Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
June 4, 2015, DNR, Boardroom
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

AGENDA

Thursday, June 4, 2015 – 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. Waterfowl Recommendations ACTION
   – Blair Stringham, Waterfowl Coordinator

   – Scott McFarlane, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

7. Southern Region Deer Management Plans ACTION
   – Teresa Griffin, SR Wildlife Manager

8. Request to Donate 2014 CWMU Voucher ACTION
   – Scott McFarlane, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

9. Utah Prairie Dog Rule Amendments – R657-70 ACTION
   – Kevin Bunnell, Southern Region Supervisor

10. Wildlife Action Plan INFORMATIO
    – Ashley Green, Habitat Section Chief

11. Other Business CONTINGENT
    – Jake Albrecht, Chairman
      • Elect Board Chairman and Vice Chairman
Utah Wildlife Board Meeting  
June 4, 2015, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda (Action)

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

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

2) Approval of Minutes (Action)

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

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the minutes of the April 30, 2015 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Waterfowl Recommendations (Action)

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

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations as presented by the Division and put on the action log item an informational survey to gather input from other waterfowl hunters who use the area in the northern region. This will be presented at the December meeting.

4) Urban Deer Control – R657-65 Rule Amendments (Action)

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the Urban Deer Control Rule Amendments R657-65 as presented by the Division.

5) Southern Region Deer Management Plans (Action)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed 3:1. John Bair opposed.

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the proposal to change the Oak Creek Unit boundary as presented by the Division.

The following motion was made by, seconded and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the Southern Region Deer Management Plan as presented by the Division including the exceptions as presented by the Southern RAC.

6) Request to Donate 2014 CWMU Voucher (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Request to Donate 2014 CWMU Voucher as presented.

7) Utah Prairie Dog Rule Amendments – R657-70 (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Utah Prairie Dog Rule Amendments R657-70 as presented by the Division.

8) Other Business (Action)


Bill Fenimore nominated Mike King for vice-chair. John Bair nominated Kirk Woodward. Kirk Woodward was appointed via three votes from Steve Dalton, John Bair, and Jake Albrecht.
Chairman Albrecht welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs.

1) Approval of Agenda (Action) 00:02:00 – 00:02:15 of 04:16:51

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

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

2) Approval of Minutes (Action) 00:02:17 – 00:03:10 of 04:16:51
The following motion was made by Bill Fenimore, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the minutes of the April 30, 2015 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent) 00:03:13 – 00:03:22 of 04:16:51

None.

4) DWR Update (Informational) 00:03:33 – 00:22:11 04:16:51

Greg Sheehan gave an update on board member Mike King’s condition; drought status; sage-grouse efforts; Nature Center development; and accidental wolf shooting case.

DWR hosted the Stewardship awards a couple of weeks ago. Greg thanked all the partners who contributed to the conservation of wildlife resources. Board chair and vice-chair were recognized as well as outgoing RAC chairs and were given a moment to speak. Sheehan thanked all of them for their service.

Jake Albrecht explained the Board procedure.


Blair Stringham presented the Waterfowl Recommendations.

Board/RAC/Public Questions 00:38:29 – 00:41:49

None

RAC Recommendations 00:38:50 – 00:41:23

All RACs passed the recommendations unanimously, except for the Northern RAC. They had some opposition and provided an amendment to eliminate the Northern Dark Goose Zone, which barely passed 7:6.

Public Comments 00:41:24 – 01:08:23

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 01:08:24 – 01:25:33

Chairman Albrecht summarized the RAC reports and the public comments. He noted the lack of public notification for changes made in the northern region.
John Bair suggested hosting an open house to discuss changes before moving forward. Kirk Woodward agreed that more discussion is necessary before making changes.

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

**MOTION:** I move that we accept the Waterfowl Recommendations as presented by the Division and put on the action log item an informational survey to gather input from other waterfowl hunters who use the area in the northern region. This will be presented at the December meeting.

Justin Dolling discussed the Huntsville residences’ issue with hunting in proximity of their homes near Pineview Reservoir. John Bair suggested adding signs to the area to remind hunters to be aware of surrounding homes and the hunting zone.


Scott McFarlane presented the Rule Amendments for R657-65 Urban Deer Control.

**Board Questions** 01:35:50 – 01:37:29

The Board asked about implementing programs for small towns and if there are improvements on deer mortality rates since the program was implemented.

**Public Questions** 01:37:37 – 01:39:27

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendation** 01:39:37 – 01:40:38

All RACs unanimously approved the Urban Deer Control Rule Amendments.

**Public Comments** 01:40:40 – 01:44:30

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**Board Discussion** 01:44:31 – 01:45:56

Kirk Woodward asked if there has been any feedback on Highland City’s lethal approach to Urban Deer Control.

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Kirk Woodward and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the Urban Deer Control Rule Amendments R657-65 as presented by the Division.


Teresa Griffin presented the Southern Region Deer Management Plans.

Board/RAC Questions 02:04:30 – 02:30:02

Questions centered on the Monroe, population objectives, boundaries, Oak Creek, and landowner issues.

Public Questions 02:30:06 – 02:33:02

Public questions were taken at this time.

RAC Recommendations 02:33:04 – 02:34:34

Southern RAC unanimously passed the deer management plans. They requested to include an increase to the buck-to-doe objective on the Monroe and incorporate any changes to the predator management plans in the deer management plans.

Public Comments 02:34:35 – 02:53:07

Public comments were accepted at this time. Bryce Pilling provided a list of signatures in support of the recommendation.

Board Discussion 02:53:08 – 03:31:24

Greg Sheehan provided applicant and permit number statistics to demonstrate the rise in public interest.

The Board discussed landowner issues on the Oak Creek unit and permit distribution. They struggled to make the right decision.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed 3:1. John Bair opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the proposal to change the Oak Creek Unit boundary as presented by the Division.

Chairman Albrecht touched on the Monroe unit.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the Southern Region Deer Management Plans as presented by the Division including the exceptions as presented by the Southern RAC.


Scott McFarlane presented the Request to Donate 2014 CWMU Voucher.

Board/Public Comments 03:38:43 – 03:42:20

The Board and public expressed appreciation to the CWMU and operators and different organizations involved this great program.

Board Discussion 03:42:21 – 03:42:57

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Request to Donate 2014 CWMU Voucher as presented.


Kevin Bunnell presented the Utah Prairie Dog Rule Amendments R657-70.

Board Questions 03:47:29 – 03:50:00

The Board asked for an overview of the project status.

Board Discussion 03:50:03 – 03:50:57

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the Utah Prairie Dog Rule Amendments R657-70 as presented by the Division.

10) Wildlife Action Plan (Informational) 03:51:00 – 05:28:24 of 04:16:51

Ashley Green presented the Wildlife Action Plan.

Board Discussion 04:06:00 – 04:09:16

Jake Albrecht commended all those involved in the development and authoring of the plan.
Public Questions/Comments 04:09:18 – 04:10:48

Public questions and comments were accepted at this time.


The Board discussed the nominations for the new Wildlife Board Chair and Vice-Chair.


Bill Fenimore nominated Mike King for vice-chair. John Bair nominated Kirk Woodward. Kirk Woodward was appointed via three votes from Steve Dalton, John Bair, and Jake Albrecht.

Meeting adjourned.