

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

December 9, 2016, DNR Auditorium 1594  
West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Thursday, December 9, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– John Bair, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– John Bair, Chairman   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– John Bair, Chairman   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Gregory Sheehan, DWR Director  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. Elk Unit Management Plan Revisions<br>– Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator                                 | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. Bucks, Bulls, & OIAL 2017 Season Dates, Application Timeline<br>– Justin Shannon, Big Game Coordinator       | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. Preference Point System Amendments<br>- Lindy Varney, Licensing Specialist                                   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. NER Deer Management Plans<br>- Randall Thacker, Northeastern Region Asst. Wildlife Manager                   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2017<br>- Covy Jones, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 10. Landowner Association Permit Number for 2017<br>– Covy Jones, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator     | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 11. Other Business<br>– John Bair, Chairman   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

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**Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman, and approved unanimously.

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

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

The following motion was made Steve Dalton, seconded by Byron Bateman, and approved unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the minutes from the, 2016 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.**

3) Elk Unit Management Plan Revisions (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and approved 5 in favor with Calvin Crandall opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we approve that we accept the Elk Unit Management Plan revision as presented by the Division.**

4) Bucks, Bulls, & OIAL Season Dates, Application Timeline (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed (after two amended motions) unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's proposal as presented.**

This motion was amended by Donnie Hunter and seconded by Calvin Crandall and approved 4-2 with Mike King and Kirk Woodward opposed.

**AMENDED MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include an archery only mountain goat hunt on the North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central unit (season dates Aug. 19-Sept 10, 2017) and an archery only bison hunt on the Henry's Mountains unit (season dates Oct. 6-20, 2017).**

The motion was then amended a second time by Kirk Woodward and seconded by Donnie Hunter and approved unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDED MOTION: I move that we exclude the OIAL 7-day archery only proposal presented by the Division.**

- 5) Preference Point System Amendments (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's Preference Point System amendments as presented.**

- 6) NER Deer Management Plans (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Northeastern Deer Management Plans as presented by the Division.**

- 7) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2017 (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's proposal as presented, and request that the operator of the Deer Creek CWMU report to the CWMU Advisory Committee in one year to review all CWMU improvements, if there are additional concerns with this CWMU they will be taken to the Wildlife Board at that time.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into the possibility of issuing 2 permits every other year for CWMUs that currently only have one public permit, so bonus points are an advantage.**

- 8) Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2017 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2017 as presented by the Division.**

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**Wildlife Board Members Present**

John Bair – Chair  
Kirk Woodward – Vice Chair  
Greg Sheehan - Exec Sec  
Calvin Crandall  
Byron Bateman  
Donnie Hunter  
Steve Dalton  
Mike King

**Division Personnel Present**

Staci Coons	Bill Bates	Anita Candelaria
Jamie Martell	Justin Shannon	Chris Wood
Martin Bushman	Covy Jones	Mike Canning
Karen Caldwell	Teresa Griffin	Justin Dolling
Judi Tutorow	Rick Olson	Phil Gray
Lindy Varney	Jessie Chase	Mike Fowlks
Greg Hansen	Kimberly Hersey	Bryan Christensen
Kevin Bunnell	Dean Mitchell	Scott White
Jason Vernon	Randy Thacker	Boyde Blackwell
Steve Newren	Kent Hersey	Kenny Johnson

**RAC Chairs Present**

Dave Black—Southern Region  
Kevin Albrecht – Southeastern  
Region  
Richard Hansen—Central Region  
John Cavitt—Northern Region  
Randy Dearth—Northeastern Region

**Public Present**

Sterling Brown – Utah Farm Bureau	Carl Hurst
Steven Yardley – Yardley Cattle Co.	Grant Foster
Troy Justensen – Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife	
Gib Yardley	
Randy Sessions	
Ben Lowder – Mule Deer Foundation	
Bill Christensen – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	
Paul Phillips – Strawberry Bay Outfitters	
Alma Adams	

Chairman Bair called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:06:44—00:06:56 of 06:19:59**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Byron Bateman, and approved unanimously.

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) 00:07:11—00:07:21 of 06:19:59

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Byron Bateman, and approved unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the minutes from the September 29, 2016 meeting as presented.**

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) 00:13:55—00:18:07 of 06:19:59

The Board elected to skip over the action log until Kirk Woodward arrived.

Kimberly Hersey, the Avian Program Coordinator with the Division of Wildlife Resources, updated the Board about the issue of shooting Utah Prairie Dogs with lead ammunition that can then be scavenged by raptors and other predators.

- 4) DWR Update (**Information**) 00:07:53—00:12:57 of 06:19:59

Greg Sheehan informed the Board about the national R3 (Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation) Program efforts. For the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, the Division has asked Dean Mitchell, who has been the Outreach Chief for the past 10 years, to lead the program in Utah. Robin Cahoon has accepted the position as the new Conservation Outreach Section Chief.

The pronghorn transplant has been postponed until later in January. The Division has been putting radio collars on mule deer throughout the state in order to monitor them.

\*Kirk Woodward joined the meeting.

- 5) Elk Unit Management Plan Revisions (**Action**) 00:19:56—01:42:40 of 06:19:59

Justin Shannon, the Big Game Coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the Elk Unit Management Plan Revisions to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 00:31:04—00:34:38 of 06:19:59**

Kirk Woodward asked Justin Shannon how the private land only tags did this year, and Donnie Hunter wanted to know how the new antlerless elk hunt in the Southern Region (Cedar Mountain) went. Kevin Albrecht from the Southeastern Region asked Justin if the Division had material that they planned to distribute.

**Public Questions: 00:34:43—00:57:50 of 06:19:59**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 00:58:00—01:01:32 of 06:19:59**

**CRO: Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented  
**Motion Passes:** 8 to 2

**NRO, SERO:**

**Motion:** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept Elk Unit Plan Revisions as presented.  
**Motion Passes-** Unanimous

**SRO: Motion:** To accept the Elk Unit Management Plans Revision as presented.  
**Amendment To Motion:** To add stronger language in the Southern Region plans to address elk depredation on private lands upon the private landowner's request.  
**Amendment Passes:** 8:5  
**Motion Passes:** Unanimous

**NERO: Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented  
**Motion Passes:** 6 in favor with 1 abstention

**Public Comments: 01:01:39—01:33:36 of 06:19:59**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 01:33:37—01:42:40 of 06:19:59**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and approved 5 in favor with Calvin Crandall opposed.

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

6) Bucks, Bulls, & OIAL 2017 Season Dates, Application Timeline (**Action**)  
**01:42:56—04:48:08 of 06:19:59**

Justin Shannon, the Big Game Coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the bucks, bulls, and OIAL season dates and application timeline for 2017.

**Board/RAC Questions: 01:55:58—01:59:59 of 06:19:59**

Steve Dalton asked for clarification on the late Boulder Mountain hunt. Donny Hunter asked about the portion of youth permits.

**Public Questions: 02:00:00—02:00:04 of 06:19:59**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 02:00:09—02:16:44 of 06:19:59**

**CRO: Motion:** To accept the recommendation proposed by the SFW, Utah Bowman's Association, Mule Deer Foundation and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundations to add OIAL archery hunts and extend the Division's proposal of a seven day archery only opportunity for OIAL hunts.

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**Motion:** To keep the late season muzzleloader hunt on the Plateau Boulder/Kaiparowits

**Motion Passes:** 7 to 3

**Motion:** To remove the points and eliminate the 50% bonus hunt on management buck deer units for youth.

**Motion Fails:** 4 to 6 (Kristofer, Ron, Larry, George) (Christine, Danny, Ken, Ben, Matt, Karl)

**Motion:** Put the youth management point problem on an action item for the board to review.

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**Motion:** To accept the remainder of the Division's proposals as presented.

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**NRO: Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept the Division's recommendations with the addition of UBA's 2017, OIAL archery hunt recommendation season dates.

**Motion Fails-** For: 5 Against: 6

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept UBA, OIAL archery only Sheep hunt recommendations and season dates.

**Motion Passes-** For: 9 Against :1

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept the Division's recommendation as presented with the exception of the 7 day archery extension for OIAL Sheep and eliminate the extra Limited Entry Bull Elk hunts during the spike season

**Motion Fails-** For :3 Against: 7

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept the Division's recommendation as presented with the exception of the 7 day archery extension for OIAL Sheep.

**Motion Passes-** For: 8 Against: 2

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board allow unsuccessful youth elk hunters to hunt during the general season elk hunt.

**Motion Passes:** Unanimous

**SRO: Motion:** To accept the Bucks, Bulls, & OIAL 2017 Season Dates, Application Timeline as presented with the exception of adding the UBA proposal (see attachment 3).

**Amendment To Motion:** To keep the muzzle loader limited entry buck deer hunt on the Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits.

**Amendment Passes:** Unanimous

**Motion Passes:** Unanimous

**SERO: Motion:** To ask the Wildlife Board, as an action log item, to direct the Division to devise a solution for Dedicated Hunters whose children draw hunting permits for a different unit

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**Motion:** To accept the Division's proposal for the Henry Mountain management buck hunt

**Motion Passes:** 8-1

**Motion:** To leave the limited-entry Boulder/Kaiparowits muzzleloader hunt unchanged from

2016, with dates conforming to 2017

Motion Passes: **unanimously**

**Motion:** To reject the Division's proposed seven-day archery extension for OIAL hunts

**Failed for lack of a second**

**Motion:** To accept the Division's proposed seven-day archery extension for OIAL hunts

Motion Passes: 5-3

**Motion:** To accept the remaining proposed bucks, bulls and OIAL 2017 season dates and application timeline as presented

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**NERO: Motion** to accept as presented with the exception of 6 new hunts, OIAL archery 7 day extension, Diamond Mountain boundary change and extended archery boundary change

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**Motion:** to accept 6 new additional hunts from UBA

**Motion Passes:** Unanimously

**Motion:** to accept 7 day OIAL archery extension

Motion Passes: 5 to 1

**Motion:** to accept Diamond Mountain boundary change meeting

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**Motion:** to accept a change on Extend archery boundary

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**Public Comments: 02:17:17—02:34:00 of 06:19:59**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 02:34:51—04:48:08 of 06:19:59**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed (after two amended motions) unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's proposal as presented.**

The motion was amended by Donnie Hunter and seconded by Calvin Crandall and approved 4-2 with Mike King and Kirk Woodward opposed.

**AMENDED MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include an archery only mountain goat hunt on the North Slope/South Slope, High Uintas Central Unit (season dates Aug. 19-Sept. 10, 2017) and an archery only bison hunt on the Henry's Mountains unit (season dates Oct. 6-20, 2017).**

The motion was then amended a second time by Kirk Woodward and seconded by Donnie Hunter and approved unanimously.

**2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDED MOTION: I move that we exclude the OIAL 7-day archery**



**only proposal presented by the Division.**

7) Preference Point System Amendments (**Action**) **04:50:20—05:06:50 of 06:19:59**

Lindy Varney, the Licensing Specialist for the Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the Preference Point System Amendments to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 04:59:18—04:59:57 of 06:19:59**

The Board did not have any questions.

**Public Questions: 04:59:58—05:00:20 of 06:19:59**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 05:00:30—05:01:25 of 06:19:59**

**CRO: Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented.

**Motion Passes:** 7 to 3

**NRO, SERO, NERO:**

**Motion:** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept Preference Point System Amendments as presented.

**Motion Passes:** Unanimous

**SRO: Motion:** To accept the Preference Point System Amendment as presented.

**Motion Passes:** 11:2

**Public Comments: 05:01:40—05:01:41 of 06:19:59**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 05:01:45—05:06:50 of 06:19:59**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's Preference Point System Amendment as presented.**

8) NER Deer Management Plans (**Action**) **05:07:58—05:26:45 of 06:19:59**

Randall Thacker, the Northeastern Region Assistant Wildlife Manager, presented the NER Deer Management Plans to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 05:18:06—05:22:54 of 06:19:59**

Kirk Woodward asked what the percentage is between valley and mountain deer.

**Public Questions: 005:22:55—05:22:57 of 06:19:59**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 05:23:10—05:23:56 of 06:19:59**

**CRO, NRO, SRO, SERO:**

**Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented.

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**NERO:**

**Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented.

**Motion Passes:** 5-1

**Public Comments: 05:24:07—05:24:27 of 06:19:59**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 05:24:31—05:26:45 of 06:19:59**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Northeastern Deer Management Plans as presented by the Division.**

- 9) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2017 **(Action) 05:27:09—05:56:55 of 06:19:59**

Covy Jones, the Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, presented the 2017 CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers to the Board.

**Board/RAC Questions: 05:35:01—05:40:08**

Calvin Crandall wanted to know where the Deer Creek CWMU was located, and Byron Bateman asked about the ratio that Covy used.

**Public Questions: 05:40:09—05:40:10 of 06:19:59**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 05:40:16—05:44:19 of 06:19:59**

**CRO, NRO, SERO, NERO:**

**CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2017**

**Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented

**Motion Passes:** unanimously

**SRO: Motion:** To accept the Division's recommendations as presented

**Motion Passes:** unanimously with one abstention

**Public Comments: 05:44:20—05:44:21**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 05:44:31—05:56:55 of 06:19:59**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

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

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10) Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2017 (**Action**) **05:57:07—06:06:46 of 06:19:59**

**Board/RAC Questions: 05:59:07—06:02:36 of 06:19:59**

Gregory Sheehan relayed a question the Department of Agriculture had about what was involved in re-evaluating the Panguitch Landowner Association.

**Public Questions: 06:02:37—06:02:37 of 06:19:59**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**RAC Recommendations: 06:02:38—06:04:00 of 06:19:59**

**CRO, NRO, SERO, NERO:**

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2017 as presented.

**Motion Passes-** Unanimous

**SRO:**

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board accept Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2017 as presented.

**Motion Passes-** Unanimous with one abstention

**Public Comments: 06:04:01—06:04:01 of 06:19:59**

Public comments were taken at this time.

**Board Discussion: 06:04:14—06:06:46 of 06:19:59**

Chairman Bair reviewed the comments and recommendations.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter, and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2017 as presented by the Division.**

11) Other Business (Contingent) 06:46:47—06:18:28 of 06:19:59

The Board has received some correspondence from Mapleton City. The Mapleton City Mayor has asked if the Division can either cut the city out of the unit, or if they can charge residents a fee in order to keep the deer that are shot within town.

The next Wildlife Board Meeting will be on January 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the DNR Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned.