Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
August 22, 2013, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
AGENDA

Thursday, August 22, 2013 – 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda  ACTION
    – Jake Albrecht, Chairman

2. Approval of Minutes  ACTION
    – Jake Albrecht, Chairman

3. Old Business/Action Log  CONTINGENT
    – Bill Fenimore, Vice-Chair

4. DWR Update  INFORMATION
    – Greg Sheehan, DWR Director

5. Goat Management Plans  ACTION
    – Dustin Schiable, Guy Wallace, Justin Shannon, Wildlife Biologist

6. Cougar Recommendations  ACTION
    – John Shivik, Mammals Coordinator

7. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations  ACTION
    – John Shivik, Mammals Coordinator

8. Turkey Depredation  INFORMATION
    – Jason Robinson, Upland Coordinator

9. Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09  ACTION
    – Blair Stringham, Upland Game Biologist

    – Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief

11. Proposed Fee Schedule FY 2015  ACTION
    – Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief

12. R657-52 Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments  ACTION
    – John Luft, Brine Shrimp Coordinator

13. R657-60 AIS Rule Amendments  ACTION
    – Jordan Nielson, AIS Coordinator

14. Convention Permit Audit  ACTION
    – Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief

15. Convention Permit Allocation  ACTION
    – Mike Fowlks, Deputy Director

16. CRC - Recommendation  ACTION
    – Staci Coons, CRC Chair

17. Wildlife Board Stipulation Agreement  ACTION
    – Greg Hansen, Legal Counsel

18. Other Business  CONTINGENT
    – Jake Albrecht, Chairman
1) Approval of Agenda (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (Action)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 29, 2013 Wildlife Board Work Session as amended.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Goat Management Plans (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Goat Management Plan for Mt. Dutton with the augmentation of up to 125 goats and have the Division meet annually with an advisory group to address concerns.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed 4-2. Bill Fenimore and Mike King dissented.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Goat Management Plan for the La Sal with the transplant of up to 200 goats and have the Division meet annually with an advisory group to address concerns.

The following amended motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Bill Fenimore. The amended motion failed 2-4.
AMENDED MOTION: I move that we postpone transplants until monitoring is established and keep the goats to 1.8 per square miles.

4) Cougar Recommendations (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 5-1. Kirk Woodward voted against the motion.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Cougar Recommendations as presented with the requirement that the Division reopen the management plan and provide a simplified proposal that incorporates unit by unit next year.

5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendation (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations as presented.

6) Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09 (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09 as presented, with a youth hunt start date of September 21, 2013.

7) R657-66 Military Installations New Rule (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Military Installations Permit Program R657-66 as presented by the Division.

8) Proposed Fee Schedule FY 2015 (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the FY 2015 Proposed Fee Schedule as presented.
9) R657-52 Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-52 Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments as presented the Division.

10) R657-60 AIS Rule Amendments (Action)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-60 AIS Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

11) Convention Permit Allocation (Action)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed with one abstention by John Bair.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Convention Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

12) CRC Recommendation (Action)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve both CRC Recommendations as presented.

13) Wildlife Board Stipulation Agreement (Action)

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Wildlife Board Stipulation Agreement for Jose L. Garcia as presented.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Wildlife Board Stipulation Agreement for Joel Murray as presented.
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Chairman Albrecht welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs.

1) Approval of Agenda (Action) 00:04:33 – 00:04:58 of 07:34:21
The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

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

2) Approval of Minutes *(Action)* 00:04:59 – 00:06:26 of 07:34:21

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the minutes of the May 29, 2013 Wildlife Board Work Session as amended.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the minutes of the June 4, 2013 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log *(Contingent)* 00:06:33 – 00:07:00 of 07:34:21

The action log item, additional take of sandhill crane and swan, will be discussed during the waterfowl presentation.

4) DWR Update *(Informational)* 00:07:05 – 00:16:55 of 07:34:21

Greg Sheehan summarized an active law suit that will affect DWR’s ability to manage wildlife. He also updated the fire situation around the state; low water issues that prompted emergency changes; and recognized Ernie Perkins for an award received during summer WAFWA.

5) Goat Management Plans – Mt. Dutton and La Sal *(Action)* 00:17:22 – 03:33:02 of 07:34:21

Dustin Schiable presented the goat management plan for Mt. Dutton.

Justin Shannon presented the goat management plan for the La Sal.

**Board Questions** 00:35:00 – 01:00:14

There were specific questions about monitoring processes and procedures.

**Public Questions** 01:00:22 – 01:08:50

Public questions were accepted at this time.
RAC Recommendations  01:08:56 – 01:20:00

Southern, Northeast, Central, and Northern RAC approved the Goat Management Plans for Mt. Dutton and La Sal with a few dissentions and abstentions.

Southern RAC passed an amendment to create a stakeholder group for the Mt. Dutton plan.

Northeast RAC included Farm Bureau’s recommendation to incorporate on Mt. Dutton.

Southeast RAC passed the Mt. Dutton plan with two opposing votes. They were unable to break a tie for two proposed motions on the La Sal plan.

Public Comments  01:20:04 – 02:32:45

Public comments were accepted at this time. Individuals and organizations were very passionate in their positions.

Board Discussion  02:32:55 – 03:33:02

The Board tackled the Mt. Dutton discussion first and foresaw no negative impacts. They got engrossed in defining the group that would meet with the Division on an annual basis to review/monitor/evaluate the plan’s progress.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Goat Management Plan for Mt. Dutton with the augmentation of up to 125 goats and have the Division meet annually with an advisory group to address concerns.

The Board expressed confidence in the Division’s ability to manage and monitor the plan on the La Sals and felt the Division provided due process for the plan. They conveyed concerns for the relationship between the Division and Forest service. A couple board members erred on the side of caution and asked the Division for restraint.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed 4-2. Bill Fenimore and Mike King dissented.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Goat Management Plan for the La Sal with the transplant of up to 200 goats and have the Division meet annually with an advisory group to address concerns.

The following amended motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Bill Fenimore and failed 2-4.
AMENDED MOTION:  I move that we postpone transplants until monitoring is established and keep the goats to 1.8 per square miles.


John Shivik presented the cougar recommendations.

Board Questions 04:01:35 – 04:16:10

The Board asked about the online training process and questions on how to simplify the management plan.

Public Questions 04:16:15 – 04:33:16

Public questions accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendation 04:33:29 – 05:00:36

Each RAC added stipulations to the Cougar Recommendations and passed it with varying dissent.

Public Comments 05:00:37 – 05:03:07

Public comments accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 05:03:23 – 05:21:48

Discussion revolved around determining units and areas, which proved to be perplexing and confounding.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 5-1. Kirk Woodward voted against the motion.

MOTION:  I move that we accept the Cougar Recommendations as presented with the requirement that the Division reopen the management plan and provide a simplified proposal that incorporates unit by unit next year.

7) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations (Action) 05:22:43 – 05:32:00 of 07:34:21

John Shivik presented the furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations.

Public Questions 05:29:26 – 05:30:29

Public questions accepted at this time.
RAC Recommendations 05:30:30 – 05:30:54

Southern, Northern, Northeast, and Central RACs unanimously passed the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest recommendations as presented. Southeast RAC approved the recommendations 8 to 2.

Public Comments 05:31:02 – 05:31:27

Public comments accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 05:31:33 – 05:32:00

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations as presented.

8) Turkey Depredation (Informational) 05:32:20 – 05:37:53 of 07:34:21

Jason Robinson outlined HB 432 – Wild Turkey Management and the Divisions’ plan of action to the bill.

Board Questions 05:36:53 – 05:37:53

The depredation permits will be for any sex although the regions can make that determination. There are a variety of nuisance issues ranging from someone not liking turkeys to turkeys scratching hay bales and disrupting the yard.

9) Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09 (Action) 05:37:54 – 05:52:30 of 07:34:21

Blair Stringham presented the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09.

Board Questions 05:47:16 – 05:49:20

Board members asked about objectives, zones, and the effects of moving the youth hunt date.

RAC Recommendations 05:49:30 – 05:50:52

Southeast, Central, and Northeast RACs unanimously passed the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule as presented. Southern and Northern RACs qualified their unanimous vote with a change in the youth hunt start date to September 21, 2013.
Board Discussion 05:50:53 – 05:52:30

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09 as presented, with a youth hunt start date of September 21, 2013.


Kenny Johnson presented rule R657-66 Military Installations.

Board Questions 05:55:58 – 05:57:04

Most of the military bases do have their own biologists and will be working closely with DWR biologists.

RAC Questions 05:57:05 – 05:57:45

At this time, military personnel who are nonresidents will have to pay nonresident fees.

Public Questions 05:57:46 – 05:59:04

The military will determine if disabled or retired military personnel qualify.

RAC Recommendations 05:59:12 – 06:01:40

Southern, Northeast, and Central RACs unanimously passed the Military Installations Permit Program R657-66 as presented.

Southeast RAC passed with one opposing vote.

Northern RAC passed with one abstention. They suggested exploring additional hunting opportunities on military installations.

Board Discussion 06:01:57 – 06:03:46

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Military Installations Permit Program R657-66 as presented by the Division.

Kenny Johnson presented the proposed fee schedule for fiscal year 2015.

**Board Questions 06:23:33 – 06:24:39**

Multiple year licenses for seniors will be considered at a later time once a system is in place to calculate discounts.

**RAC Questions 06:24:43 – 06:26:44**

There was a lot of interest and discussion about lifetime licenses during the RAC meetings and prior; however, the high cost of the license and administrative expenses to maintain the program dissuaded many from pursuing this route. The five-year license is much more feasible.

**RAC Recommendations 06:26:53 – 06:29:09**

Southern, Central, and Northern RACs unanimously passed the Proposed Fee Schedule FY 2015 as presented. Southeast RAC passed with one opposing vote. Northeast passed 5-4.

**Public Comments 06:32:44 – 06:35:52**

Public comments taken at this time.

**Board Discussion 06:29:19 – 06:32:42; 06:35:55 – 06:37:55**

Jake Albrecht commended the DWR for keeping up with the fee schedule as needed rather than prolonging it for a harsher increase.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the FY2015 Proposed Fee Schedule as presented by the Division.

12) **R657-52 Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments (Action) 06:37:55 – 06:49:00 of 07:34:21**

John Luft presented the Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments R657-52.

**RAC Recommendations 06:45:01 – 06:45:13**

Central and Northern RACs unanimously passed the Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments R657-52 as presented.

**Public Comments 06:45:17 – 06:48:12**

Public comments taken at this time.
Board Discussion 06:48:14 – 06:49:00

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the R657-52 Brine Shrimp Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

13) R657-60 AIS Rule Amendments (Action) 06:49:03 – 06:54:50 of 07:34:21

Jordan Nielson presented the amendments to AIS Rule R657-60.

Board Questions 06:53:26 – 06:53:54

Calvin Crandall confirmed that professional decontamination is not necessary each time a boat leaves/enters the same infested body of water during extended stays. Boats are only required to clean and drain.

RAC Recommendations 06:54:09 – 06:54:50

All RACs unanimously passed the AIS Rule Amendments R657-60 as presented.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the AIS Rule Amendments R657-60 as presented by the Division.

14) Convention Permit Audit (Action) 06:54:59 – 07:06:30 of 07:34:21

Kenny Johnson presented the Convention Permit Audit.

Board Questions/Discussions 07:05:37 – 07:06:30

Mike King asked about projects that were funded by the permits. Projects are listed in the Board packet.


Mike Fowlks presented the Convention Permit Allocation.

Board Questions/Discussions/Public Comments 07:09:54 – 07:15:15

The spin off money in the economy from the Hunt Expo was roughly $12 million.

Approved
John Bair wanted to clarify that once the tags are allocated to the draw they cannot be sold as something else or moved to serve some other purpose.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed with one abstention by John Bair.

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the Convention Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

16) CRC Recommendation (Action) 07:15:21 – 07:19:45 of 07:34:21

Staci Coons presented the CRC recommendations.

**Board Questions/Discussions** 07:18:00 – 07:19:45

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we accept both CRC recommendations as presented by the Division.


Greg Hansen presented the stipulation agreement for Jose L. Garcia.

Martin Bushman presented the stipulation for Joel Murray.

The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the Stipulation Agreement for Jose L. Garcia as presented by the Division.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the Stipulation Agreement for Joel Murray as presented by the Division.

18) Other Business (Contingent) 07:27:35 – 07:34:21 of 07:34:21

DWR Employee Awards banquet is September 19. The Board was in agreement with their nomination. Greg Sheehan invited the Board to attend and present the award to the recipient.
Jake Albrecht asked the RAC and Board to determine a better strategy for lengthy agendas. John Bair noted it’s easier to take off one day from work than make arrangements for several days off to attend meetings.

Jake Albrecht proposed the Board attend some of the ongoing wildlife management projects around the state; dedicate a field trip day to learn about the various projects that become issues for discussion and consideration.

Meeting adjourned.