

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
6. Urban Deer Control – R657-65 Rule Amendments **ACTION**
 - 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 **INFORMATIONAL**
 - Ashley Green, Habitat Section Chief
11. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
 - Jake Albrecht, Chairman
 - Elect Board Chairman and Vice Chairman

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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**)

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

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.

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http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/15-6-4.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

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

RAC Chairs Present

Central – Gary Nielson
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Kevin Albrecht
Northeastern - Randy Dearth
Northern – Robert Byrnes

Donnie Hunter	Carl Stettler
Troy Justensen	Craig Dangerfield
Lee Tracy, UWC	Jeremiah Cornia
Andy Monroe	John Brennan
Becky Wood	Joel Ferry
Pine Torgensen	Brad Williams
Robert Spafford	Ken Strong
Ken Dillree	Scott Christensen
Larry Larsen	Bryce Pilling
Kenny Givens	Shane Brown

Division Personnel Present

Mike Fowlks	Rick Olson	Judi Tutorow
Mike Canning	Bill Bates	Karen Caldwell
Martin Bushman	Roger Wilson	Lindy Varney
Staci Coons	Dean Mitchell	Phil Gray
Thu Vo-Wood	Mark Martinez	Mike Styler
Blair Stringham	Justin Shannon	Mike Christensen
Scott McFarlane	Dax Mangus	Greg Hansen
Teresa Griffin	Randy Wood	Mark Hadley
Kevin Bunnell	Jason Robinson	Chris Keleher
Ashley Green	Covy Jones	Riley Peck
Justin Dolling	Dustin Schaible	Kent Hersey
Chris Wood	Jimi Gragg	Anita Candelaria
John Fairchild	Paul Gedge	Kirk Hawk
Boyde Blackwell	Kim Hersey	Bill James

Public Present

Byron Bateman, SFW
Mike Edson, Chesapeake Duck Club
Tom Bowen, Chesapeake Duck Club
Jon Larson, SFW

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.

- 5) Waterfowl Recommendations (**Action**) **00:23:42 – 01:25:33 of 04:16:51**

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.

- 6) Urban Deer Control – R657-65 Rule Amendments (**Action**) **01:25:35 – 01:45:56 of 04:16:51**

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.

7) Southern Region Deer Management Plans (Action) 01:45:58 – 03:31:24 of 04:16:51

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.

- 8) Request to Donate 2014 CWMU Voucher (Action) 03:33:20 – 03:42:20 of 04:16:51

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.

- 9) Utah Prairie Dog Rule Amendments – R657-70 (Action) 03:42:59 – 03:50:57 of 04:16:51

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.

11) Other Business (**Action**) **04:10:50 – 04:16:51 of 04:16:51**

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

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

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.

Approved