

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

June 5, 2014, DNR, Boardroom  
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2014 – 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. Turkey Management Plan ACTION  
– Jason Robinson, Upland Game Coordinator
6. Turkey Transplant Proposed List ACTION  
– Jason Robinson, Upland Game Coordinator
7. Upland Game, Turkey and Crane 3-yr Recommendations ACTION  
– Jason Robinson, Upland Game Coordinator
8. R657-46 – Use of Game Birds Rule Amendment ACTION  
– Jason Robinson, Upland Game Coordinator
9. Waterfowl Recommendations ACTION  
– Blair Stringham, Waterfowl Coordinator
10. Utah Trial Hunter Program – New Rule R657-68 ACTION  
– Kirk Smith, Hunter Education Coordinator
11. Certification Review Committee - Recommendations ACTION  
– Staci Coons, CRC Chairman
12. Other Business CONTINGENT  
– Jake Albrecht, Chairman

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**Summary of Motions**

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

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.**

3) Turkey Management Plan (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Turkey Management Plan as presented by the Division.**

4) Turkey Transplant Proposed List (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Turkey Transplant Proposed List as presented by the Division with the inclusion of the six sites that the Southern Region proposed: Marysvale Canyon, Birch Creek, City Creek, Mammoth Creek, upper stretches of the Sevier, and Minersville and Coal Creek.**

5) Upland Game, Turkey, and Crane 3-yr Recommendations (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Upland Game, Turkey, and Crane 3-year Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

6) R657-46 – Use of Game Birds Rule Amendment (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the amendment for Rule R657-46 – Use of Game Birds as presented by the Division.**

7) Waterfowl Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 3:2. Mike King and Bill Fenimore opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

8) Utah Trial Hunter Program – New Rule R657-68 (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Utah Trial Hunter Program Rule R657-68 as presented.**

9) Certification Review Committee - Recommendations (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the variance request for John Potash.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the COR amendment request made by Tim Rowberry.**

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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

Franz Guller	Deedee O'Brien
Susan Snyder	Roy Smith
James Gaskill	Pam Petty
Margaret Wayne	Heather Dove
Ernie Perkins	Martha Harp
Angela Mueller	Elisa Nelson
Jan Ellen Burton	Carolina Roa
Cam Vogel	Bryant Olsen
Matthew Walker	Jan Dummer
Leisa Nelson	Nancy Matro
Ken Strong	Troy Justensen
Sharon St. Joan	

**Division Personnel Present**

Mike Fowlks	Avery Cook	Eric Ellis
Rory Reynolds	Chris Wood	John Fairchild
Mike Canning	Kenny Johnson	Kirk Poulsen
Staci Coons	Robin Cahoon	Russ Norvell
Thu Vo-Wood	Dean Mitchell	Mike Styler
Blair Stringham	Gary Cook	Robyn Pearson
Tony Wood	Covy Jones	Dave Lee
Marty Bushman	Bill Bates	Bruce Johnson
Jason Robinson	Greg Hansen	Dax Mangus
Justin Shannon	Kevin Bunnell	Randy Wood
Boyde Blackwell	Lindy Varney	Karen Caldwell
Debbie Marchese	Mark Hadley	Justin Dolling
	Judi Tutorow	Phil Gray

**Public Present**

Byron Bateman, SFW  
Mike Linnell, USDA, FWS  
Lynn Worwood, NWTF  
Rick Brittain, NWTF  
Buz Marthaler, Wildlife Rehab Ctr of Northern UT  
Debbie Pappas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation  
Allison Leavitt, Great Basin Wildlife Rescue  
Hailey Peatross, Great Basin Wildlife Rescue  
Bob Brister, Wild Earth Guardians  
Wayne Whaley, UT County Birders  
Caleb Stroh, Utah Falconers Association, Chukar Foundation

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

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:02:09 – 00:02:19 of 05:44:02**

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

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:21 – 00:02:52 of 05:44:02**

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.**

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:02:54 – 00:14:45 of 05:44:02**

Lindy Varney presented the Preference Points system. Jason Robinson addressed the turkey action log items in the agenda.

4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:14:47 – 00:24:54 of 05:44:02**

Greg Sheehan thanked the aquatics biologists and hatchery personnel for their hard work to kick off the summer fishing season.

Greg mentioned the 2014 Governor's award recipients: Ben Wolford, TJ Robertson, J Shirley, and Dennis Shumway.

DWR is hosting the first Outdoor Adventure Day at Lee Kay on Father's Day weekend. There are many wildlife activities available: fishing, shooting, archery, birding, dog training, ATV trail, calling seminars.

Kevin Bunnell updated the Board on the drought situation in southern Utah.

Greg Sheehan acknowledged the folks in the audience who were involved in the Salem Fishing Day event.

Jake Albrecht explained the Board procedure for today.

5) Turkey Management Plan (**Action**) **00:26:45 – 00:46:16 of 05:44:02**

Jason Robinson presented the Turkey Management Plan.

**Board Questions 00:33:03 – 00:34:51**

Calvin Crandall asked for clarification on complaints submitted to the Department of Agriculture. Steve Dalton wanted to know what the plan for increase of turkey habitat would comprise.

**Public Questions 00:34:57 – 00:35:53**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations 00:35:54 – 00:37:00**

The Turkey Management Plan passed unanimously at all RACs except Northern RAC, which passed it 9 to 2.

**Public Comments 00:37:21 – 00:43:02**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion 00:43:05 – 00:46:16**

Calvin Crandall wanted to know what the turkey population estimate was in the state and wanted clarification on the turkey permit increase.

Bill Fenimore and Greg Sheehan commended the committee for their dedication and hard work.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Turkey Management Plan as presented by the Division.**

- 6) Turkey Transplant Proposed List (Action) 00:47:00 – 01:02:53 of 05:44:02

Jason Robinson presented the proposed list for turkey transplant.

**Board Questions 00:50:34 – 00:054:00**

Jake Albrecht asked for clarification on the RDCC process. Mike King wanted to understand why the last four sites were excluded from the list. Kirk Woodward wanted to know the interaction between the Rio Grand and Merriam turkeys.

**RAC Recommendation 00:54:15 – 00:55:38 (no audio between 00:56:00-00:56:09)**

Southeast, Northeast, and Central RAC unanimously approved the Turkey Transplant Proposed List as presented. Southern RAC unanimously passed the proposed list with additional transplant sites.

Northern RAC passed it 10:1 excluding units listed in the Central region but located in the northern region.

**Public Comments 00:56:10 – 00:56:40**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion 00:56:40 – 01:02:53**

Jake Albrecht summarized the RAC's motions. Requesting additional sites through the RDCC process would not guarantee that they would get transplants at those sites, but it would be given consideration. There was concern about increased human conflict with the expansion of turkey sites.

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Turkey Transplant Proposed List as presented by the Division with the inclusion of the six sites that the Southern Region proposed: Marysvale Canyon, Birch Creek, City Creek, Mammoth Creek, upper stretches of the Sevier, and Minersville and Coal Creek.**

- 7) Upland Game, Turkey, and Crane 3-yr Recommendations (**Action**) **01:03:03 – 01:55:49 of 05:44:02**

Jason Robinson presented the recommendations for Upland Game, Turkey, and Crane 3-year recommendations.

**Board Questions 01:19:38 – 01:23:32**

Questions were posed on falconry turkey hunts, private landowner hunts, turkey permits, and the purpose of the extended youth hunt.

**Public Questions 01:23:41 – 01:24:16**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations 01:24:20 – 01:27:48**

Central and Northeast RACs unanimously approved the Upland Game, Turkey, and Crane 3-yr recommendations as presented.

Northern RAC passed the recommendation 10:2 with exception of the turkey limited entry season and establishing the turkey general season throughout the overall recommended framework. They amended the motion to allow youth hunt. That passed 10:2.

Southern RAC also approved the recommendation unanimously; however, they added an amendment to extend the youth turkey hunt which passed 7 to 2.

Southeast RAC passed it unanimously as long as there would be only one turkey permit per hunter per year. Mike King asked for clarification on the opposition of the number of turkey permits.

**Public Comments 01:27:56 – 01:34:30**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion 01:34:332 – 01:55:49**

Board discussed the youth hunt extension, adding crows to the migratory list, and limited entry and over the counter turkey permits.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Upland Game, Turkey, and Crane 3-yr Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

- 8) R657-46 – Use of Game Birds Rule Amendment (Action) **01:57:20 – 02:02:55 of 05:44:02**

Jason Robinson presented the amendment for rule R657-46.

**RAC Recommendations 01:58:51 – 01:59:34**

All RAC unanimously accepted the amendment to Rule R657-46 Use of Game Birds.

**Public Comments 01:59:36 – 02:01:46**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion 02:01:49 – 02:02:55**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the amendment for Rule R657-46 – Use of Game Birds as presented by the Division.**

- 9) Waterfowl Recommendations (Action) **02:02:56 – 05:03:50 of 05:44:02**

Blair Stringham presented the Waterfowl recommendations.

**Board Questions 02:19:25 – 02:44:20**

There were some questions about sandhill crane and depredation permits – how many permits can be issued, who is involved in the decision process, how areas are determined for hunts.

The Board focused their questions on crows and the necessity for hunting them. Mike Linnell representing the USDA, Fish and Wildlife Service addressed some of the reports and development of the issue.



**Public Questions 02:44:26 – 03:12:02**

Public questions were taken at this time.

Jake Albrecht excused Calvin Crandall for the rest of the afternoon when the meeting reconvened after lunch.

**RAC Recommendations 03:13:08 – 03:26:32**

Central, Southeast, and Southern RACs passed the Waterfowl Recommendations with varying dissent. Southern RAC stipulated that the crow season dates in their region begin November 1 with no split season dates.

Northeast RAC unanimously approved the Waterfowl Recommendations.

Northern RAC had five motions, two of which passed unanimously – R657-3 and Waterfowl Recommendations with the exclusion of crows. The crow hunt failed to pass, and it was recommended that Wildlife Board enact a falconry hunt for the crow.

Martin Bushman clarified the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and federal regulations on crow depredation.

Greg Sheehan commented on the open process and the willingness of the Division to work with all groups, agencies, and individuals who are concerned about Utah's wildlife.

**Public Comments 03:26:34 – 04:32:07**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion 04:32:08 – 05:03:50**

Jake Albrecht summarized the RAC motions and the public comments.

John Bair wanted clarification on crow depredation (R657-3) since there is no federal regulation in place. USDA does not have an active program to address crow issues and is only an advisory agent to the Division.

Mike King delved into the enforcement of bird identification and the impact of the Division's funding and law enforcement workload.

Steve Dalton wondered if allowing this to pass would give the Division a chance to track the population and gather better data.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 3:2. Mike King and Bill Fenimore opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

- 10) Utah Trial Hunter Program – New Rule R657-68 (Action) 05:03:55 – 05:28:24 of 05:44:02

Gary Cook presented new rule R657-68 – Utah Trial Hunter Program.

**Board Questions 05:17:57 – 05:19:58**

Jake Albrecht wanted to make clear that the legislature passed SB165 – Utah Trial Hunter Program and directed the Division to set the parameters of the rule.

Greg Sheehan asked for clarification on language concerning conservation permits and CWMUs in the program; he also asked about parental permission.

**RAC Recommendations 05:20:10 – 05:25:41**

Utah Trial Hunter Program failed to pass in the Southeast RAC.

All the other RACs passed the program as presented, except Southern RAC requested a minimum age requirement of 18 for participants.

**Public Comments 05:25:46 – 05:27:50**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion 05:27:51 – 05:29:28**

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Utah Trial Hunter Program Rule R657-68 as presented.**

- 11) CRC Review Committee - Recommendations (Action) 05:29:34 – 05:42:55 of 05:44:02

Staci Coons presented the CRC Committee recommendations.

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the variance request for John Potash.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the COR amendment request made by Tim Rowberry.**

Meeting adjourned.

Approved