Wildlife Board Work Session

Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington UT April 8, 2025 9:00 am - 4 p.m.

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- 1. Legislative Update (30 min) Justin Shannon, DWR Deputy Director and Legislative Liaison
- 2. Big Game statewide updates deer, elk and pronghorn (45 minutes) Dax Mangus, DWR Big Game Program Coordinator
 - a. Population status and trends
 - b. Harvest success rates, sex ratios and age of harvested animals
 - c. Permit trends and availability
- 3. Statewide deer survival study update (45 minutes) Dr. Randy Larsen, BYU, Research Partner
 - a. Body condition and survival information for study units
 - b. Yearling buck survival update
- 4. High priority deer projects regional presentations (30 minutes)
 - Elbow Ranch water system Gary Bezzant, SRO Habitat Program Manager, DWR
 - b. South Manti Restoration Robbie Edgel, CRO Habitat Restoration Biologist, DWR
- Using DWR's Migration Initiative to implement highway mitigation and reduce wildlife vehicle collisions (30 minutes) - Makeda Hanson, DWR Wildlife Migration Initiative Coordinator, and Daniel Olsen, DWR Impact Analysis Coordinator
- 6. Lunch Provided by DWR (45 min)
- 7. LaSal and Tushar Mountain Goat habitat monitoring (45 min) Loreen Flinders, BYU, Research Partner
- 8. Disease Update (30 min) Dr. Virginia Stout, DWR Veterinarian and Stuart Barney, UDAF Domesticated Elk Program Director
 - a. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in wildlife and domesticated elk
 - b. Other disease issues Avian Influenza
 - c. Ongoing projects
- 9. Predator Update (20 min) Darren DeBloois, DWR Mammals Program Coordinator
 - a. Cougar harvest
 - b. Coyote bounty program
- 10. Licensing Update (30 min) Lindy Varney, DWR Licensing Coordinator
 - a. Preview of the upcoming draw application with new contractor
- 11. Wildlife Action Plan update (30 min) Paul Thompson, DWR UWAP Coordinator
 - a. Update and status of 2025 Plan revision
 - b. Species Protection Account
- 12. Division of Law Enforcement Update (20 minutes) Chad Bettridge, DLE Major