

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 11, 2018, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The Board Meeting will stream live at <https://youtu.be/xFPeE79o9Ok>

## AGENDA

Thursday, January 11, 2018, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair                                       | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. Deer Creek Reservoir<br>– Nathan Owens, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator         | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 6. Flaming Gorge Management Plan<br>– Ryan Mosley, Regional Aquatics Biologist                  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 7. 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments<br>- Darren Deblois, Mammals Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments<br>- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief             | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Other Business<br>- Kirk Woodward, 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 Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

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

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

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.**

3) Old Business/Action Log

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

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division review eliminating a second COR request for powered scopes on crossbows when obtaining an initial COR for use of a crossbow during the archery hunt. The Division will report its findings at the April 2018 Wildlife Board meeting.**

4) 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 5 to 1. Karl Hirst opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented by the Division including the proposal by the Utah Houndsman Association on the La Sal and San Juan units for fall season dates of August 6 – November 16 with hound hunting restrictions from August 18-24, September 8-25, and October, any weapon, general season elk and deer hunt dates.**

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we include the Book Cliffs in the original motion.**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed 5 to 1. Byron Bateman opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we negate the previous two motions, but accept the Division's recommendations and amendments as presented.**

5) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments as presented by the Division.**

Approved

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Attendance

**Wildlife Board**

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

**RAC Chairs**

Central – Jason Vernon  
Southern – Dave Black  
Southeastern – L. Kent Johnson  
Northeastern – Dan Abeyta  
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

**Division Personnel**

Mike Canning  
Rory Reynolds  
Bill Bates  
Kevin Bunnell  
Boyde Blackwell  
Justin Dolling  
Chris Wood  
Kenny Johnson  
Rick Olson  
Drew Cushing  
Justin Shannon  
Tom Thompson  
Mike Christensen  
Paul Gedge  
Staci Coons  
Thu Vo-Wood  
Martin Bushman  
Greg Hansen  
Lindy Varney  
Teresa Griffin  
Guy Wallace  
Riley Peck  
Randy Wood  
Dax Mangus  
Darren DeBloois  
Nathan Owens  
Ryan Mosley  
Steve Newren  
Dennis Shumway  
Vance Mumford  
Mindi Cox  
Mark Hadley

**Public Present**

Bryce Pilling  
Allison Jones – Wild Utah Project  
Ken Strong  
Troy Justensen – SFW  
Ben Lowder – UBA  
Sadie Young – Wasatch CAPs  
Bill Christensen – RMEF  
Will Talbot – Piute County Commissioner  
Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau  
Bret Selman – UT Woolgrowers Association  
Scott Chew – UT House of Representatives  
Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy  
Jason Binder  
Bob Brister  
Lynn Anderson  
Jan Ellen Burton  
Guy Webster – UHA  
Chet Young  
Chris Lamoureux  
Mindy Talbot  
Kevin Newman  
Sierra Nelson  
Christine Helfrich  
Bryce Thurgood  
Aaron Johnson – UHA  
Dan Cockayne – UHA

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- 00:00:28** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.
- 00:02:01** 1) **Approval of Agenda** (Action)  
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**
- 00:02:24** 2) **Approval of Minutes** (Action)  
The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.**
- 00:03:14** 3) **Old Business/Action Log** (Contingent)  
Dave Black briefly explained an action log item brought up in the southern region about scopes on crossbows.  
The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.  
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- 00:09:43** 4) **DWR Update** (Informational)  
Winter is a busy season for DWR with ongoing transplants and captures, continuing work on the migration initiative, and preparing for the upcoming Legislative session. The weather is affecting planned projects and events. Farmington Bay construction continues with a projected finish date around June or July 2018. Byron Bateman summarized his attendance at the mid-winter WAFWA conference. Donnie Hunter expressed appreciation to Zion National Park for access to complete transplants.
- 00:20:43** 5) **Deer Creek Reservoir** (Informational)  
Nathan Owens provided information on aquatic invasive species at Deer Creek Reservoir. The reservoir has been reclassified to “undetected”.  
The board asked for clarification on procedures moving forward on contaminated water bodies to clear water bodies, triggers that affect growth and contamination, and future monitoring.

**00:35:40 6) Flaming Gorge Management Plan (Informational)**

Ryan Mosley provided information on the sportfish management plan for Flaming Gorge.

The Board and RAC asked about wind driven mixing, burbot reduction, fish stocking between agencies, and catfish stocking.

**00:51:46 7) 2018 Black Bear Recommendations and Rule Amendments (Action)**

Darren DeBlois presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

**01:09:23 –**  
**01:13:25** Sgt. Dennis Shumway provided background on the conflict faced in the field between archery hunters and bear hunters. The Board asked if permit reduction would alleviate the conflict.

**01:23:58 Board/RAC Questions**

The board asked for clarification on the minimum bear chart, restricted pursuit permit. RAC chair asked about nuisance bear according to the sport harvest/depredation mortality chart.

**01:35:16 Public Questions**

Public questions were accepted at this time.

**01:46:55 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**02:30:50 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs passed the recommendations and rule amendments with several conditions.

**02:41:01 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized and clarified the motions from each RAC. The Board further discussed the motions, namely the Houndsman's proposal on the Book Cliffs, San Juan, and the La Sal units. The Board also discussed hunter conflict and nuisance bear.

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**03:35:06 8) CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments (Action)**

Justin Shannon presented the appointments.

**03:38:00 Board Questions**

The board asked about revoting for members already on the committee.

**03:38:58 Board Discussion**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the CWMU Advisory Committee Appointments as presented by the Division.**

**03:40:06 9) Other Business (Contingent)**

None.

**03:40:56 Meeting adjourned.**

Approved