

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

May 1, 2014, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Thursday, May 4, 2014, Board Meeting 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. R657-45 Wildlife License, Permit and COR Forms Rule Amendment **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
6. R657-67 Utah Hunter Mentoring Program Rule Amendment **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
7. R657-13-7 Fishing with More Than One Pole Rule Amendment **ACTION**
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
8. R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Rule Amendment **ACTION**
– Jordan Nielsen, AIS Coordinator
9. Bucks, Bulls, OIAL and Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2014 **ACTION**
– Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator
10. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2014 **ACTION**
– Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator
11. Antlerless CWMU Permit Recommendations for 2014 **ACTION**
– Scott McFarlane, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
12. Antlerless CWMU Vouchers **ACTION**
– Scott McFarlane, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator
13. Wild Horse Issue/Discussion **ACTION**
– Southern Region – Kevin Bunnell, Regional Supervisor
14. Stipulation and Order **ACTION**
– Greg Hansen, Attorney
15. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 Wildlife Board meeting as presented.

3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)

The Mule Deer Committee will address some of the upcoming action log items: premium limited-entry deer tags, Mineral Mountain Range, additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunity, and non-resident sheep permit quota.

4) R657-45 Wildlife License, Permit, and COR Forms Rule Amendment (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-45 Wildlife License, Permit, and COR Forms Rule Amendment with the addition of the Northern Region's stipulation to include veterans with disabilities and seniors to purchase multi-year permits.

5) R657-67 Utah Hunter Mentoring Program Rule Amendment (**Action**)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the rule amendment for R657-67 Utah Hunter Mentoring Program as presented by the Division.

6) R657-13-7 Fishing With More Than One Pole Rule Amendment (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the rule amendment for R657-13-7 Fishing with More than One Pole as presented.

- 7) R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Rule Amendment (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Rule Amendment as presented by the Division.

- 8) Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2014 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4-3. Jake Albrecht broke the tie in favor of the motion. Mike King, Calvin Crandall, and Bill Fenimore opposed the motion.

MOTION: I move that we keep the same number of trophy buck permits on the Pansaugunt and Henry Mountain units as approved in 2013.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the recommendations for Bucks, Bulls and OIAL permit numbers as presented by the Division and keep the 2014 number of bull permits on the Manti unit at 453.

- 9) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2014 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we increase the permit recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers in the Southwest Desert from 365 to 425.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the 2014 recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented by the division.

- 10) Antlerless CWMU Permit Recommendations for 2014 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Antlerless CWMU permit recommendations for 2014 as presented by the division.

11) Donation of CWMU Vouchers (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal for Donation of CWMU Vouchers as presented by the division.

12) Wild Horse Issue/Discussion (**Action**)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we support and endorse the Wild Horse proposal as presented and make the necessary corrections as discussed to the letter that will be sent to the BLM and Juan Palma.

13) Stipulation and Orders (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Stipulation and Orders for Brent Baldwin as presented by the Division.

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Wildlife Board Members Present

Jake Albrecht – Chair
Bill Fenimore – Vice-Chair
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec
Mike King
Calvin Crandall
John Bair
Kirk Woodward
Steve Dalton

RAC Chairs Present

Central – Gary Nielson
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Kevin Albrecht
Northeastern - Wayne McCallister
Northern – Robert Byrnes

Public Present

Lee Tracy, UWC	Ken Strong	
Byron Bateman, SFW	Ben Lowder, UT Bowmans	
Troy Justensen, SFW	Cameron Hallows, Cattleman's Association	Mike Worthen
Bill Christensen, RMEF	Mack Morrell	Sterling Brown, UT Farm Bureau

Division Personnel Present

Mike Canning	Justin Shannon
Mike Fowlks	Scott McFarlane
Rory Reynolds	Jordan Nielson
Staci Coons	Kenny Johnson
Thu Vo-Wood	Judi Tutorow
Bill Bates	Teresa Griffin
Justin Dolling	Dax Mangus
Roger Wilson	Greg Hansen
John Fairchild	Marty Bushman
Kevin Bunnell	Randy Wood
Boyde Blackwell	Covy Jones
Chris Wood	Karen Caldwell
Rick Olson	Lindy Varney
Mike Styler	Phil Gray
Riley Peck	Ben Nadolski
Mark Hadley	Robin Cahoon
Norm Johnson	Troy Davis
	Avery Cook

Chairman Albrecht welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:02:38 – 00:02:51 of 04:25:11**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:52 – 00:03:22 of 04:25:11**

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:03:24 – 00:05:56 of 04:25:11**

The Mule Deer Committee will address some of the upcoming action log items in November after their meeting. These items include: premium limited-entry deer tags, Mineral Mountain Range, additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunity, non-resident sheep permit quota, management buck tags on the Book Cliffs, and goat seasons.

4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:06:12 – 00:30:03 of 04:25:11**

Greg Sheehan updated the Board on several items including: the conclusion of the legislative session; funding from various wildlife groups and legislation for projects; Wildlife Services helicopter accident during a DWR project; good fishing news; opening of Lee Kay Hatchery; angler recruitment marketing; animal transplants; hunt application sales; expos and upcoming events; WAP; and sage-grouse issues.

5) R657-45 Wildlife License, Permit, and COR Forms Rule Amendment (**Action**)
00:30:55 – 00:44:01 of 04:25:11

Kenny Johnson presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

Board Questions 00:35:50 – 00:36:45

The Board asked for clarification on the Northern RAC's motion for disabled veterans and seniors. Kenny confirmed that the Division supports their motion with the exception of not adding further discounts to the multi-year license.

RAC Recommendations 0:36:46 – 00:41:16

Southern RAC voted 8-2 in favor of the amendment. They stipulated that people serving in the military or on religious missions be exempt from purchasing a hunting license in order to buy a point in drawings.

Greg Sheehan expounded on the Southern Region's stipulation and the Division's response.

Northeast, Southeast, and Central RAC unanimously accepted the rule amendment as presented.

Northern RAC also accepted the rule amendment unanimously with the inclusion of a multi-year license discount rate for seniors and veterans.

Board Discussion 00:41:23 – 00:44:00

The Board clarified DWR's proposal and fee differences entailed for seniors and veterans.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-45 Wildlife License, Permit, and COR Forms Rule Amendment with the addition of the Northern Region's stipulation to include veterans with disabilities and seniors to purchase multi-year permits.

- 6) R657-67 Utah Hunter Mentoring Program Rule Amendment (Action) 00:44:02 – 00:46:37 of 04:25:11

Kenny Johnson presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

RAC Recommendations 00:45:48 – 00:46:37

All the RACs unanimously approved the Utah Hunter Mentoring Program Rule Amendment as presented.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the rule amendment for R657-67 Utah Hunter Mentoring Program as presented by the Division.

- 7) R657-13-7 Fishing With More Than One Pole Rule Amendment (Action) 00:46:38 – 00:50:50 of 04:25:11

Kenny Johnson presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

Public Questions 00:47:36 – 00:48:07

The Board accepted public questions and comments.

RAC Recommendations 00:48:08 – 00:48:21

All the RACs unanimously approved the Fishing with More Than One Pole Rule Amendment as presented.

Board Discussion 00:48:22 – 00:50:54

Kirk Woodward noted that a purchase of a second fishing pole permit is still required until after July 1, 2014.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the rule amendment for R657-13-7 Fishing with More

than One Pole as presented.

- 8) R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Rule Amendment (**Action**) **00:50:55**
– 01:06:16 of 04:25:11

Jordan Nielsen presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

Board Questions 00:56:06 – 01:03:02

Calvin Crandall ascertained whether these check stations were permanent or if there were going to be random stops, and how long tags stay affixed to checked boats.

Public Questions 01:03:06 – 01:04:03

The Board accepted public questions and comments.

RAC Recommendations 01:04:05 – 01:05:50

All the RACs unanimously approved the Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Rule Amendment as presented.

Board Discussion 01:05:51 – 01:06:16

Jake Albrecht expressed similar sentiments of others present in the meeting to keep the Henrys a premier hunting unit.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-60 Aquatic Invasive Species Interdiction Rule Amendment as presented by the Division.

- 9) Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Permit Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2014
(**Action**) **01:06:56 – 02:39:24 of 04:25:11**

Justin Shannon presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

Board Questions 01:15:51 – 01:17:09

Jake Albrecht asked about the 5-year plan. It should have been updated last year, but was extended when the Division switched to the unit-by-unit hunt so more data could be gathered.

Public Questions 01:17:11 – 01:25:56

The Board accepted public questions.

RAC Recommendations 01:26:00 – 01:30:51

Northern RAC passed the recommendations for 2014 without opposition. Central RAC passed it 7 to 1.

Southeast RAC unanimously accepted the recommendations on condition that the number of mature bull permits on the Central Mountains-Manti unit remains the same as approved in 2013 – 430.

Northeast and Southern RACs proposed various amendments to the recommendations and passed with some opposition.

Public Comments 01:30:52 – 02:05:20

The Board accepted public comments.

Jake Albrecht summarized the RAC's recommendations and addressed some of their discussion. Greg Sheehan responded to the public comments.

Board Discussion 02:06:20 – 02:36:06

John Bair addressed the Pansaugunt and Henrys permit recommendations. Mike King expressed concern about adjusting numbers in the recommendations.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4-3. Jake Albrecht broke the tie in favor of the motion. Mike King, Calvin Crandall, and Bill Fenimore opposed the motion.

MOTION: I move that we keep the same number of trophy buck permits on the Pansaugunt and Henry Mountain units as approved in 2013.

The Board tackled the Manti unit recommendations. Calvin Crandall noted the inequity of livestock concerns to wildlife issues.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the recommendations for Bucks, Bulls and OIAL permit numbers as presented by the Division and keep the 2014 number of bull permits on the Manti unit at 453.

Calvin Crandall excused himself for the afternoon session. He implored the Board to do more for the elk and strongly consider the inequity of livestock to wildlife ratio as they move forward in their decision process today.

10) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2014 (**Action**) **02:39:37 – 03:19:11 of 04:25:11**

Justin Shannon presented the 2014 antlerless permit recommendations.

RAC Recommendation 02:49:24 – 02:53:26

All the RACs except Southern RAC unanimously accepted the Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2014 as presented. Southern RAC voted 6 to 4 in favor of the recommendation.

Public Comments 02:53:33 – 03:05:30

The Board accepted public comments at this time. There were no questions from the public.

Board Discussion 03:05:31 – 03:19:11

Jake Albrecht proposed the Division add the drought issue to the June and/or August Board meeting to address permit numbers. An emergency meeting can also be called to address the drought.

John Bair opened a discussion on the southwest desert.

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

MOTION: I move that we increase the permit recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers in the Southwest Desert from 365 to 425.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the 2014 recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented by the division.

11) Antlerless CWMU Permit Recommendations for 2014 (**Action**) **03:19:15 – 03:34:28 of 04:25:11**

Scott McFarlane presented the antlerless CWMU permit recommendations for 2014.

Board Questions 03:28:44 – 03:32:02

Jake Albrecht inquired about CWMUs that did not receive tags last year and the hunter success rate on CWMUs.

RAC Recommendations 03:32:04 – 03:33:19

The antlerless CWMU permit recommendations for 2014 passed unanimously at all RACs except Southeastern RAC. Two RAC members had to abstain due to conflicts of interest.

Board Discussion 03:33:21 – 03:34:28

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Antlerless CWMU permit recommendations for 2014 as presented by the division.

12) Donation of CWMU Vouchers (Action) 03:34:30 – 03:46:47 of 04:25:11

Scott McFarlane presented the proposal to donate CWMU vouchers.

Public Comments 03:40:37 – 03:43:09

The Board accepted public comments.

Board Discussion/Comments 03:43:11 – 03:46:47

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal for Donation of CWMU Vouchers as presented by the division.

13) Wild Horse Issue/Discussion (Action) 03:46:49 – 04:21:20 of 04:25:11

Kevin Bunnell presented the wild horse issue. Mike Worthen from Iron County updated the Board on actions that have been taken with BLM to address the problem.

Board Discussion 03:52:57 – 03:59:14

Greg Sheehan echoed the Governor's position on this matter.

The Board discussed potential plans of action to leverage its influence on the BLM.

Public Comments 04:00:14 – 04:09:56

The Board accepted public comments at this time.

Board Comments 04:10:00 – 04:21:21

A letter was prepared in anticipation of the Board's support and was read into record. More comments were made.

Kirk Woodward suggested correcting the vernacular in the letter (feral horses instead of wild horses) and expanding the boundary beyond southern Utah.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we support and endorse the Wild Horse proposal as presented and make the necessary corrections as discussed to the letter that will be sent to the BLM and Juan Palma.

14) Stipulation and Order (Action) 04:21:23 – 04:24:52 of 04:25:11

Greg Hansen presented the stipulation for Brent Baldwin.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Stipulation and Order for Brent Baldwin as presented by the Division.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved