

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 3, 2017, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/bgSzc1vUbrA>

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 3, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. Approval of Agenda
– John Bair, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– John Bair, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Kirk Woodward, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director | INFORMATION |
| 5. Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2017
- Blair Stringham, Waterfowl Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 6. 2017 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments
- Darren Debloois, Mammals Coordinator | ACTION |
| 7. Private Pond Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 59
- Randy Oplinger, Coldwater Sport Fisheries Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 8. AIS Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 60
- Nathan Owens, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments
– Bryan Christensen, Dedicated Hunter Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Other Business
– John Bair, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at www.wildlife.utah.gov

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act - Persons needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) for this meeting, should contact Staci Coons at 801-538-4718, giving her at least five working days notice.

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
January 3, 2017, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the December 9, 2016 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

3) Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2017 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2017 Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.

4) 2017 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add the two permits from the spring hunt to the summer hunt in the South Slope Diamond.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 4:1. Mike King opposed.

MOTION: I move that the Division be directed to round down (instead of up) when setting the permit quota for non-resident harvest and pursuit bear permits.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the 2017 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.

- 5) Private Pond Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 59 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Private Pond Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 59 as presented by the Division.

- 6) AIS Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 60 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve AIS Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 60 as presented.

- 7) R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments as presented.

Approved

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
January 3, 2017, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
http://wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/board_minutes/audio/17-1-3.mp3

Wildlife Board Members Present

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

RAC Chairs Present

Northeastern – Dax Mangus
Southern – Kevin Bunnell
Southeastern – Chris Wood
Central – Richard Hansen
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

Public Present

Jason Binder
Ken Strong
Bill Christensen - RMEF
Chet Young

Division Personnel Present

Mike Fowlks	Kenny Johnson	Bill Bates
Rory Reynolds	Drew Cushing	Mark Hadley
Mike Canning	Blair Stringham	Ben Nadolski
Staci Coons	Karen Caldwell	Guy Wallace
Thu Vo-Wood	Lindy Varney	Randy Oplinger
Darren DeBloois	Mike Christensen	Scott Dalebout
Justin Dolling	Darren DeBloois	Teresa Griffin
Robin Cahoon	Paul Gedge	Bryan Christensen
Craig Schaugaard	Greg Hansen	Xaela Walden
Jason Vernon	Kenny Johnson	
Riley Peck	Martin Bushman	

Public Present

Ben Lowder – UT Houndsman Assoc.	Troy Justensen
Aaron Johnson – UT Houndsman Assoc.	Richard Hansen
Ron Frank	Aaron Banks
Bryce Pilling – SFW	Tyce Erickson
Bryce Thurgood	Louis Erickson
Chris Carling	Daniel Oler
Andy Rasmussen	Jerry Pendleton

Chairman Bair welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife Board and RAC Chairs.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:03:13 – 00:03:33 of 04:50:06**

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:03:34 – 00:04:00 of 04:50:06**

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the December 9, 2016 Wildlife Board Meeting as presented.

- 3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) None.
- 4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:05:49 – 00:24:15 of 04:50:06**

Greg Sheehan updated RAC/Board vacancies. Martin Bushman updated the Board on the Bears Ears designation. Sheehan summarized winter concerns, upcoming winter WAFWA conference and legislative session, and employee updates.

- 5) Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2017 (**Action**) **00:25:21 – 00:40:58 of 04:50:06**

Blair Stringham presented the 2017 Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments.

Board Questions/RAC Questions 00:32:52 – 00:34:26

Bryce Thurgood asked about the justification for not including public shooting grounds in swan areas.

RAC Recommendation 00:34:42 – 00:35:50

All RACs unanimously passed the waterfowl recommendations and amendments.

Public Comments 00:35:55 – 00:37:00

Public questions were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 00:37:40 – 00:40:58

The board discussed the overall trend of waterfowl hunting and swan boundary increase.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2017 Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.

- 6) 2017 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**) **00:41:02 – 02:23:06 of 04:50:06**

Darren DeBloois presented the 2017 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments.

Board/RAC Questions 00:52:10 – 00:59:04

The Board discussed the Division's practice of rounding up instead of down on permit quotas, out-of-state houndsmen, and handling problem bears.

Public Questions 00:59:06 – 01:07:48

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendation 01:07:50 – 01:23:34

All RACs with exception of Southeast Region passed the Black Bear recommendations unanimously with additional requests. Southeast Region had varying dissent with additional amendments.

Public Comments 01:23:36 – 01:40:13

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 01:40:15 – 02:27:45

Season dates, tag distribution, and bonus points versus preference points were discussed.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add the two permits from the spring hunt to the summer hunt in the South Slope Diamond.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 4:1. Mike King opposed.

MOTION: I move that the Division be directed to round down (instead of up) when setting the permit quota for non-resident harvest and pursuit bear permits.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the 2017 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented.

- 7) Private Pond Rule Amendments – Rule R657-59 (Action) **02:23:08 – 03:11:00 of 04:50:06**

Randy Oplinger presented the Private Pond Rule Amendments.

Board Questions 02:33:04 – 02:36:25

The Board asked for clarification on some COR changes, COR violations and enforcement, and how this may affect Dixie proposal discussed in southern region meeting.

Public Questions 02:36:26 – 02:40:18

Public questions were accepted at this time.

RAC Recommendation 02:40:20 – 2:41:55

All RACs passed the Fish Pond Rule unanimously. Southern Region included a request from the Utah Association of Aquaculture.

Public Comments 02:41:57 – 02:54:04

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 02:54:06 – 03:11:00

The Board discussed the definition of natural stream channels and waterways.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Private Pond Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 59 as presented by the Division.

- 8) AIS Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 60 (Action) 04:03:55 – 04:15:42 of 04:50:06

Nathan Owens presented AIS Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 60.

RAC Recommendation 04:13:35 – 04:13:44

All RACs unanimously passed the AIS Rule Amendment.

Public Comments 04:13:46 – 04:14:30

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 04:14:32 – 04:15:42

The Board discussed detection and contamination reports for Lake Powell.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Mike King and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve AIS Rule Amendments – Rule R657- 60 as presented.

- 9) R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments (**Action**) **04:15:44 – 04:38:19 of 04:50:06**

Bryan Christensen presented R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments.

Board/RAC Questions 04:28:37 – 04:31:35

The Board asked about the availability of the online ethics program and options for extension.

RAC Recommendation 04:31:37 – 04:34:02

All RACs with exception of Southern RAC unanimously passed the Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments. Southern had one abstention.

There was a discussion on extending dedicated hunter opportunities to the general season elk.

Public Comments 04:34:05 – 04:34:26

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion 04:34:28 – 04:38:19

Chairman Bair commended the Division for being user friendly with the tag surrender process. The Board discussed availability of conservation projects and if including RAC attendance would be sensible.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments as presented.

- 10) Other Business (**Contingent**) **04:38:21 – 04:48:43 of 04:50:06**

The Board discussed the sandhill crane issue facing the northeast region.

Greg Sheehan updated the board on upcoming DWR events.

Meeting adjourned.