

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

April 27, 2017, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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AGENDA

Tuesday, April 27, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 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. Paunsaugunt Cactus Buck Research Update
- Annette Roug, Wildlife Veterinarian | INFORMATION |
| 6. Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2017
- Justin Shannon Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 7. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2017
- Justin Shannon Big Game Coordinator and Regional Wildlife Manager | ACTION |
| 8. 2017 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations
- Covy Jones, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. 2017 CWMU Antlerless Variance Requests
– Covy Jones, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. CRC Variance Requests
– Staci Coons, CRC Chairman | ACTION |
| 11. Other Business
– John Bair, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting as presented.

3) DWR Update (**Informational**)

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a Division review of the shed antler gathering and provide an informational report at the upcoming September RAC.

4) Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2017 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations for Bucks, Bulls and OIAL permit numbers as presented by the Division.

6) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2017 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented by the Division.

7) 2017 Antlerless CWMU Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

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

unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2017 Antlerless CWMU permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

8) 2017 CWMU Antlerless Variance Requests (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2017 CWMU Antlerless Variance Requests as presented.

9) CRC Variance Requests (**Action**)

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

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10) Other Business (**Contingent**)

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

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

RAC Chairs

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

Division Personnel

Mike Fowlks
Mike Canning
Rory Reynolds
Kevin Bunnell
Chris Wood
Jason Vernon
Justin Dolling
Boyde Blackwell
Bill Bates
Staci Coons
Thu Vo-Wood
Ben Nadolski
Annette Roug
Justin Shannon
Covy Jones
Mike Christensen
Paul Gedge
Tom Smart
Guy Wallace
Xaela Walden

Lindy Varney
Teresa Griffin
Dax Mangus
Kent Hersey
Randy Wood
Darren DeBloois
Riley Peck
Greg Hansen
Marty Bushman
Bryan Christensen
Rick Olson
Karen Caldwell
Gary Ogborn
Tom Becker
Troy Davis
Phil Gray
Steve Gray
Josh Pollock
Robyn Pearson

Public

Randy Parker - UT Farm Bureau
Bill Christensen - RMEF
Jeremy Anderson - MDF
Ron Barton
Ken Strong
Burke Roney
Paul Briggs
David Smedley
Mike Wardle
Bryce Pilling
Ben Lowder – UBA
Troy Justensen SFW
Gene Boardman
Don Peay
Larry Fitzgerald
Rob Fitzgerald
Sam Howlett

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<https://youtu.be/qEvqVaWzfnQ> (Part I) & <https://youtu.be/ch1GuQ0MpVk> (Part II)
Part I 00:01:43 – 03:37:28/Part II 00:00:30 – 01:57:30

00:01:43 Chairman Bair welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and
(Part I) RAC Chairs.

00:06:08 1) **Approval of Agenda** (Action)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

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

00:06:37 2) **Approval of Minutes** (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting as presented.

00:07:19 3) **Old Business/Action Log** (Contingent)

None. Byron Bateman brought up youth hunt issues that will be addressed in the next round of RAC meetings and June Board meeting.

00:09:32 4) **DWR Update** (Informational)

Greg Sheehan recognized outgoing Board and RAC members and mentioned upcoming RAC and Board nominations. He also updated the Board on wolf management issues, actions taken by DWR for the past hard winter season: winter feeding and shed antler closure, and prairie dog decision.

00:22:30 The Board had an extensive discussion on the shed antler closure: impact to other states, whether it worked, whether it was necessary or worthwhile for the resource, and if it should continue.

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a Division review of the shed antler gathering and provide an informational report at the upcoming September RAC.

00:47:27 5) Paunsaugunt Cactus Buck Research Update (Informational)

Annette Roug presented research update on Paunsaugunt cactus buck.

01:07:20 Board Questions

There were questions based on reproductive behavior, mechanism for virus transfer, hormonal affects, research efforts, and trend in other areas of the state.

01:15:37 6) Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2017 (Action)

Justin Shannon presented the recommendations.

01:34:26 Board Questions

The Board brought up questions about overcrowding, namely in the Pine Valley area, and reasoning behind permit increases and decreases. Plus, there was a request for tracking hunter success during the archery bison once-in-a-lifetime hunt.

01:46:27 Public Questions

Public questions were taken at this time.

01:48:06 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the Division's recommendations unanimously with exception of Southern RAC which had one dissent. Both Southern and Southeast RAC included action log items that will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

01:58:44 Public Comments

The Board accepted public comments.

02:17:46 Board Discussion

The Board discussed the logic behind the legalizing of velvet buck hunt and age class of elk on the Monroe and Dutton unit.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations for Bucks, Bulls and OIAL permit numbers as presented by the Division.

02:32:51 7) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2017 (Action)

Justin Shannon presented the 2017 antlerless permit recommendations.

02:48:26 Board Questions

Wildlife Board asked about urban deer solutions (taking/dispatching vs. translocation), clarification on draw permits in southern region, and hunt date for elk on Panguitch Lake.

03:00:23 Public Questions

The Board accepted public questions.

03:02:33 RAC Recommendations

SERO and NERO unanimously passed the antlerless permit recommendations for 2017.

Northern, Central, and Southern RAC passed the recommendations with varying dissent, additional motions, and amendments.

03:09:18 Public Comments

The Board accepted public comments at this time.

03:15:20 Board Discussion

Chairman Bair brought up a point about private lands access as a management tool for elk movement rather than an attempt to privatize or limit public access, emphasizing a management tool to address problem elk rather than discouraging public hunt opportunities or traditional family elk camps.

The Board had a lengthy discussion on how to obtain a permit for private lands only and what that entails. Other discussions revolved around the clarification of each RAC's varying motions and amendments.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented by the Division.

03:37:28 Lunch break

00:00:48 8) 2017 Antlerless CWMU Permit Recommendations (Action)
(PART II)

Covy Jones presented the antlerless CWMU permit recommendations for 2017.

00:06:27 RAC Recommendations

The antlerless CWMU permit recommendations for 2017 passed unanimously at all RACs with one abstention at the Southern RAC.

00:08:10 Public Comments

The Board accepted public comments at this time.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2017 Antlerless CWMU permit recommendations as presented by the Division.

00:09:35 9) 2017 CWMU Antlerless Variance Requests (Action)

Covy Jones presented the 2017 CWMU Antlerless Variance Requests.

00:13:42 Board Questions

The Board asked for specific wording of the variance request (noncontiguous acreage), property acreage, clarification/differences of CWMU Landowner rules and their revisions, surrounding property, ownership, big game population and migration in the area, and tag numbers.

00:20:53 Public Questions

Public questions were taken at this time.

00:23:59 RAC Recommendations

Central, Southern, and Northeast RAC approved the variance requests with varying dissent. Northern and Southeast RAC unanimously denied the variance.

00:27:25 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:42:32 Board Discussion

Chairman Bair processed through the request against the rule, leaning toward support. Byron Bateman reiterated support for the variance request. Calvin Crandall brought up issues of setting precedence if this variance is accepted.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2017 CWMU Antlerless Variance Requests as presented.

01:06:02 10) CRC Variance Requests (Action)

Staci Coons presented the CRC Variance Requests. The Board asked various questions to determine their decision.

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

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01:16:28 11) Other Business (Contingent)

Martin Bushman presented a stipulation for Ken Hornok to reduce the suspension from three years to two years and seven months.

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Meeting adjourned.