125 FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	\$	18,000.00
6926 Anadarko 2025	2025	\$	20,000.00
7065 Currant Creek WMA Prescribed Burn	2025	\$	20,000.00
6994 Nebo Big Game Guzzler Installation and Maintenance FY25	2025	\$	30,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2025	\$	34,640.00
7116 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY25	2025	\$	59,500.00
7124 FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	\$	60,000.00
6901 Yellowjacket Harris Flat	2025	\$	70,223.24
	All 2022 Funds Expended	\$	594,000.00
	2023 Revenue	\$	624,420.00
6932 Eastern LaSals Phase IV	2025	\$	10,000.00
6901 Yellowjacket Harris Flat	2025	\$	4,776.76
7118 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat - Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	\$	80,790.00
6871 Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	\$	90,450.09

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2023 Funds Expended \$ 186,016.85

Remaining 2023 Revenue \$ 438,403.15

2024 Revenue \$ 619,590.00

Remaining 2024 Revenue \$ 619,590.00

Remaining Balance \$ 1,057,993.15

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

		2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$	2,500.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$	2,500.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$	2,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$	2,500.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$	8,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$	5,000.00
6761 FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile	2024	\$	2,500.00
6972 Bennion Park Lop and Scatter Project	2025	\$	7,500.00
7038 NER Guzzler Repair Flights	2025	\$	1,500.00
7055 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	\$	695.00
		All 2022 Funds Expended	<u>\$34,695.00</u>
		2023 Revenue	\$34,980.00
7055 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	\$	2,305.00
7057 Rabbit Gulch WMA Fencing Phase III	2025	\$	10,500.00
7059 Blue Mountain Guzzler	2025	\$	5,000.00
7062 Nash Wash Horse Pasture Fence Upgrade	2025	\$	2,500.00
7065 Currant Creek WMA Prescribed Burn	2025	\$	5,000.00
7118 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	\$	7,500.00
7124 FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	\$	2,175.00
		All 2023 Funds Expended	<u>\$34,980.00</u>
		2024 Revenue	\$49,440.00
7124 FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	\$	2,825.00
7125 FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	\$	5,000.00
7129 FY25 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2025	\$	2,500.00
7132 FY25 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile	2025	\$	2,500.00
		2024 Funds Expended	<u>\$12,825.00</u>
		Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$36,615.00
		Remaining Balance	\$36,615.00



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September 8, 2024

To: Randy Dearth, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Gary Nielson, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wildlife Conservation 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for WCF was Kevin Richens. All information requested was promptly provided. WCF was allocated 17 of the 311 permits for 2024. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$82,400.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$8,240.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$24,720.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$49,440.00
• Carry-over funds	\$69,675.00
Subtotal	\$119,115.00
• Less FY24/25 WRI project payments	(\$82,500.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$36,615.00



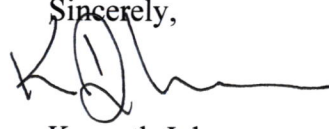
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$127,965.13
Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$91,350.13)</u>
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$36,615.00

Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were five adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1006 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$24,720.00)
Check #1007 to DWR (FY25 Projects)	(\$57,500.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$8,240.00)
Bank fees (to be covered by WCF)	\$109.87
Initial account deposit (can be removed from account)	<u>(\$1,000.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$91,350.13)

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

Sincerely,

Kenneth Johnson
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Justin “J” Shirley
Wildlife Board Members
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September 8, 2024

To: Randy Dearth, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Gary Nielson, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Houndsmen Association 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for UHA was Jared Dearth. All information requested was promptly provided. UHA was allocated 4 of the 311 permits for 2024. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$41,250.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$4,125.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$12,375.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$24,750.00
• Carry-over funds	\$41,448.44
• Interest	\$25.49
Subtotal	\$66,223.93
• Less project payments	\$0.00
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$66,223.93



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$66,223.93
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$66,223.93

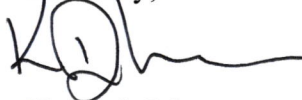
Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were no adjustments identified through the reconciliation process.

UHA has \$22,218.44 in retained revenue from 2022 conservation permit sales. According to 657-41-9, "Retained revenue must be completely expended on approved eligible projects or transferred to the division by August 15, two years following the year in which the relevant conservation permits are awarded to the conservation organization by the Wildlife Board. Failure to expend or transfer to the division retained revenue by the August 15 deadline will disqualify the conservation organization from obtaining any future conservation permits until the unspent retained revenue is expended on an approved eligible project or transferred to the division." All 2022 retained revenue must be spent or transferred to DWR immediately.

We sincerely thank UHA 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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September 8, 2024

To: Randy Dearth, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Gary Nielson, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Archery Association (UAA)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Archery Association 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for UAA was Kris Marble. All information requested was promptly provided. UAA was allocated 9 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 9 permits, which were later reconciled against UAA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$228,550.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$22,855.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$68,565.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$137,130.00
• Carry-over funds	\$118,689.00
Subtotal	\$255,819.00
• Less FY23 project payments	(\$101,093.92)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$154,725.08




Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$246,145.08
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$91,420.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$154,725.08

Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 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 #0006 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$68,565.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$22,855.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$91,420.00)

We sincerely thank UAA 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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September 8, 2024

To: Randy Dearth, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Gary Nielson, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for SFW was Angie Wonnacott. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was allocated 95 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 62 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SFW permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$3,091,675.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$309,167.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$927,502.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,855,005.00
• Carry-over funds	\$1,560,960.18
• Interest donated to projects	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$3,415,965.18
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$2,499,640.00)
• Less FY25 WRI project payments	(\$330,874.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$585,451.18



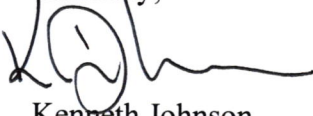
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,637,820.18
Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$1,052,369.00)</u>
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$585,451.18

Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 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:

Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period (will verify in 2025 Audit)	\$184,285.00
Check #5 to DWR (30% of proceeds)	<u>(\$927,502.50)</u>
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$309,167.50)</u>
Bank fees (to be covered by SFW)	<u>\$16.00</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$1,052,369.00)</u>

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.

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Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Safari Club International (SCI)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Safari Club International 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for SCI was David Pierce. All information requested was promptly provided. SCI was allocated 27 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 27 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SCI permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$387,100.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$38,710.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$116,130.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$232,260.00
• Carry-over funds	\$0.00
• Interest	\$3.86
Subtotal	\$232,263.86
• Less FY23/FY24 WRI project payments	(\$231,960.00)
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$303.86



Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Audit – SCI


Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$27,063.66
Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$26,759.80)</u>
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$303.86

Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$27,109.80)
Additional permit revenue to be deposited	\$500.00
Amount to be sent to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$150.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$26,759.80)

We sincerely thank SCI 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.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the National Wild Turkey Federation 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for NWTf was Tara Moon. All information requested was promptly provided. NWTf was allocated 32 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 3 permits sold, which were later reconciled against NWTf permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$394,625.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$36,462.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$118,387.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$236,775.00
• Carry-over funds	\$322,128.66
Subtotal	\$558,903.66
• Less FY25 WRI project payments	(\$168,285.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$390,618.66



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$716,608.91
Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$325,990.25)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$390,618.66

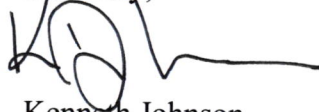
Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 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 #1042 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$118,387.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$39,462.50)
Check #1040 to DWR (FY25 Projects)	(\$168,285.00)
Overpayment of 2022 funds and bank fees to be deposited	<u>\$144.75</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$325,990.25)

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

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Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Mule Deer 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for MDF was Jeremy Snitker. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was allocated 78 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 43 permits sold, which were later reconciled against MDF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$2,390,850.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$239,085.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$717,255.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,434,510.00
• Carry-over funds	\$1,148,597.56
• Interest	\$29,726.15
Subtotal	\$2,612,833.71
• Less FY24/25 WRI project payments	(\$1,205,944.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$1,406,839.71



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Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,645,924.71
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$239,085.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,406,839.71

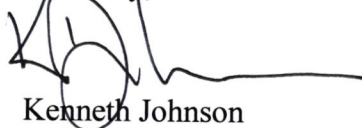
Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There was one adjustment identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$239,085.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$239,085.00)

We sincerely thank MDF 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.

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Subject: 2024 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Rocky Mountain Elk 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for RMEF was Katelynn Presser. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was allocated 29 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 11 permits sold, which were later reconciled against RMEF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$663,150.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$66,315.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$198,945.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$397,890.00
• Carry-over funds	\$79,290.82
Subtotal	\$477,180.82
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$384,751.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$92,429.82



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$92,429.82
• Adjusted Bank Balance	<hr/> \$92,429.82

Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

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

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Subject: 2024 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 audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for UWSF was Travis Jenson. All information requested was promptly provided. UWSF was allocated 20 of the 311 permits for 2024. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 9 permits, which were later reconciled against UWSF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$1,032,650.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$103,265.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$309,795.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$619,590.00
• Carry-over funds	\$1,055,626.73
• Interest	\$24.16
Subtotal	\$1,675,240.89
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$617,247.74)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$1,057,993.15



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,949,552.40
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$891,559.25)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,057,993.15

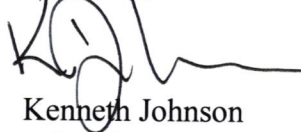
Findings and Recommendations

All 2024 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 #1041 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$309,795.00)
Check #1039 to DWR (FY25 Projects)	<u>(\$581,764.25)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$891,559.25)

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.

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UTAH'S CONSERVATION PERMIT PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT



FISCAL YEAR
2024

Utah's Conservation Permit Program Annual Report — Fiscal Year 2024

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 several hunting units, including San Rafael-North, San Rafael-South, Henry Mountains, Kaiparowits-East and Kaiparowits-Escalante, as well as herds within Arches National Park and Capitol Reef National Park.

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, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, 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 hunting 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 2024 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), Utah Archery Association (UAA), Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA), Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF) and Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF). Other conservation groups can also apply to participate by following the procedures listed in Utah Administrative Rule R657-41, 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 can 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.

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 2024

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.

Mule deer survival and nutritional condition monitoring

December 2023 marked the 10th year since the DWR and its partners began monitoring mule deer survival and nutritional condition (body fat) on various management units across Utah. To monitor survival and nutritional condition, a representative sample of adult females and 6-month-old fawns are captured each fall on eight management units across the state. These units include the Book Cliffs, Cache, Manti, Monroe, Oquirrh-Stansbury, Pine Valley, San Juan and South Slope. After the deer have been captured, the capture teams weigh them, assess their body condition and fat percentage, and determine their ages. Then, the DWR biologists place GPS collars on all the deer to monitor their movements and survival, and to help determine the likely cause of mortality, if they don't survive. These data have greatly improved our understanding of how different environmental conditions (i.e., droughts and severe winters), predators and habitats impact mule deer populations, while also providing data on when and where different factors may be limiting population growth. Additionally, these data have allowed DWR biologists to be proactive when making hunting recommendations, proposing permit cuts when needed but also recommending increases in hunting opportunities when populations are doing well.

During December 2023, the DWR and its partners captured 425 deer (250 adults, 175 fawns) as part of the survival and condition monitoring project. The overall body condition of the adults was excellent, averaging 11.4% in December 2023, nearly 2% higher than the 10-year average of 9.6%. Higher fat values were likely the result of larger winter precipitation and summer monsoon moisture, and these fat values led to high overwinter survival rates, averaging 92% for adults and 77% for fawns (overwinter survival is from Dec. 1 to April 30). On several units population numbers are still below where many would like to see them, the high body fat values and high overwinter survival rates bode well for future population growth. Although this research is expensive — and both time and labor intensive — the revenue generated from the Conservation Permit Program makes it possible to conduct these types of large-scale research projects. The project results will continue to directly inform and improve Utah's wildlife-management strategies.



Range Creek summer range treatment and neonate study

High-quality habitat is crucial to have robust and thriving mule deer populations. To maintain and improve mule deer habitats, Utah has established the most aggressive restoration program in the West. Although most improvement projects have been conducted on winter ranges, recent research projects have demonstrated the importance of high-quality summer ranges for deer. The nutrition these ranges provide helps deer meet lactation demands as well as gain sufficient body fat for the upcoming winter.

The West Tavaputs Plateau on the Nine Mile Range Creek unit is one of the few places in Utah where large acreages of summer range have been treated mechanically to mitigate fire risk and improve habitat for wildlife. The DWR initiated a study in March 2023 to quantify the impacts of summer range treatments on mule deer survival, nutritional condition and reproduction.

In March 2023, the DWR captured 60 pregnant adult female mule deer on the Range Creek unit to assess nutritional condition and insert vaginal implant transmitters (VITs), which allow biologists to find and capture newborn fawns in June. Based on their winter locations, it was expected that approximately half of these animals would show extensive use of summer treatments. From these adults, 54 survived to parturition, and 63 neonate fawns were captured from them.

In December 2023, biologists captured 40 adults and 31 6-month-old fawns to assess condition and growth differences, based on use of treatments. In March 2024, biologists captured 60 pregnant adult females and inserted VITs. From these animals, 44 survived to give birth, and then biologists captured 56 fawns from them in June 2024. Analyses are currently being conducted to quantify summer treatment use and what differences in habitat quality may mean for deer. The results from this study will help quantify the influence of summer habitat restoration projects in mule deer habitat where summer range is limiting. Additionally, this work will help facilitate discussions with federal land-management agencies and prioritize habitat restoration efforts.

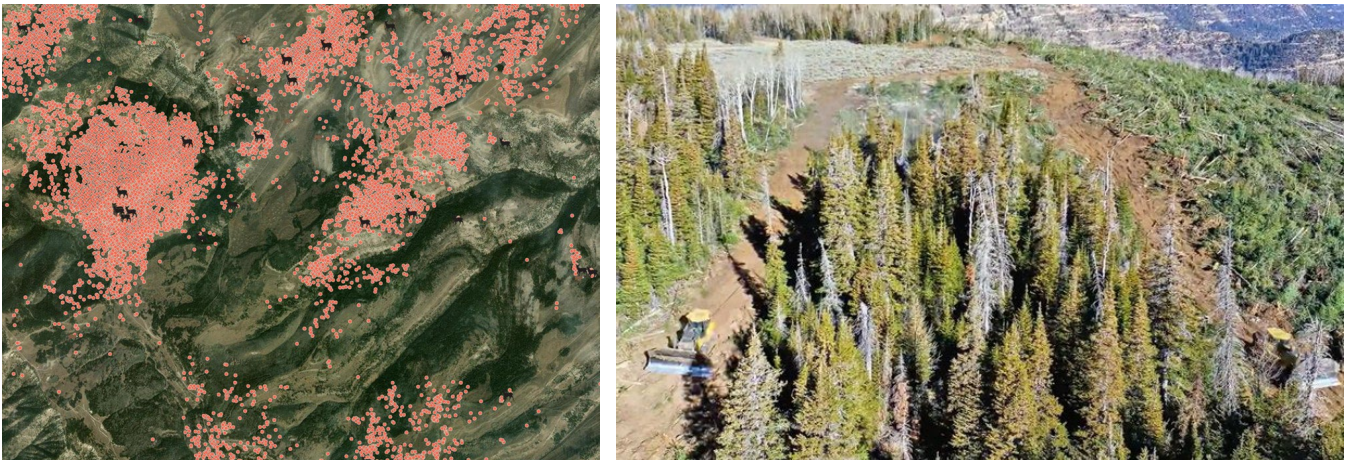


Figure 1. Map of mule deer summer range

Desert bighorn sheep nursery herd

In the fall of 2023, with the partnership of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife, the DWR established a permanent nursery facility for desert bighorn sheep on a Promontory Point property in Box Elder County. (This replaced the temporary nursery facility near Tabiona.) The new property is about 1,100 acres and has optimal bighorn habitat with steep, rocky slopes, escape terrain, lambing areas, year-round forage, springs and low predator densities. An 8-foot, high-tensile wildlife fence was quickly constructed around the perimeter of the property, and the 13 bighorn sheep in the nursery herd were relocated from the Tabiona facility to the new facility in December 2023. In the spring of 2024, nine lambs were added to the population, resulting in a total of 22 bighorns.

In June 2024, the DWR partnered with Nevada Department of Wildlife, Utah Wild Sheep Foundation and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife — as well as Nevada-based conservation groups and volunteers — to capture desert bighorn sheep from Valley of Fire State Park (near Overton, Nevada) and move them to the new facility on Promontory Point. This was a supplemental translocation to bolster the existing herd, which came from the same source location in 2022. In total, 17 ewes and three rams (a total of 20 bighorn sheep) were captured using helicopter net-gunning. All were fitted with GPS collars and then aged, assessed for body condition, and sampled for disease-related pathogens. The samples were flown to the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (in Pullman, Washington) for expedited testing. The bighorns were transported to a staging area near Brigham City to await disease-testing results.

The lab provided test results the following day — no concerns were flagged — and the bighorns were released into the Promontory Point nursery facility shortly thereafter. The 20 translocated bighorns supplemented the existing population of 22 bighorns for a total of 42 bighorns, including 27 ewes, six rams and nine lambs.



To date, there have been no mortalities in the group of newly translocated bighorns. The nursery population will be monitored to track reproduction and survival, and individuals may be captured periodically to assess body condition. Water sources have been developed throughout the facility, and habitat improvements will be made in spring 2025. The nursery will be used as a source population for translocations throughout the state once the population reaches sufficient numbers.

Big game captures

Utah's biologists 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 2024, conservation permit sales helped fund the capture and/or collaring of more than 1,799 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 collared using conservation permit funds in FY 2024

Species	No. animals	Unit	Purpose
Bighorn sheep	20	Nevada	Translocated to Promontory
	10	American Fork	Survival, disease testing and migration
	12	Antelope Island	Survival, disease testing and migration
	30	Escalante	Survival, disease testing and migration
	20	Mineral Mtns	Survival, disease testing and migration
	6	Nebo	Survival, disease testing and migration
	45	Nine Mile	Survival, disease testing and migration
	19	Oak Creek	Survival, disease testing and migration
	15	San Juan	Survival, disease testing and migration
	13	Skyrider	Survival, disease testing and migration
	10	Stansbury	Survival, disease testing and migration
	29	Zion	Survival, disease testing and migration
Total	229		

Bison	15	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	10	Henry Mtns	Survival and migration
	2	Range Creek	Migration
Total	27		

Deer	30	Anthro	Survival and migration
	40	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	40	Boulder	Survival and migration
	31	Box Elder	Survival and migration
	45	Cache	Survival and migration
	102	La Sal	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	60	Manti	Survival and migration
	56	Monroe	Survival and migration
	31	Morgan	Survival and migration
	117	Nebo	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	63	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Survival and migration
	60	Pahvant	Survival and migration
	97	Pine Valley	Survival and migration
	135	Range Creek	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	102	San Juan	Survival, migration and neonate capture
	46	South Slope	Survival and migration
	7	Southwest Desert	Survival and migration
	47	Wasatch West	Survival and migration
	44	Zion	Survival and migration
Total	1,153		

Elk	91	Hardware Ranch	Survival, migration and dispersal
	71	Manti	Survival and migration
	51	Nebo	Survival and migration
	92	Boulder, Fishlake, Monroe, Mt Dutton Complex	Survival and migration
Total	305		

Moose	1	Nebo	Survival and migration
	17	Wasatch	Survival and migration
Total	18		

Pronghorn	51	Anthro	Survival and migration
	16	Southwest Desert	Survival and migration
Total	67		

Total animals	1,799		
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Program results in FY 2024

The Utah Wildlife Board approved 311 conservation permits for FY 2024 (see Table 2). This represents less than 2% of the total number of permits issued for all these hunts combined. The permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than \$8.3 million. In contrast, if these permits had just been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised just over \$55,000. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than \$88 million for conservation work in Utah (see Appendix 2).

Table 2. Conservation permits authorized for FY 2024

Permit type	Number
Antlerless elk	20
Bear	41
Bison	8
Buck deer	38
Bull elk	76
Bull moose	6
Desert bighorn sheep	8
Mountain goat	7
Pronghorn	58
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	8
Wild turkey	41
Total permits	311

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 2024, 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 2024.

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 wri.utah.gov/wri.

Successful wildlife conservation

In FY 2024, 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: Projects funded by conservation permit sales

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	
		\$1,241,190.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$63,870.44
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$200,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$625.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$23,184.29
5901 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project	2023	\$70,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$180,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$15,460.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$11,500.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$13,850.50
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$70,000.00
6738 MDF Stewardship Position FY24	2024	\$80,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$35,625.00
6206 Coldwater Canyon WMA Boundary Fence	2024	\$10,000.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$7,500.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$36,440.00
6506 North Zone Aspen Restoration- Surveys	2024	\$100,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$10,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$20,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$80,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$60,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$35,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$25,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$2,926.77
	All 2022 Funds Expended	\$1,241,190.00
	2023 Revenue	\$1,257,390.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$12,073.23
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$47,500.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$20,000.00
6511 Yellowjacket Monument Knoll	2024	\$13,019.21
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$10,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$80,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$15,000.00
FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile		
6761 Management Unit	2024	\$25,000.00
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$10,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$10,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$9,640.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$20,000.00
7228 Phil Pico Acquisition	2024	\$250,000.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$80,000.00
6913 Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	\$40,000.00

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6876	Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	\$5,000.00
6932	Eastern LaSals Phase IV	2025	\$25,000.00
7060	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	\$45,000.00
6869	Henefer-Echo WMA Summer Range Enhancement	2025	\$20,000.00
7134	FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$57,500.00
6994	Nebo Big Game Guzzler Installation and Maintenance FY25	2025	\$2,500.00
7118	West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	\$50,000.00
6871	Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	\$20,000.00
6862	Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	\$75,000.00
7017	Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	\$20,000.00
6828	Rocky Ford Watershed Restoration and Resilience Phase 1	2025	\$25,000.00
6852	Gooseberry Phase 4	2025	\$50,000.00
6882	Diamond Fork and Spanish Fork River Watershed Post Fire Restoration Phase V	2025	\$17,000.00
6909	Soldier Creek Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	\$50,000.00
7010	Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 4, FY-25	2025	\$32,000.00
7053	Willow Watershed Habitat Improvements FY25	2025	\$15,000.00
5902	White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	\$30,000.00
6021	East Bear Lake Range and Stream Improvements - Phase II	2025	\$65,000.00
7015	Bitter Creek Habitat Restoration Project	2025	\$6,157.56
	All 2023 Funds Expended		<u>\$1,257,390.00</u>
		2024 Revenue	\$1,434,510.00
7015	Bitter Creek Habitat Restoration Project	2025	\$27,670.29
	2024 Funds Expended		<u>\$27,670.29</u>
	Remaining 2024 Revenue		\$1,406,839.71
	Remaining Balance		\$1,406,839.71

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$189,525.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,267.72
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$10,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$1,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpnickel Habitat Restoration Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$2,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$5,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$2,500.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$3,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$20,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5938 Mill Creek (Moab) Restoration Partnership 3	2023	\$3,000.00
5971 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$5,000.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$2,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$4,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$1,298.62
	2022 Funds Expended	\$99,566.34
	Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$89,958.66
	2023 Revenue	\$232,170.00
	Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$232,170.00
	2024 Revenue	\$236,775.00
	Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$236,775.00
	Remaining Balance	\$558,903.66

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$409,200.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$292,721.05
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$1,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$10,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$13,339.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$10,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$16,439.90
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$2,500.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$2,300.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$900.05
	All 2022 Funds Expended	<u>\$409,200.00</u>

	2023 Revenue	\$399,750.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$10,000.00
5952 Valley Mountains (South Valley)	2023	\$4,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$2,700.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$10,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$30,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$10,750.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,500.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$15,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$5,000.00
6520 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	\$2,500.00
6545 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$10,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$20,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$7,500.00
6535 Levan WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY24	2024	\$7,500.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$25,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$8,500.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$30,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$10,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$5,000.00

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6496	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$7,009.18
6497	Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$20,000.00
6514	Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$15,000.00
6543	Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$5,000.00
6563	Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$15,000.00
6679	Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$5,000.00
6709	North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$2,500.00
6737	Mineral Range Water Development Project	2024	\$16,790.82

All 2023 Funds Expended	\$399,750.00
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		2024 Revenue	\$397,890.00
6737	Mineral Range Water Development Project	2024	\$2,709.18
6508	Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6617	Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Project phase III	2024	\$15,000.00
6498	Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$15,000.00
6853	Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$20,000.00
6986	BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$10,000.00
6851	Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$10,000.00
7131	FY25 Parker Mountain Pronghorn Capture and Transplant	2025	\$2,500.00
7061	Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$13,625.00
7060	Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase V	2025	\$5,000.00
7134	FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$30,000.00
6871	Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	\$10,000.00
6862	Little Creek Watershed Restoration project - Phase 1	2025	\$10,000.00
6851	Salina Creek Phase 6	2025	\$46,000.00
6888	Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase II	2025	\$25,000.00
6870	Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	\$30,000.00
5902	White Sage Flat Habitat Restoration Project Phase 2	2025	\$10,000.00
7019	Etna Sage Brush Habitat Restoration - Phase 2	2025	\$2,500.00
6554	Last Chance Habitat Improvement	2025	\$20,975.00
7099	Parowan Front Maple Hollow Lop and Scatter	2025	\$12,088.00

2024 Funds Expended	\$305,397.18
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Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$92,492.82
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Remaining Balance	\$92,492.82
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Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$210,450.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,000.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$5,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$40,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$10,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$500.00
5957 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project FY-23	2023	\$8,200.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$5,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpernickel Habitat Restoration Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$5,000.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$10,000.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$5,000.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$5,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$1,750.00
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$210,450.00

	2023 Revenue	\$195,630.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$15,550.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5920 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	\$5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$15,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$1,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$55,000.00
6533 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration FY-24	2024	\$15,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$50,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$14,080.00
All 2023 Funds Expended		\$195,630.00

2024 Revenue	\$232,260.00
2024 Interest	\$3.86

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$25,920.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24	2024	\$15,000.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$43,000.00
7127 FY25 Bison Captures	2025	\$2,500.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$26,625.00
6902 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 25	2025	\$50,000.00
6842 Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project - FY 25	2025	\$25,000.00
7029 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase 5	2025	\$14,712.00
6909 Soldier Creek Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY 25	2025	\$27,189.00
6949 Oak Creek Mule Deer Restoration Project Phase I	2025	\$11,151.00
7223 FY25 Hardware WMA Hay Purchase	2025	\$1,783.00
	2024 Funds Expended	<u>\$231,960.00</u>
	Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$303.86
	Remaining Balance	\$303.86

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$1,648,306.80
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$12,450.38
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$46,036.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$77,897.00
5891 Vernal Municipal Watershed Restoration Project Phase 1	2023	\$10,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$75,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$10,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$8,350.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$25,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$30,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$20,000.00
5890 Ott's Canyon Habitat Project	2023	\$4,500.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$35,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$50,000.00
5955 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-23	2023	\$5,950.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$15,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$40,800.50
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$3,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$10,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$10,051.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$20,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$6,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$50,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$25,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$18,323.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$8,100.00
5982 Fifty-Mile Bench Catchment Maintenance/Improvement	2023	\$3,550.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$15,000.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$25,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$15,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$3,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$25,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$50,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$200,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$10,000.00
6080 South Bookcliffs Phase 10 (San Arroyo Bullhog)	2023	\$30,000.00
6115 Mechanical Shrub Transplanter	2023	\$20,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$181,609.00
6211 Desert bighorn sheep nursery facility upgrades and maintenance	2023	\$50,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6754 Utah SFW partnering with WAFWA Deer & Elk Workshop	2023	\$7,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$25,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$13,850.50
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$61,750.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$35,625.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$21,250.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$25,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$10,000.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$17,017.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$5,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$30,000.00

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$10,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$4,381.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	<u>\$4,497.92</u>
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$1,648,306.80

	2023 Revenue	\$1,731,570.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,502.08
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$20,620.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$10,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$25,000.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$15,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$42,500.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$1,987.74
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$15,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$30,000.00
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$10,000.00
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$15,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$2,500.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$5,000.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$29,380.00
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$8,080.18
6818 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	<u>\$1,446,000.00</u>
All 2023 Funds Expended		\$1,731,570.00

	2024 Revenue	\$1,855,005.00
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$21,919.82
6676 Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Management Unit	2024	\$27,277.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2024	\$2,500.00
7246 Grader Replacement	2024	\$46,000.00
7128 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition - Final Payment	2024	\$1,007,640.00
7110 Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	\$10,000.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$10,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$15,000.00
6851 Salina Creek Phase 6	2024	\$15,000.00
6913 Markagunt Aspen Regeneration Phase 2	2025	\$60,000.00
6876 Levan WMA Mule Deer Winter Range Restoration Project - FY25	2025	\$10,000.00
7061 Holden Spring Water Enhancement Project	2025	\$13,625.00
7134 FY25 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2025	\$20,000.00
7125 FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	<u>\$5,592.00</u>
2024 Funds Expended		\$1,269,553.82

Remaining 2024 Revenue \$585,451.18

Remaining Balance \$585,451.18

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,000.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$3,114.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$2,500.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$5,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$1,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$2,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$2,500.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$4,622.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$5,000.00
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$5,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$2,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$84.00
	2022 Funds Expended	<u>\$91,320.00</u>

Remaining 2022 Revenue **\$0.00**

	2023 Revenue	\$106,605.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$7,416.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$5,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$2,500.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$2,500.00
6530 Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY24	2024	\$2,000.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$7,500.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$2,500.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,500.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$2,500.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$2,500.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$5,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$2,500.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$5,000.00
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$2,500.00
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$3,000.00
6679 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 18	2024	\$5,000.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$2,500.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$2,500.00

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6676 Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	\$2,500.00
FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile		
6761 Management Unit	2024	\$1,594.00
	2023 Funds Expended	<u>\$89,010.00</u>
	Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$17,595.00
	2024 Revenue	\$137,130.00
	Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$137,130.00
	Remaining Balance	\$154,725.00

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
2024 Revenue	\$24,750.00
2024 Interest	\$25.49
Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$24,775.49
Remaining Balance	\$66,223.93

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$594,000.00
6804 Interagency Bighorn Outreach Coordinator	2023	\$45,258.03
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool (RADD Tool), A tool for Industry, Develo	2024	\$20,000.00
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$10,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$5,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$21,250.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$2,500.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$2,500.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$34,460.24
6850 Promontory Nursery Facility Survey	2024	\$2,838.19
6676 Moab Guzzler Maintenance FY24	2024	\$11,785.30
5835 Wild Sheep Guzzler Maintenance	2024	\$5,000.00
6986 BLM Color Country Wildlife Guzzlers FY25	2024	\$5,360.00
7110 Sevier County Upland Game Guzzlers	2024	\$2,500.00
6853 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 3	2024	\$5,000.00
7232 North American moose conference and workshop	2024	\$2,975.84
	2022 Funds Expended	\$198,252.60
	Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$395,747.40
	2023 Revenue	\$624,420.00
	Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$624,420.00
	2024 Revenue	\$619,590.00
	Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$619,590.00
	Remaining Balance	\$1,639,757.40

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$2,500.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$2,500.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$2,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$2,500.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$8,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
6761 FY24 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Managem	2024	\$2,500.00
6972 Bennion Park Lop and Scatter Project	2025	\$7,500.00
7038 NER Guzzler Repair Flights	2025	\$1,500.00
7055 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	\$695.00
	All 2022 Funds Expended	\$34,695.00
	2023 Revenue	\$34,980.00
7055 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY25	2025	\$2,305.00
7057 Rabbit Gulch WMA Fencing Phase III	2025	\$10,500.00
7059 Blue Mountain Guzzler	2025	\$5,000.00
7062 Nash Wash Horse Pasture Fence Upgrade	2025	\$2,500.00
7065 Currant Creek WMA Prescribed Burn	2025	\$5,000.00
7118 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 3 (Continued)	2025	\$7,500.00
7124 FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	\$2,175.00
	All 2023 Funds Expended	\$34,980.00
	2024 Revenue	\$49,440.00
7124 FY25 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2025	\$2,825.00
7125 FY25 Mountain Goat Captures	2025	\$5,000.00
7129 FY25 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2025	\$2,500.00
7132 FY25 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Managem	2025	\$2,500.00
	2024 Funds Expended	\$12,825.00
	Remaining 2024 Revenue	\$36,615.00
	Remaining Balance	\$36,615.00

Appendix 2.
2001 - 2024 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization
 Updated: September 10, 2024

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	\$1,853,550	121	\$1,592,850	68	\$742,600	16	\$525,996	40	\$265,012	38	\$208,648	35
2021	\$2,266,059	107	\$1,816,200	64	\$853,400	16	\$633,400	40	\$356,600	35	\$200,010	31
2022	\$2,679,525	97	\$2,068,650	79	\$990,000	20	\$682,000	33	\$350,750	27	\$315,875	32
2023	\$2,885,950	96	\$2,095,650	78	\$1,040,700	20	\$666,250	29	\$326,050	27	\$386,950	32
2024	\$3,091,675	95	\$2,390,850	78	\$1,032,650	20	\$663,150	29	\$387,100	27	\$394,625	32
\$31,704,955	2,858	\$25,819,979	1,990	\$12,958,330	481	\$8,758,521	917	\$4,344,949	423	\$3,374,441	791	

YEAR	Utah Archery Association		California Deer Association		Boone & Crockett		Ducks Unlimited		Utah Houndsmen Association		Wildlife Conservation Foundation		Total	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$916,652	216
2002	\$0	0	\$14,010	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,055,689	299
2003	\$0	0	\$27,565	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,285,729	340
2004	\$0	0	\$3,270	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,742,772	304
2005	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,679,663	334
2006	\$0	0	\$10,500	20	\$11,500	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,032,280	382
2007	\$6,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,884,602	358
2008	\$10,250	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$14,625	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,924,665	359
2009	\$6,750	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,200	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,494,922	361
2010	\$15,400	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$18,300	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,863,240	342
2011	\$28,700	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,472,440	341
2012	\$37,500	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,215	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,797,880	322
2013	\$53,525	13	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,430	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,148,882	316
2014	\$64,875	14	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$23,075	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,460,639	317
2015	\$90,050	18	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,060,955	317
2016	\$77,500	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,945,590	314
2017	\$99,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,150,440	314
2018	\$103,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,589,615	314
2019	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,474,535	325
2020	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,188,656	318
2021	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$6,125,669	293
2022	\$152,200	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$37,000	4	\$57,825	17	\$7,333,825	318
2023	\$177,675	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$32,050	4	\$58,300	17	\$7,669,575	312
2024	\$228,550	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$41,250	4	\$82,400	17	\$8,312,250	311
\$1,151,475	129	\$55,345	43	\$11,500	1	\$122,845	31	\$110,300	12	\$198,525	51	\$88,611,165	7,727	



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September 3, 2024

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RE: 2024 Expo Permit Internal Audit – Rule 657-55

Dear Director Shirley and Wildlife Board Members,

In accordance with Rule R657-55, an audit of the Expo Permit program has been conducted. This audit is attached for your review and the results will be presented at the Utah Wildlife Board Meeting on September 19, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,

Kenny Johnson
Administrative Services Chief
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources



Internal Audit of the 2024 Expo Permit Program

Dated September 3, 2024

Background

The Western Hunting and Conservation Expo was held in Salt Lake City from February 15 – 18, 2024. In accordance with Administrative Rule R657-55, an annual audit of the Expo permit program 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 (Division) Administrative Services Section to ensure compliance with applicable rules and contractual obligations.

This audit report covers the 2024 Expo performance specifically and uses historical data from the outset of the Expo permit program for some comparative items, as well as to ensure compliance with applicable rules and contractual terms.

Overview

As has been the case each year, the focus of this audit is to assist the Division and the Wildlife Board to ensure contract compliance. Our report focuses on verifying that data is protected and secure, and that the drawing procedure used is random for the permits being issued. Additionally, we reviewed data regarding the number of applicants, success rates, and programming code related to drawing procedures and issuance of permits. We reviewed revenue amounts retained by the contractor for use on Division-approved projects. We also reviewed the remainder of the revenue, which is to be used to benefit Utah conservation initiatives. In addition to verifying revenue totals, we look to verify that the funds designated for Division-approved projects, as well as the funds designated for other conservation initiatives, are kept separate from other funds in Federally insured bank accounts. Finally, we seek to verify that funds are appropriately spent on Division-approved projects, or are used to benefit Utah conservation initiatives, as required.

Review of handling personal and sensitive data

The Division considers the handling of personal data and information a top priority. Because the contractor conducting the draw is allowed limited access to DWR data for populating the hunt applications, we require adherence to protocols that will safeguard this data.

The contractor now only has a single process component regarding sensitive and confidential data from the applicants electronically. For these purposes, sensitive and confidential data is defined as social security number, driver's license information, height, weight, gender, and hair/eye color.

Applications are 100% electronic now with no paper forms used to apply.

Certain data elements are used during the application process for customer lookups into the Division database. This data transmission is through a secure socket layer using 128-bit encryption. Once the customer information is retrieved, no sensitive information is stored in the contractor database. The contractor cannot retrieve SSN or DL from the database at any time, only enter it as needed.

The Division monitored the processes of data collection and input, securing of personal and confidential data received, and performance of the actual draw process. The contractor completed a third-party system scan, and an updated Payment Card Industry (PCI) self-assessment questionnaire and attestation prior to the application period going live.

No compliance issues were identified by the Division in 2024 for securing personal data.

Review of the drawing process

Division of Wildlife/Division of Technology Services personnel completed an extensive review of the draw processes used by GraySky Technologies, the subcontractor selected by SFW to conduct the Expo permit drawing. The Division is represented by technical experts from the Utah Department of Government Operations, Division of Technology Services, who review the following:

- 1) The process of the draw is reviewed for its soundness.
- 2) The database structure is reviewed to make sure that a customer can't flood a certain hunt by making multiple entries for that hunt.
- 3) A review of the code is conducted to make sure that there is no chance that a seeded record could exist in the database prior to the assignment of random numbers. This is done to ensure that the result table is empty and no records can be inserted independently of the drawing code. This ensures that a record with an abnormally low random number isn't placed in the table thereby guaranteeing a permit to that record.
- 4) The code is reviewed to ensure that all records are treated equally in the process that assigns random numbers to the entries. Care is given to make sure that when the random numbers are being assigned, no records are identified to get a number other than a random number which is generated by the system.
- 5) The code is then reviewed for inserts that may occur after the drawing to make sure that a secured opportunity record is not placed in the result table after the assignment of random numbers takes place.

This was an exhaustive and thorough review; no compliance issues were identified in 2024.

Conducting the Draw

The actual drawing was conducted at the Division Office in Salt Lake City on February 20, 2024. We had essential staff from the Division, technical representatives from the Department of Government Operations, DNR, GraySky Technologies, MDF and SFW, and the public present in person. The draw was then conducted by GraySky Technologies where the following occurred:

- 1) An impromptu passphrase was given to the GraySky representative and was witnessed as typed into the code prior to beginning the draw process. Later this same passphrase was verified by all in attendance to display on the result page to ensure the code reviewed by the Division was the actual code used during the draw.
- 2) The draw was then run assigning random numbers to applicants hunt choice entries and then sorted in descending order.
- 3) The results of the draw were printed and immediately given to a Division representative to ensure that there were no edits to the results table.
- 4) This list was then given to the Division Law Enforcement and Licensing sections to validate eligibility before any results were posted.
- 5) Applicants selected through the draw to receive multiple permits were contacted by the Division and asked to select a single permit. The unclaimed permits were issued to alternates.

The passphrase was witnessed being added to the code, and the same passphrase was verified at the conclusion of the draw. Results were instantly printed and the process to validate began immediately.

Four applicants drew multiple permits in 2024; each had to choose which permit to keep and the other permits were reallocated to alternates. There was one permit blocked for Office of Recovery Services ineligibility (delinquent on child support payments), which also went to an alternate. No other issues with eligibility.

No compliance issues were identified by the Division in 2024.

Note about Random Drawings

In any truly random drawing there always seems to be a few “lucky” individuals. Random is not an assurance that an event will be spread evenly across a population, or distributed equally among participants. Statistically, when randomness is discussed it is always possible to view the final result and pick out certain trends. The key to these trends is that results cannot be predicted prior to the event or drawing. This is the very essence of randomness.

There were no abnormalities observed in the 2024 drawing.

Draw Related Information

The Division reviewed data from the Expo regarding attendance, application numbers, and success rates. The required attendance of 10,000 people was met in 2024, with nearly 63,000 being reported. There were 20,040 unique applicants in 2024, which was an increase from 2023.

There were no compliance issues with attendance in 2024.

Applicant data for years 2007-2024 is as follows:

Year	Applicants	Applications	Resident	Nonresident	Gross Revenue@ \$5 per app
2007	10,527	205,462	163,054	42,408	\$1,027,310
2008	8,745	138,988	116,465	22,523	\$694,940
2009	9,927	169,988	139,748	29,375	\$845,970
2010	9,700	165,866	139,920	25,946	\$847,285
2011	12,154	196,360	170,539	25,821	\$981,800
2012	13,388	207,870	179,077	28,793	\$1,039,350
2013	14,043	197,312	173,192	24,120	\$986,560
2014	14,148	206,506	178,250	28,256	\$1,032,530
2015	14,910	228,530	192,420	36,110	\$1,142,650
2016	15,507	233,210	195,973	37,237	\$1,166,050
2017	16,127	247,148	204,016	43,132	\$1,235,740
2018	17,399	280,472	230,155	50,317	\$1,402,360
2019	17,320	292,785	232,143	60,642	\$1,463,925
2020	17,945	306,612	236,661	69,951	\$1,533,060
2021	21,680	424,206	263,019	161,187	\$2,121,030
2022	17,255	374,935	291,050	83,885	\$1,874,675
2023	19,565	435,914	338,061	97,853	\$2,179,570
2024	20,040	463,343	359,863	103,480	\$2,316,715

Resident versus Nonresident Success

Data was reviewed comparing the number of resident applications to nonresident applications. Success rates are as follows: 78% of the applications were submitted by Utah residents who drew

161 permits, or 80% of the total. 22% of applications were submitted by nonresidents who drew 39 permits, or 20% of the total.

There were no anomalies identified in 2024.

Draw Probability Statistics

The Expo offers a limited number of permits annually and attracts exponentially more applicants who compete for them through a secure and random draw process. It should be noted that this dynamic implies a statistically low probability of obtaining a permit. While the draw odds are not a controllable variable or concern of the Division, we appreciate and acknowledge the expediency with which this information is made available to the public.

License Sales

The Division requires that anyone applying for a permit at the Expo have a valid hunting or combination license at the time of application. To ensure compliance, the computer programming will not allow applicants to apply without a valid license in the system. For the Expo in 2024 all licenses were sold online.

There were no compliance issues with license sales in 2024.

Application Revenue

For 2024, the Expo accepted applications from November 29th through the end of the Expo, which was held from February 15 - 18, 2024. The draw processed 463,343 applications, generating \$2,316,715 in gross application revenue.

Use of Application Revenue for Division-Approved Wildlife Projects (“\$1.50 Account”)

The retained portion of application revenue allowable for use on Division-approved projects is \$1.50 per application, or \$695,014.50 in 2024. This revenue was split 50/50 between SFW and MDF, with each organization receiving \$347,507.25. This initial deposit was verified in a federally insured bank account for both MDF and SFW. These funds will need to be spent on Division-approved projects, or transferred to the Division by August 1, 2026.

The Division tracks all funds spent on Division-approved projects or transferred to the Division to be able to report actual numbers each year. To meet the contractual obligation in 2024, all project revenue collected in 2022 must be spent or transferred to the division before August 1, 2024. The 2022 and 2023 funds have been spent entirely as shown in the table below, with more project detail in attachment 1.

There were no issues with application revenue in 2024.

Table 1 - Revenue and Expenditures Division-Approved Projects

Org	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2024	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	Remaining Funds Verified Bank Balance
MDF	\$54,434.87	\$347,507.25	\$401,942.12	\$300,766.00	\$101,176.12
SFW	\$545,680.21	\$347,507.25	\$893,187.46	\$588,891.50	\$304,295.96
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$600,115.08</i>	<i>\$695,014.50</i>	<i>\$1,295,129.58</i>	<i>\$889,657.50</i>	<i>\$405,472.08</i>

MDF

Carry Over Revenue for Division-Approved Projects	\$54,434.87
New Project Revenue for Division-Approved Projects 2024	\$347,507.25
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	<u>(\$300,766.00)</u>
Remaining Funds Adjusted Bank Statement Balance	\$101,176.12

SFW

Carry Over Revenue for Division-Approved Projects	\$545,680.21
New Project Revenue for Division-Approved Projects 2024	\$347,507.25
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	<u>(\$588,891.50)</u>
Remaining Funds Adjusted Bank Statement Balance	\$304,295.96

Use of Application Revenue for Contractor-Approved Conservation Initiatives (“\$3.50 Account”)

The retained portion of application revenue allowable for support of contractor-approved policies, programs, projects, and personnel that support conservation initiatives in Utah is \$3.50 per application, or \$1,621,700.50 in 2024. Of these funds, \$416,900.74 were spent by SFW on expenses related to advertising expo permits, accepting expo permit applications, credit card fees, and conducting the actual expo permit draw, all in concert with the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo. The remaining \$1,204,799.76 of these funds were split 50/50 between MDF and SFW, with each organization receiving \$602,399.88. Bank records and project expenditures were reviewed. SFW has expended all 2022 and 2023 revenue, and has \$544,361.80 remaining of 2024 revenue for Utah conservation initiatives. MDF has expended all 2022 revenue and has \$734,801.76 remaining of 2023-2024 revenue for Utah conservation initiatives. A list of these conservation initiatives for both groups can be found in Attachment 2. The deposit and required balance were verified in a federally-insured bank account held separate from other funds for both SFW and MDF. See attachment 2 for additional expenditure detail.

Table 2 - Revenue and Expenditures Contractor-Approved Projects

Org	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2024	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	Remaining Funds Verified Bank Balance
MDF	\$731,901.88	\$602,399.88	\$1,334,301.76	\$599,500.00	\$734,801.76
SFW	\$529,868.35	\$602,399.88	\$1,132,268.23	\$587,906.43	\$544,361.80
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,261,770.23</i>	<i>\$1,204,799.76</i>	<i>\$2,466,569.99</i>	<i>\$1,187,406.43</i>	<i>\$1,279,163.56</i>

MDF

Carry Over Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives	\$731,901.88
New Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives 2024	\$602,399.88
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	<u>(\$599,500.00)</u>

Remaining Funds Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$734,801.76
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SFW

Carry Over Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives	\$529,868.35
New Revenue for Contractor-Approved Initiatives 2024	\$602,399.88
Project Expenditures During Current Audit Year	<u>(\$587,906.43)</u>

Remaining Funds Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$544,361.80
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Conclusions

The measures in place to ensure that data are secure and that any unauthorized external access is prevented served to safeguard information once again in 2024. Third party penetration scans were completed which enhance system security. Updated PCI self-assessments were completed and signed prior to the application system going live. With data being under constant threat, creating processes and systems that are up to the challenge of securing information remains critical. We believe that the measures set in place by SFW, MDF, and GraySky ensured data was properly secured. Our review of the programming code satisfied the Division that the drawing was conducted in a random, transparent, and consistent manner.

We saw applications and attendance increase in 2024.

Additional oversight and program requirements in recent years have increased the Expo's positive impact on the ground statewide. Project revenues for both Division-approved projects and contractor approved projects were verified by bank statements, and expenses were supported with the appropriate documentation. These process enhancements make reporting the balances and expenditures transparent.

Revenue from expo permit applications continue to fund numerous efforts that benefit wildlife habitat, wildlife species, and hunters in Utah. This funding is an important component of the conservation work that has improved our state's wildlife populations and made Utah an outstanding place to hunt. We look forward to more beneficial work into the future.

We would like to thank Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife and the Mule Deer Foundation for their time, prompt responses, and their willingness to provide the information requested for the preparation of the audit. Their information was clearly presented and very much appreciated. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-550-8349.

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Attachments:

1. How Revenue has been spent Division-Approved Projects
2. How Revenue has been spent Contractor-Approved Projects
3. Draw Process Roll Sheet
4. Current Expo Rule R657-55

Attachment 1

How revenue from each year has been spent

Division Approved Projects Mule Deer Foundation

	2022 Revenue	\$ 281,201.25
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$ 714.08
5748 Church Hills Pipeline and Water Enhancement Project	2022	\$ 7,500.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$ 27,000.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$ 30,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$ 73,750.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$ 80,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$ 23,478.01
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$ 38,759.16
		<u>\$ 281,201.25</u>

All 2022 Funds Expended

	2023 Revenue	\$ 326,935.50
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$ 6,240.84
5920 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	\$ 40,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$ 10,000.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool (RADD Tool)	2024	\$ 25,000.00
6095 North Grouse Creek Habitat Restoration	2024	\$ 20,000.00
6520 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	\$ 14,380.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$ 15,000.00
6530 Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY24	2024	\$ 98,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration	2024	\$ 25,000.00
6709 North Hills BLM #1 Big Game Guzzler	2024	\$ 21,900.00
6528 Logan Canyon Juniper- Botany Surveys	2024	\$ 4,500.00
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$ 46,914.66
		<u>\$ 326,935.50</u>

All 2023 Funds Expended

	2024 Revenue	\$ 347,507.25
6498 Salina Creek Phase 5	2024	\$ 3,085.34
6508 Upper Price River Watershed FY24	2024	\$ 40,000.00
6871 Burnt Beaver 2025	2025	\$ 150,000.00
7065 Currant Creek WMA Prescribed Burn	2025	\$ 53,245.79
		<u>\$ 246,331.13</u>

Remaining Balance 2024 \$ 101,176.12

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Division Approved Projects Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

	2022 Revenue	\$ 281,201.25
5714 Richfield Upland Game and Waterfowl Management Project Phase VIII	2022	\$ 10,544.46
5701 FY22 Northern WMA Carp control	2022	\$ 4,000.00
6209 FY23 Bighorn Sheep Specialist (SFW)	2023	\$ 75,000.00

6089 Phragmites Management for Improving Bear River Delta and Associated v	2023	\$	25,000.00
6083 Ogden Bay WMA East dike restoration II	2023	\$	15,000.00
6757 NAWEOA Law Enforcement Conference	2023	\$	25,000.00
6655 Richfield Upland Game and Waterfowl Management Project Phase X	2024	\$	23,500.00
6600 Creek and Public Shooting Grounds WMA FY24	2024	\$	15,000.00
6666 Northern Region Upland Enhancement Project FY2024	2024	\$	7,750.00
7231 Salt Creek WMA Airboat	2024	\$	20,000.00
7000 Richfield Upland Game and Waterfowl Management Project Phase XI	2024	\$	23,500.00
6818 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	\$	36,906.79
		\$	<u>281,201.25</u>

All 2022 Funds Expended

	2023 Revenue	\$	326,935.50
6818 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	\$	326,935.50

All 2023 Funds Expended

	2024 Revenue	\$	347,507.25
6818 Promontory Nursery Facility Land Acquisition	2024	\$	43,211.29

Remaining Balance 2024 \$ 304,295.96

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Attachment 2

How revenue from each year has been spent

Contractor Approved Projects Mule Deer Foundation

	2022 Revenue	\$ 419,626.36	
6617 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Project phase III	2024	\$ 37,348.46	
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$ 12,000.00	
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$ 25,000.00	
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$ 100,000.00	
6499 Lou Springs Wet Meadow and Sage Brush Habitat Restoration	2024	\$ 20,000.00	
6543 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase IV	2024	\$ 20,000.00	
6563 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase III	2024	\$ 25,000.00	
6926 Anadarko 2025	2025	\$ 100,000.00	
6842 Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project - FY 25	2025	\$ 80,277.90	
		<u>\$ 419,626.36</u>	

All 2022 Funds Expended

	2023 Revenue	\$ 551,623.98	
6842 Twelve Mile Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project - FY 25	2025	\$ 69,722.10	
6888 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase II	2025	\$ 45,000.00	
6870 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	\$ 50,000.00	
6859 Logan River Watershed Restoration	2025	\$ 50,000.00	
6868 Little Bear-Logan Watershed Restoration	2025	\$ 50,000.00	
6934 Ephraim Mule Deer and Watershed Restoration Project FY25	2025	\$ 50,000.00	
6991 Eagle Mountain Wildlife Migration Corridor Preservation FY25	2025	\$ 104,500.00	
		<u>\$ 419,222.10</u>	

Remaining Balance 2023 \$ 132,401.88

2024 Revenue \$ 602,399.88

Remaining Balance 2024 \$ 602,399.88

Total Remaining Balance	\$ 734,801.76
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Contractor Approved Projects Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

	2022 Revenue	\$ 419,626.36	
6073 Harold Crane Center Dike Repair	2023	\$ 12,003.78	
6083 Ogden Bay WMA East dike restoration II	2023	\$ 40,000.00	
6057 Richfield Upland Game and Waterfowl Management Project Phase VIII	2023	\$ 17,500.00	
5945 Habitat Specialist Position	2023	\$ 7,427.13	
6154 Purchase Pheasants for Youth Hunt FY23	2023	\$ 10,000.00	
5976 Upland Habitat Enhancement, Vegetation Management and Wildlife Technicians Salt	2023	\$ 5,000.00	
5908 Farmington Bay Dike-line Restoration	2023	\$ 28,750.00	
6029 Ogden Bay WMA Upland/Wetland enhancement FY23	2023	\$ 18,000.00	
6039 FY23 Northern Utah WMA Carp Control	2023	\$ 3,000.00	
6064 Mitigation for Willard Spur WMA Parking lot expansion project	2023	\$ 17,500.00	
6073 Harold Crane Center Dike Repair	2023	\$ 81,250.00	
6083 Ogden Bay WMA East dike restoration II	2023	\$ 40,000.00	
6057 Richfield Upland Game and Waterfowl Management Project Phase VIII	2023	\$ 17,500.00	
Wild Horse Bench Fence	2023	\$ 30,096.00	
Wheelchair in the Wild pheasant hunt	2023	\$ 1,950.00	
SFW Upland Game Program	2023	\$ 85,861.96	
Wasatch School Chukar Hunt	2023	\$ 2,175.00	
Steve Miller Veteran Hunt	2023	<u>\$ 1,612.49</u>	

All 2022 Funds Expended

\$ 419,626.36

2023 Revenue \$ 551,623.98

KSL Outdoors Conservation Education	2023	\$	21,755.63
Predator Management	2023	\$	110,334.00
Heavy Equipment Rental and Maintenance	2023	\$	37,587.05
SFW Youth Chukars Release	2023	\$	19,500.00
Ideal Farms Aquaponics pump	2023	\$	3,200.00
Grazing - SITLA/DOI	2023	\$	1,182.60
Blue Mountain Pond Cleaning	2023	\$	1,920.00
Walk in Access Payment	2023	\$	1,000.00
6717 FY24 Northern Utah WMA Carp Control	2024	\$	3,500.00
6629 Ogden Bay WMA Upland/Wetland Enhancement FY24	2024	\$	19,250.00
6724 Habitat Forever Specialist Position	2024	\$	7,427.13
6763 Purchase Pheasants for Youth Hunt FY24	2024	\$	10,000.00
6718 Waterbird Bioenergetics Models for Great Salt Lake	2024	\$	25,000.00
6666 Northern Region Upland Enhancement Project FY2024	2024	\$	3,541.60
6803 Pen-Reared Bird Enhancement	2024	\$	7,744.50
SFW Upland Game Program	2024	\$	23,800.00
KSL Outdoors Conservation Education	2024	\$	4,350.00
Pheasants Forever Habitat Specialist	2024	\$	7,427.13
Wheelchair in the Wild Pheasant Hunt	2024	\$	1,950.00
Milford Young Guns Youth Trap Sponsorship	2024	\$	1,500.00
Predator Management	2024	\$	6,450.00
Wild Goose Scholastic Shooting Team sponsorship	2024	\$	10,000.00
Desert Big Horn Nursery Fencing Purchase	2024	\$	223,204.34
		\$	<u>551,623.98</u>

All 2023 Funds Expended

2024 Revenue \$ 602,339.88

Desert Big Horn Nursery Fencing Purchase	2024	\$	<u>57,978.08</u>
			57,978.08

Remaining Balance 2023 \$ 544,361.80

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Attachment 3



On Tuesday, February 20, 2024 the electronic random drawing for the 200 Expo permits will take place at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources located at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. These permits were awarded to the Western Hunting & Conservation Expo by the Utah Wildlife Board.

The following are witnesses of the drawing and were present during the entire process. Once the successful applicants have been drawn, all names will be given to the Division of Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement. The names will be checked for any compact violations and will be deemed eligible by the Division of Wildlife and the successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Start Time: 3:06 pm

End Time: 3:14 pm

PASSCODE: fish with your kids

PRINT NAME	ATTENDANCE	
Lindy Varney	In-person	DWR
Greg Evans	In-person	DWR
Brian Swaner	In-person	DWR
Rob Gray	In-person	Grayskytech

PRINT NAME**ATTENDANCE**

Troy Justensen	In-person	SFW
Ray Crow	In-person	Expo
Chris Carling	In-person	Expo
Cory Anderson	In-person	Public
Sarah Scott	In-person	DWR
Justin Shannon	In-person	DWR
Ashley Green	In-person	DWR
Riley Peck	In-person	DWR
Rusty Robinson	In-person	DWR
Chelsea Duke	In-person	DWR
Eric Edgley	In-person	DWR
Mike Canning	In-person	DWR
J Shirley	In-person	DWR

Attachment 4

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Administrative rule R657-55

Wildlife Expo Permits

KEY: wildlife, wildlife permits

Date of Last Change: October 1, 2023

Notice of Continuation: April 6, 2020

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: 23-14-18; 23-14-19

R657-55-1. Purpose and Authority.

- (1) Under the authority of Sections 23A-2-304 and 23A-2-305, this rule provides the standards and requirements for issuing wildlife expo permits.
- (2) Wildlife expo permits are authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division to a qualified conservation organization for purposes of generating revenue to fund wildlife conservation activities in Utah and attracting and supporting a regional or national wildlife exposition in Utah.
- (3) The selected conservation organization will conduct a random drawing at an exposition held in Utah to distribute the opportunity to receive wildlife expo permits.
- (4) This rule is intended as authorization to issue one series of wildlife expo permits per year to a qualified conservation organization.

R657-55-2. Definitions.

- (1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23A-1-101.
- (2) In addition:
 - (a) "Conservation organization" means a 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3) tax exempt, nonprofit chartered institution, corporation, foundation, or association founded for the purpose of promoting wildlife conservation.
 - (b) "Special nonresident expo permit" means one wildlife expo permit for each once-in-a-lifetime species that is only available to a nonresident hunter legally eligible to hunt in Utah.
 - (c) "Wildlife exposition" means a multi-day event held within the state of Utah that is sponsored by one or more wildlife conservation organizations, acting through a single conservation organization, as their national or regional convention or event that is open to

the general public and designed to draw nationwide attendance of more than 10,000 individuals. The wildlife exposition may include wildlife conservation fund raising activities, outdoor exhibits, retail marketing of outdoor products and services, public awareness programs, and other similar activities.

(d) "Wildlife exposition audit" means an annual review by the division of the conservation organization's processes used to handle applications for expo permits and conduct the drawing, the protocols associated with collecting and using client data, the revenue generated from expo permit application handling fees, and the expenditure of designated expo permit application handling fee revenue on division-approved projects.

(e) "Wildlife expo permit" means a permit which:

(i) is authorized by the Wildlife Board to be issued to successful applicants through a drawing or random selection process conducted at a Utah wildlife exposition; and

(ii) allows the permittee to hunt the designated species on the designated unit during the respective season for each species as authorized by the Wildlife Board.

(f) "Wildlife expo permit series" means a single package of permits to be determined by the Wildlife Board for:

(i) deer;

(ii) elk;

(iii) pronghorn;

(iv) moose;

(v) bison;

(vi) mountain goat;

(vii) desert bighorn sheep;

(viii) rocky mountain bighorn sheep;

(ix) wild turkey;

(x) cougar; or

(xi) black bear.

(g) "Secured opportunity" means the opportunity to receive a specified wildlife expo permit that is secured by an eligible applicant through the exposition drawing process.

(h) "Successful applicant" means an individual selected to receive a wildlife expo permit through the drawing process.

R657-55-3. Wildlife Expo Permit Allocation.

(1) The Wildlife Board may allocate wildlife expo permits after May 1 of the year preceding the wildlife exposition.

(2) Wildlife expo permits shall be issued as a single series to one conservation organization.

(3) The number of wildlife expo permits authorized by the Wildlife Board shall be based on:

(a) the species population trend, size, distribution, and long-term health;

(b) the hunting and viewing opportunity for the general public, both short and long term;
and

(c) a percentage of the permits available to nonresidents in the annual big game drawings matched by a proportionate number of resident permits.

(4) Wildlife expo permits, including special nonresident expo permits, shall not exceed 200 total permits.

(5) Wildlife expo permits designated for the exposition each year shall be deducted from the number of public drawing permits.

R657-55-4. Obtaining Authority to Distribute Wildlife Expo Permit Series.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (b), the wildlife expo permit series is issued for a period of five years.

(b) The original five-year term may be renewed for an additional period not to exceed five years, provided:

(i) the conservation organization, Division of Purchasing and General Services procurement officer, Wildlife Board, and division mutually agree in writing to the renewal term; and

(ii) the procurement officer determines in writing pursuant to Section 63G-6a-1204(7) that the renewal term is in the division's best interest and places the writing in the conservation organization's procurement file.

(2)(a) The wildlife expo permit series is available to eligible conservation organizations for distribution through a drawing or other random selection process held at a wildlife exposition in Utah open to the public.

(b) The division may unilaterally discontinue or suspend issuing the wildlife expo permit series at:

(i) the conclusion of the original five-year contract term or renewal term described in Subsection (1) and prior to issuance of a contract under this rule; or

(ii) any time during the term of a contract when in the interest of wildlife conservation, management, or compliance with law.

(3) Prior to expiration of a current wildlife exposition term or renewal term, the division may issue through the Division of Purchasing and General Services a request for proposal consistent with the Procurement Code in Title 63G, Chapter 6a of the Utah Code to solicit bids from conservation organizations desiring to distribute the wildlife expo permit series at a wildlife exposition.

(4) The request for proposal will solicit information relevant to successfully conducting a wildlife exposition, competently distributing the expo permit series, protecting confidential personal information acquired in distributing permits, and generating revenue for wildlife conservation in Utah, including:

(a) the name, address and telephone number of the conservation organization;

(b) a description of the conservation organization's mission statement;

(c) documentation establishing the conservation organization meets the definitional criteria in R657-55-2(2)(a) and is eligible to submit a proposal;

(d) the name of the president or other individual responsible for the administrative operations of the conservation organization;

(e) a detailed business plan describing how the:

(i) proposed wildlife exposition will take place;

(ii) proposed wildlife exposition will satisfy the definitional criteria in R657-55-2(2)(c);

(iii) wildlife expo permit drawing procedures will be carried out; and

(iv) confidential personal information acquired in the drawing process will be safeguarded;

(f) the conservation organization and any partnering entities' ability, including past performance in marketing conservation permits under R657-41, to effectively plan and complete the wildlife exposition;

(g) the conservation organization's commitment to use expo permit handling fee revenue to benefit protected wildlife in Utah; and

(h) historical contributions of the conservation organization and any partnering entities to the conservation of wildlife in Utah.

(5) Proposals submitted in response to a request for proposal under Subsection (4) will be processed, evaluated, and acted upon consistent with the procurement requirements set forth in Title 63G, Chapter 6a of the Utah Code.

(6) The conservation organization receiving the wildlife expo permit series must:

(a) require each wildlife expo permit applicant to possess a current Utah hunting or combination license before applying for a wildlife expo permit;

(b) select successful applicants for wildlife expo permits by drawing or other random selection process in accordance with law, provisions of this rule, and orders of the Wildlife Board;

(c) allow applicants to apply for wildlife expo permits without purchasing admission to the wildlife exposition;

(d) notify the division of the successful applicant of each wildlife expo permit within 10 days of the applicant's selection;

(e) maintain records demonstrating that the drawing was conducted fairly; and

(f) submit to an annual wildlife exposition audit by a division appointed auditor.

(7) The division shall issue the appropriate wildlife expo permit to the designated successful applicant after:

(a) completion of the random selection process;

(b) verification of the recipient being eligible for the permit; and

(c) payment of the appropriate permit fee is received by the division.

(8) The division and the conservation organization receiving the wildlife expo permit series will enter into a contract with terms that include the relevant provisions in this rule, the request for proposal, and the conservation organization's proposal.

(9) If the conservation organization awarded the wildlife expo permit series withdraws before the end of the 5-year period or any extension period under R657-55-4(1)(b), any remaining co-participant with the conservation organization may assume the contract and distribute the expo permit series consistent with the contract and this rule for the remaining years in the applicable period, provided:

(a) The original contracted conservation organization submits a certified letter to the head of the procurement unit, as defined in Section 63G-6a-103, and the division identifying that it will no longer be participating in the exposition;

(b) The co-participant conservation organization submits a request with the head of the procurement unit and the division for authorization to assume the remaining term of the contract ; and

(c) the head of the procurement unit, in consultation with the division and Wildlife Board, approves the application.

(10) The division may suspend or terminate the conservation organization's authority to distribute wildlife expo permits at any time during the original five-year award term or any renewal period for:

(a) violating any of the requirements set forth in this rule or the contract; or

(b) failing to bring or organize a wildlife exposition in Utah, as described in the business plan under R657-55-4(4)(e), in any given year.

R657-55-5. Wildlife Expo Permit Application Procedures.

(1) Any person legally eligible to hunt in Utah may apply for a wildlife expo permit, except that only a nonresident of Utah may apply for a special nonresident expo permit.

(2) The handling fee assessed by the conservation organization to process applications shall be \$5 per application submitted.

(3)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (9), an applicant must validate their application in person at the wildlife exposition to be eligible to participate in the wildlife expo permit drawing.

(i) No person may submit an application in behalf of another.

(ii) A person may validate their wildlife expo permit application at the exposition without having to enter the exposition and pay the admission charge.

(b) An applicant that is a member of the United States Armed Forces and unable to attend the wildlife exposition as a result of being deployed or mobilized in the interest of national defense or a national emergency is not required to validate their application in person; provided exposition administrators are furnished a copy of the written deployment or mobilization orders and the orders identify:

(i) the branch of the United States Armed forces from which the applicant is deployed or mobilized;

(ii) the location where the applicant is deployed or mobilized;

(iii) the date the applicant is required to report to duty; and

(iv) the nature and length of the applicant's deployment or mobilization.

(c) The conservation organization shall maintain a record, including copies of military orders, of each applicant not required to validate their application in person pursuant to Subsection (3)(b), and submit to a division audit of these records as part of its annual audit under R657-55-4(8)(f) when requested by the division.

(4) An applicant may apply for each individual hunt for which they are eligible.

(5) An applicant may apply only once for each hunt, regardless of the number of permits for that hunt.

(6) An applicant must submit an application for each desired hunt.

(7) An applicant must possess a current Utah hunting or combination license in order to apply for a wildlife expo permit.

(8) The conservation organization shall advertise, accept, and process applications for wildlife expo permits and conduct the drawing in compliance with this rule and other applicable laws.

(9) Due to the serious public health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from the CDC, Utah, and local health departments to avoid public gatherings and to maintain social distancing, the 2021 exposition is modified as follows:

(a) a wildlife expo permit applicant will not be required to validate their application in-person at the expo permit drawing;

(b) the wildlife expo permit drawing may be conducted entirely in an electronic format, provided an in-person or electronic exposition is held;

(c) any exposition requirement in this rule and in contract related to holding an in-person exposition and meeting minimum in-person attendance objectives are waived.

R657-55-6. Drawing Procedures.

(1) A random drawing or selection process must be conducted for each wildlife expo permit.

(2) Preference and bonus points are neither awarded nor applied in the drawings.

(3) Waiting periods do not apply, except any person who obtains a wildlife expo permit for a once-in-a-lifetime species is subject to the once-in-a-lifetime restrictions applicable to obtaining a subsequent permit for the same species through a division application and drawing process, as provided in R657-62 and the guide books of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(4) No predetermined quotas or restrictions shall be imposed in the application or selection process for wildlife expo permits between resident and nonresident applicants, except that special nonresident expo permits may only be awarded to a nonresident of Utah.

(5) Drawings will be conducted within five days of the close of the exposition.

(6) Applicants do not have to be present at the drawing to be awarded a wildlife expo permit.

(7) The conservation organization shall identify all eligible alternates for each wildlife expo permit and provide the division with a finalized list. This list will be maintained by the conservation organization until all permits are issued.

(8) The division shall contact successful applicants, and the conservation organization shall post the name of all successful applicants on a designated website.

R657-55-7. Issuance of Permits.

(1) The division shall provide a wildlife expo permit to the successful applicant, as designated by the conservation organization.

(2) The division must provide a wildlife expo permit to each successful applicant, except as otherwise provided in this rule.

(3) The division shall provide each successful applicant a letter indicating the permit secured in the drawing, the appropriate fee owed the division, and the date the fee is due.

(4)(a) Successful applicants must submit the permit fee payment in full to the division before receiving the permit.

(b) Subject to the limitation in Subsection (8), the division will issue the designated wildlife expo permit to the successful applicant.

(5) Residents will pay resident permit fees and nonresidents will pay nonresident permit fees.

(6) Beginning in 2019, applicants are eligible to obtain only one expo permit each year, regardless of species.

(7) If an applicant is selected for more than one expo permit, the division will contact the applicant to determine which permit the applicant selects.

(a) The applicant must select the permit of choice within 2 days of receiving notification.

(b) If the division is unable to contact the applicant within 2 days, the division will issue to the applicant the permit with the most difficult drawing odds based on drawing results from the division's big game drawing for the preceding year.

(c) Permits not issued to the applicant will go to the next person on the alternate drawing list for that permit, provided the person is legally eligible to receive the permit and does not have a secured opportunity for any other expo permit.

(8) Any successful applicant who fails to satisfy the following requirements will be ineligible to receive the wildlife expo permit and the next drawing alternate for that permit will be selected:

(a) The applicant fails to remit the appropriate permit fee in full to the division by the date provided in Subsection (3);

(b) The applicant does not possess a valid Utah hunting or combination license at the time the expo permit application was submitted; or

(c) The applicant is legally ineligible to possess the permit.

R657-55-8. Surrender or Transfer of Wildlife Expo Permits.

(1)(a) A person selected to receive a wildlife expo permit that is also successful in obtaining a Utah once-in-a-lifetime or limited entry permit for the same species in the same year or successful in obtaining a general permit for a male animal of the same species in the same year, may not possess both permits and must select the permit of choice.

(b) In the event a secured opportunity is surrendered before the permit is issued, the next eligible applicant on the alternate drawing list for that permit will be selected to receive the permit, provided the person is legally eligible to receive the permit and does not:

(i) have a secured opportunity for any other expo permit; or

(ii) possess any other expo permit valid in the same year.

(c) In the event the wildlife expo permit is surrendered, the next eligible applicant on the alternate drawing list for that permit will be selected to receive it, provided the person satisfies the eligibility requirements in Subsection (b).

(d) The permit fee on a surrendered expo permit may be refunded, as provided in Sections 23A-4-207, 23A-4-301 and R657-42-5.

(2) A person selected by a conservation organization to receive a wildlife expo permit, may not sell or transfer the permit, or any rights thereunder to another person in accordance with Section 23A-4-201.

(3) If a person is successful in obtaining a wildlife expo permit but is legally ineligible to hunt in Utah, the next eligible applicant on the alternate drawing list for that permit will be selected to receive it, provided the person satisfies the eligibility requirements in Subsection (1)(b).

R657-55-9. Using a Wildlife Expo Permit.

(1) A wildlife expo permit allows the recipient to:

(a) take only the species and sex printed on the permit;

(b) take the species only in the area and during the season specified on the permit; and

(c) take the species only with the weapon type specified on the permit.

(2) The recipient of a wildlife expo permit is subject to all the provisions of Title 23A, Wildlife Resources Code, and the rules and guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing wildlife.

R657-55-10. Wildlife Expo Permit — Application Handling Fee Revenue.

(1)(a) All wildlife expo permit application handling fee revenue generated by the conservation organization under R657-55-5(2) will be deposited in a separate, federally insured account to prevent commingling with any other funds.

(b) Interest earned on the portion of application handling fee revenue retained by the conservation organization for administrative expenses under Subsection (2) may be retained and used by the conservation organization.

(c) Interest earned on the portion of application handling fee revenue committed to fund wildlife conservation projects under Subsection (3) shall be used by the conservation organization to fund approved wildlife conservation projects.

(2) The conservation organization may retain up to \$3.50 of each \$5.00 application handling fee for administrative expenses, unless the conservation organization pledges a greater percentage of the application handling fee to wildlife conservation in:

(a) its response to the request for proposal; or

(b) the expo contract with the division.

(3) The remaining balance of each \$5.00 application handling fee and accrued interest, less standard banking fees assessed on the account where the funding is deposited, will be used by the conservation organization to fund projects advancing wildlife interests in the state, subject to the following:

(a) project funding will not be committed to or expended on any project without first obtaining the division director's written approval;

(b) cash donations to the Wildlife Habitat Account created under Section 23A-3-207 or Division Species Enhancement Funds are authorized projects that do not require the division director's approval; and

(c) application handling fee revenue dedicated to funding projects must be completely expended on approved projects or transferred to the division by August 1st, two years following the year in which the application handling fee revenue is collected.

(4) Application handling fee revenue committed to division-approved projects will be transferred by the conservation organization to the division within 60 days of being invoiced by the division.

(a) If the division-approved project to which funds are committed is completed under projected budget or canceled, funds committed to the project that are not used will be kept by the division and credited back to the conservation organization and made available for the group to use on other approved projects during the current or subsequent year.

(5) All records and receipts for projects under Subsection (3) must be retained by the conservation organization for a period not less than five years, and shall be produced to the division for inspection upon request.

(6) The conservation organization shall submit a report to the division and Wildlife Board each year by August 1st that accounts for and documents the following:

(a) gross revenue generated from collecting \$5 wildlife expo permit application handling fees;

(b) total amount of application handling fee revenue retained for administrative expenses; and

(c) total amount of application handling fee revenue set aside and dedicated to funding projects, including bank statements showing account balances.

(7) A partner organization that individually receives application handling fee revenue from the expo permit drawing pursuant to a co-participant contract with the conservation organization, is subject to the provisions in Subsections (1) through (6).



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board

FROM: Covy Jones Wildlife Section Chief

DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Expo Permit Allocation

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending 200 hunting permits for the Hunt Expo (see attached tables for details). Proposed changes this year include:

Discontinued Permits:

- Deer
 - Book Cliffs North (1 any legal weapon)
 - Diamond Mtn (2 any legal weapon)
 - West Desert, Vernon (1 any legal weapon)
- Elk
 - Beaver, East (1 any legal weapon, early season)
 - Manti, (1 any legal weapon, mid-season, and 2 archery)
 - Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East (1 any legal weapon, early season)
 - Cache, Meadowville (1 any legal weapon, early season)
 - La Sal, La Sal Mtns (1 any legal weapon, early season)
 - Fishlake/Thousand Lakes (1 any legal weapon, late season)
 - Southwest Desert, South (1 any legal weapon, early season)
 - Wasatch Mtns (3 any legal weapon, early season, 1 any legal weapon, late season, 1 muzzleloader)
- Pronghorn
 - Cache, Rich (1 any legal weapon, 1 archery)

Replacements for Additional Permits:

- Elk
 - Beaver, East (1 any legal weapon, late, 1 archery, late)
 - Diamond Mtn (1 any legal weapon, mid, 1 archery)
 - La Sal, La Sal Mtns (1 any legal weapon, mid)
 - Boulder (2 any legal weapon, mid)
 - Fishlake/Thousand Lakes (2 any legal weapon, mid 1 archery)
 - San Juan Bull Elk (1 any legal weapon, mid)
 - Southwest Desert, South (2 any legal weapon, mid)
 - Wasatch Mtns (1 archery, late)

- Pronghorn
 - Diamond Mtn/Bonanza (3 any legal weapon)
 - Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench (1 any legal weapon, 1 archery, 1 muzzleloader)
 - Parker Mtn (1 any legal weapon, 1 archery)

All other expo permits will remain the same as last year.

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2025 Proposed Expo Permits by Species and Residency

				TOTAL PERMITS		
				Res	NonRes	Total
Grand Total				148	52	200

				PERMITS		
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Antlerless Elk	Manti		Any Open Season and Unit Within Boundary	2	1	3
Antlerless Elk	La Sal		Any Open Season and Unit Within Boundary	1	0	1
Antlerless Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes		Any Open Season and Unit Within Boundary	0	1	1
Total				3	2	5

				PERMITS		
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Bison	Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South	BI6530	Hunter's Choice	1	0	1
Bison	Henry Mtns	BI6503	Hunter's Choice (early)	1	0	1
Bison	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	BI6536	Cow Only	1	0	1
Bison	Henry Mtns	BI6505	Cow Only (early)	0	1	1
TOTAL				3	1	4

				PERMITS		
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Black Bear	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	BR7120	Summer, Any Legal Weapon, No Dogs	1	1	2
Black Bear	La Sal	BR7008	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No Bait	1	1	2
Black Bear	Nine Mile	BR7211	Fall, Any Legal Weapon	1	0	1
Black Bear	Boulder/Kaiparowits	BR7215	Fall, Any Legal Weapon	1	0	1
Black Bear	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	BR7001	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No Bait	1	0	1
Black Bear	Diamond Mtn/Vernal/Bonanza	BR7015	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No Bait	1	0	1
Black Bear	Manti North	BR7003	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No Bait	1	0	1
Black Bear	Nebo	BR7005	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No Bait	1	0	1
Black Bear	San Juan	BR7014	Spring, Any Legal Weapon, No Bait	1	1	2
TOTAL				9	3	12

				PERMITS		
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs, North	DB1017	Any Weapon	3	1	4
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs, South	DB1018	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	DB1011	Archery	1	1	2
Buck Deer	Book Cliffs	DB1025	Muzzleloader	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Cache, Crawford Mtn	DB1026	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Manti/San Rafeal	DB1079	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Fillmore, Oak Creek LE	DB1019	Any Weapon	2	0	2
Buck Deer	Henry Mtns	DB1003	Premium Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1004	Premium Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1001	Premium Archery	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1006	Premium Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Paunsaugunt	DB1010	Management Buck, Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Pine Valley	DB1034	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	San Juan, Elk Ridge	DB1022	Any Weapon	1	1	2
Buck Deer	Diamond Mtn	DB1023	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Deer	Diamond Mtn	DB1015	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Diamond Mtn	DB1038	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Wasatch Mtns, West	DB1087	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	Wasatch Mtns, East	DB1041	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	DB1024	Any Weapon	3	1	4
Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	DB1016	Archery	2	1	3
Buck Deer	West Desert, Vernon	DB1042	Muzzleloader	1	1	2
Buck Deer	Zion	DB1043	Late-season Muzzleloader	1	0	1
TOTAL				33	10	43

				PERMITS		
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Buck Pronghorn	Beaver	PB5025	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek	PB5026	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Diamond Mtn/Bonanza	PB5047	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Pronghorn	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	PB5008	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Fillmore, Oak Creek South	PB5033	Any Weapon	2	0	2
Buck Pronghorn	Mt Dutton/Paunsaugunt	PB5331	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	PB5037	Any Weapon	2	1	3
Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	PB5011	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Nine Mile, Anthro-Myton Bench	PB5059	Muzzleloader	0	1	1
Buck Pronghorn	Parker Mtn	PB5077	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Parker Mtn	PB5076	Any Weapon	0	1	1
Buck Pronghorn	Pine Valley	PB5042	Any Weapon	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	PB5015	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	PB5056	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	San Rafael, North	PB5046	Any Weapon	3	1	4
Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	PB5018	Archery	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	PB5024	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Buck Pronghorn	Southwest Desert	PB5049	Any Weapon	2	1	3

Buck Pronghorn	West Desert, Riverbed	PB5050	Any Weapon	1	0	1
TOTAL				23	6	29
PERMITS						
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3159	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3025	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3000	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Beaver, East	EB3159	Archery (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East	EB3163	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East	EB3164	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/East	EB3160	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Cache, Meadowville	EB3003	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Cache, South	EB3036	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Cache, South	EB3005	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Diamond Mtn	EB3068	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Diamond Mtn	EB3069	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Diamond Mtn	EB3020	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3038	Any Weapon (early)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3126	Any Weapon (mid)	3	2	5
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3039	Any Weapon (late)	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3006	Archery	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Manti	EB3084	Muzzleloader	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Nebo/San Pitch Mtn	EB3173	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Nebo/San Pitch Mtn	EB3175	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Nebo/San Pitch Mtn	EB3177	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	EB3043	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Fillmore, Pahvant	EB3008	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3045	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3183	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3009	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3046	Any Weapon (late)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	La Sal, La Sal Mtns	EB3183	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	EB3050	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	EB3187	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Mt Dutton	EB3011	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	EB3015	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	EB3056	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Panguitch Lake	EB3189	Any Weapon (mid)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Boulder	EB3148	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Boulder	EB3145	Archery	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Boulder	EB3191	Any Weapon (Mid)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3063	Any Weapon (early)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3064	Any Weapon (Mid)	3	2	5
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3065	Any Weapon (late)	2	0	2
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3018	Archery	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	EB3096	Muzzleloader	1	0	1
Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	EB3019	Archery	1	0	1
Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	EB3066	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	San Juan Bull Elk	EB3194	Any Weapon (mid)	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3149	Any Weapon (early)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3198	Any Weapon (mid)	1	1	2
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3152	Any Weapon (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Southwest Desert, South	EB3146	Archery	0	1	1
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3072	Any Weapon (early)	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3073	Any Weapon (late)	2	1	3
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3127	Any Weapon (mid)	3	1	4
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3022	Archery	4	2	6
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3022	Archery (late)	1	0	1
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3100	Muzzleloader	2	2	4
Bull Elk	Wasatch Mtns	EB3124	Multi-Season	1	0	1
TOTAL				66	26	92
PERMITS						
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Bull Moose	Wasatch Mtns/Central Mtns	MB6011		1	1	2
TOTAL				1	1	2
PERMITS						
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Desert Bighorn Sheep	Kaiparowits, East	DS6601		1	0	1
Desert Bighorn Sheep	San Rafael, North	DS6609		1	0	1
TOTAL				2	0	2
PERMITS						
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	Res	NonRes	Total
Mountain Goat	Nebo	GO6821	Hunter's Choice, Archery	1	0	1
Mountain Goat	Beaver Early	GO6800	Hunter's Choice	1	0	1
TOTAL				2	0	2

Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	PERMITS		
				Res	NonRes	Total
Rocky Mtn. Bighorn Sheep	Box Elder, Newfoundland Mtn	RS6703	(early)	1	0	1
Rocky Mtn. Bighorn Sheep	Fillmore, Oak Creek	RS6720	(early)	1	0	1
			TOTAL	2	0	2
Species	Area	Hunt Number	Condition	PERMITS		
				Res	NonRes	Total
Turkey	Northern Area	TK1005	Spring, Limited Entry	1	0	1
Turkey	Northeast Area	TK1004	Spring, Limited Entry	1	0	1
Turkey	Central Area	TK1003	Spring, Limited Entry	1	1	2
Turkey	Southern Area	TK1007	Spring, Limited Entry	1	1	2
Turkey	Southeast Area	TK1006	Spring, Limited Entry	0	1	1
			TOTAL	4	3	7



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board

FROM: Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

DATE: Sept 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Landowner Association Committee Members

The Wildlife Board previously approved the composition and membership of the Landowner Association Advisory Committee. The Division is recommending releasing Mr. Scoot Flannery and replacing Mr. Flannery with Mr. Eric Luke. Mr. Luke currently serves as the chair of the Regional Advisory Council in the Southeastern Region. If approved, Mr. Luke would represent the Regional Advisory Councils on the Landowner Advisory Committee.

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2025

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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April						
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October						
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February						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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-  Brown Bag
-  Board Meeting/Work Sessions
-  RAC Recording/posting
-  RAC Tour
-  WAFWA Meetings
-  Holidays

2025 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

All information is subject to change and all agendas are tentative. Please check the DWR website often at wildlife.utah.gov or complete agendas and meeting locations posted prior to meetings. **Unless otherwise noted, all Wildlife Board meetings are on Thursdays at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center, 1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington.** 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 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 PM

Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

SR RAC – 6 PM

DNR Cedar City Complex
646 N. Main St., Cedar City or
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield

Schedule & Tentative Agendas

January –

Board Meeting, January 9, 2025

- Dec. 2024 RAC agenda items.

February –

No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

March –

No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

April –

Wildlife Board Work Session – April 8 - Tuesday

RAC meetings:

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

April 9 – NR

April 10 - CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate WB Work Session

April 15 – SR – Southern Utah University

April 16 - SER

April 17 - NER

Board meeting May 1

- April 9-17 RAC agenda items.

May –

RAC meetings:

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

May 13 - CR

May 14 - NR

May 20 – SR – DNR Richfield City Complex

May 21 - SER

May 22 - NER

June –

WAFWA Meetings June 2-6

Board meeting Thursday, June 12

- May 13-22 RAC agenda items
- Conservation Permit List

July –

RAC meetings:

- Fee proposals

July 29 – CR

July 30 – NR

August 5 – SR- DNR Cedar City Complex

August 6 – SER

August 7 – NER

August –

Board meeting Thursday, August 21

- July 29 - Aug 7 RAC agenda items

September –

RAC meetings:

- Fishing recommendations and guidebook (contingent)

August 27 – CR

August 28 – NR

September 3 – SR-DNR Richfield City Complex

September 4 – SER

September 5 – NER

Board meeting September 18

- Aug. 27- Sept. 5 RAC agenda items
- 2026 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2027)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

November –

RAC meetings:

- Big Game 2026 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations

November 12 –NR

November 13 – CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate Veteran's Day

November 18 – SR – Southern Utah University

November 19 – SER

November 20 – NER

Board meeting December 11:

- Nov. 12-20 RAC agenda items

December –

RAC meetings:

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- 2026 Waterfowl Recommendations
- Falconry recommendations

December 9 – CR

December 10 – NR

December 16 – SR-DNR Richfield City Complex

December 17 – SER

December 18 –NER

January –

Board Meeting January 8, 2026

- Dec. 9-18 RAC agenda items