Utah Wildlife Board Meeting  
September 28, 2017, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
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AGENDA

Thursday, September 28, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda  
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman  

2. Approval of Minutes  
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman  

3. Old Business/Action Log  
   – Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair  
     - Early Rifle Deer Hunt  
     - LE Deer Hunts on GS units  
     - Velvet only deer hunts  
     - Mt. Goats on Deep Creeks  
     - Mt. Goat Transplants  
     - End cow elk hunts by December 31  
     - Shed Antler Gathering  

4. DWR Update  
   – Mike Fowlks, DWR Director  

5. Conservation Permit Annual Report  
   - Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief  

6. Conservation Permit Audit  
   - Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief  

7. 2018 RAC/Board Dates  
   - Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator  

8. Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group  
   - Darren DeBloois, Mammals Program Coordinator  

9. Other Business  
   – Kirk Woodward, Chairman  
     • Winter WAFWA  

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1) Approval of Agenda (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

2) Approval of Minutes (Action)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting with corrections.

3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)

7 Action Log Items were addressed:

- Early Rifle Deer Hunt
- Limited Entry Deer Hunts on General Season units
- Velvet only deer hunts
- End cow elk hunt by December 31
- Shed Antler Gathering
- Mt. Goats on Deep Creek
- Mt. Goat Transplants

4) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Action)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Annual Report as presented by the Division.

5) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Audit as presented.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a review of the conservation permit audit process that could include a rule change.

6) 2018 RAC/Board Dates (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the 2018 RAC/Board Dates as presented by the Division.

7) Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group as presented by the Division.
## Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
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1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

### Attendance

**Wildlife Board**
- Kirk Woodward – Chair
- Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair
- Mike Fowlks – Exec Sec
- Kevin Albrecht
- Calvin Crandall
- Donnie Hunter
- Karl Hirst
- Steve Dalton

**Division Personnel**
- Mike Canning
- Rick Olson
- J Shirley
- Darren DeBloois
- Kent Hersey
- Martin Bushman
- Teresa Griffin
- Greg Hansen
- Covy Jones
- Mike Christensen
- Drew Cushing
- Paul Gedge
- Chris Wood
- Staci Coons
- Justin Shannon
- Thu Vo-Wood
- Kenny Johnson

### Public Present
- Miles Moretti – MDF
- Lee Howard
- Melissa Whitaker
- Allison Jones
- Aaron Johnson
- Nile Wilkey
- Greg Bird
- Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau
- Troy Justensen – SFW
- Kyle Witherspoon – SCI
- Al Robb – UT Trappers Assoc.
- Bailey Bannon

Approved
Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience. Board members introduced themselves.

1) Approval of Agenda (Action)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting with corrections.

3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)

Seven Action Log Items were addressed. Justin Shannon addressed the first four items. Covy Jones addressed shed antler gathering and Rusty Robinson addressed the last two items.

Early Rifle Deer Hunt Action Log Item

To reduce crowding and lower buck-to-doe ratios on units that are consistently over objective the Division plans to recommend early rifle deer hunts this November on nine units with season dates overlapping general season spike/any bull hunts and include a weekend.

Limited Entry Deer Hunts on General Season Units Action Log Item

This November DWR plans to recommend limited entry hunts on all general season units that are meeting the minimum buck-to-doe ratio objectives.

Velvet Only Deer Hunts Action Log Item

The DWR plans to recommend a cactus buck hunt on the Paunsaugunt unit this November. Cactus buck will be defined under R657-5. This will provide additional limited entry deer hunting opportunities and reduce cactus bucks on the unit. The proposed season dates would be early to mid-November 2018.

End Cow Elk Hunts by December 31 Action Log Item

Late season elk hunts serve a management purpose: population objectives, proper distribution, reduce depredation and conflicts. The
hunts also allow for more public harvest and reduce the need for removals from DWR. The Division will commit to remove or reduce late season hunts that are not fulfilling a management purpose.

00:31:41 Shed Antler Gathering Action Log Item
The severe winter conditions in 2017 led to emergency feedings and closure of shed antler gathering. The closure was to protect the mule deer population and their winter habitat.

DWR recommends continuing to allow shed antler gathering along with the Antler Gathering Ethics course certificate, and closing affected areas during severe winters to protect deer and their habitat.

00:50:58 Mountain Goat on Deep Creeks Action Log Item
A committee was formed to consider the transplanting of sheep and/or goats. They supported the transplanting of goats and drafted a unit management plan. The Division will continue to work with stakeholders, gather and compile data, and refine the plan. A field trip is planned for this fall. DWR will report to the board with options.

00:53:40 Mountain Goat Transplants Action Log Item
After evaluating the viability of proposed areas and considering the social issues, habitat availability, and ability for populations to establish on their own, DWR created a list of potential transplant sites and areas where goats could establish naturally. Some transplant sites may require changes to statewide plan.

01:00:20 4) DWR Update (Informational)
Mike Fowlks talked about the AFWA Conference, the NRCC tour – Brian Head fire, the Pacific Flyway, staff changes, hunting season, and furbearer.

01:05:20 5) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Action)
Justin Shannon presented the annual report.

01:13:12 Board Questions
The board asked about documentation for funds used, 5% rule, limitations of projects without funds.

01:16:28 Public Questions
Public questions were taken at this time.

01:21:14 Board Discussion
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Annual Report as presented by the Division.
6) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)

Kenny Johnson presented the audit.

Byron Bateman expressed concern about the discrepancies presented in the audit. Karl Hirst pushed the issue on documentation of funds.

Board Questions

The board continued to express and address concerns about discrepancies and documentation.

Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion

The board expressed concern about the discrepancies presented in the audit. Karl Hirst pushed the issue on documentation of funds.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Audit as presented.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a review of the Conservation Permit Audit process that could include a rule change.

7) 2018 RAC/Board Dates (Action)

Staci Coons presented the 2018 RAC/Board dates.

Board Questions/Discussion

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the RAC/Board Dates as presented by the Division.

8) Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group (Action)

Darren DeBloois presented the working group proposal.

Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

Board Discussion

The board mentioned many people expressed concerns about this issue. They discussed details of the working group.

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

**MOTION:** I move that we approve the proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group as presented by the Division.

**02:15:24 9) Other Business** (Contingent)

The Board discussed the upcoming winter WAFWA in San Diego, CA and decided that Byron Bateman should attend. The conference runs January 3-8, 2018.

**02:21:05** Meeting adjourned.