

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

April 26, 2018, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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## AGENDA

Thursday, April 26, 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. Use of Airbows<br>– Marvin Carlston, President of Shooting Edge   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 6. Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2018<br>– Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator, and Regional Wildlife Manager | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2018<br>– Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator, and Regional Wildlife Manager             | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. 2018 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations<br>– Mike Wardle, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator                     | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Poaching Reported Reward Permit Program Changes<br>– Justin Shirley, Law Enforcement Captain                                | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 10. COR Approval for Nuisance Bat Removal<br>– Kim Hersey, Nongame Mammals Coordinator   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 11. 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 Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

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

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 March 7, 2018 meeting as presented.**

3) Old Business/Action Log DWR Update (**Informational**)

**Big Game Baiting**  
**COR – Power Scopes on Crossbows**

4) Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2018 (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we reduce the permit numbers by 200 on the Central Mountains, Manti/San Rafael unit.**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 4 to 1. Kevin Albrecht opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we keep the Pine Valley unit at the 2017 permit numbers.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we decrease the Division's recommendation for the Book Cliffs from 35 to 15 additional permits.**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4 to 1. Byron Bateman opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the deer recommendations as presented by the Division.**

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4 to 1.

Calvin Crandall opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we maintain the 37 elk permits from 2017 on the Monroe unit.**

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4 to 1. Calvin Crandall opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we keep the Central Mountains, Manti unit permit number the same as in 2017 at 467.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the elk recommendation as presented by the Division.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we decrease the sheep permit numbers from 3 to 2 on the Nebo/Wasatch Mountain.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the 2018 Permit Recommendations as presented.**

5) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2018 (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented by the Division.**

6) 2018 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

7) Poaching Reported Reward Permit Program Changes (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Poaching Reported Reward Permit Program Changes as presented.**

8) COR Approval for Nuisance Bat Removal (**Action**)

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the COR for Nuisance Bat Removal as presented by the Division.**

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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 - Excused  
Steve Dalton

**RAC Chairs**

Central – Jason Vernon  
Southern – Wade Heaton  
Southeastern – Trish Hedin  
Northeastern – Randy Dearth  
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

**Division Personnel**

Mike Canning  
Rory Reynolds  
Bill Bates  
Kevin Bunnell  
Boyde Blackwell  
Justin Dolling  
Chris Wood  
Jason Vernon  
Kenny Johnson  
Rick Olson  
Justin Shannon  
Drew Cushing  
Paul Gedge  
Mike Christensen  
Staci Coons  
Thu Vo-Wood  
Mark Hadley  
Wade Heaton  
Martin Bushman  
Greg Hansen  
Lindy Varney  
Teresa Griffin  
Guy Wallace  
Riley Peck  
Randy Wood  
Dax Mangus  
Covy Jones  
Mike Wardle  
Justin Shirley  
Kim Hersey  
Kent Hersey  
Phil Gray  
Jace Taylor  
Steve Newren  
Darren DeBloois

**Public Present**

Marvin Carlston – Shooting Edge  
Randy Graham – Shooting Edge  
Troy Justensen – SFW  
Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau  
Bill Christensen - RMEF  
Nolan Gardner  
Greg Bird – UT Wildsheep Foundation  
Roy Hampton – UT Archery Association  
Doyle Moss  
Jesse Hatch

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- 00:00:04** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.
- 00:03:32** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**
- 00:03:48** **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 March 7, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.**
- 00:04:15** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**  
The following action log items were discussed:
- 00:04:44** **Big Game Baiting** – Covy Jones presented the findings.
- 00:18:45** **COR – Power Scopes on Crossbows** – Phil Gray presented the findings. The COR pertains to the archery hunt only.
- 00:25:40** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**  
Mike Fowlks updated the Board on the Utah Prairie Dog Conservation Plan, the down-listing of humpback chub, the success of the Waterfowl Summit and watershed initiative funding meeting, the formation of the Private Aquaculture Committee, the effects of the southern Utah drought, and sage-grouse leks. DWR has an upcoming event - Future of Hunting Summit. IWJV recognized Utah citizens for their work.
- 00:33:38** **5) Use of Airbows (Informational)**  
Randy Graham provided information on airbolts. The Board had some questions on the excise tax and types of ammo used for this weapon.
- 00:50:46** **6) Bucks, Bulls, and OIAL Permit Recommendations for 2018 (Action)**  
Covy Jones presented the 2018 recommendations.
- 01:17:01** **Board Questions**  
The board asked for clarification on the Colorado research, management objective, RAC feedback, permit recommendations, and effects of drought on fawn survival.

**01:33:30 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs had several conditions for the recommendations and varying dissent on each. They all passed the remainder of the recommendations.

**01:47:20 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**01:59:36 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward proposed they proceed with the discussion by breaking the items into three subsets: deer, elk, and pronghorn and OIAL. He summarized the motions for deer from each RAC. The Board further discussed the motions.

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

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**MOTION: I move that we accept the remainder of the deer recommendations as presented by the Division.**

**02:28:17**

Chairman Woodward summarized each RACs' motion on elk. The Board further discussed the motions.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4 to 1. Calvin Crandall opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we maintain the 37 elk permits from 2017 on the Monroe unit.**

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed 4 to 1. Calvin Crandall opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we keep the Central Mountains, Manti unit permit number the same as in 2017 at 467.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the elk recommendation as presented by the Division.**

**02:45:33**

Chairman Woodward summarized the motions on pronghorn and sheep.

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

**MOTION: I move that we decrease the sheep permit numbers from 3 to 2 on the Nebo/Wasatch Mountain.**

**02:48:00**

The Board discussed the drought situation.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the balance of the 2018 Permit Recommendations as presented.**

**02:51:38**

**LUNCH BREAK**

**03:41:39**

**7) Antlerless Permit Recommendations for 2018 (Action)**

Covy Jones presented the antlerless permit recommendations.

**04:03:39**

**Board/RAC Questions**

The board asked how often counts occur, total elk permits in the state, pressure and movement, and effect of development on wildlife.

**04:12:24**

**Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**04:26:43**

**RAC Recommendations**

All RACs unanimously passed the permit recommendations. Southern RAC asked the Board to examine whether trophy bull hunters are impacted by muzzle-loader deer hunters who also have cow tags.

The Board discussed Southern RAC's request to examine the disruption of muzzle-loader deer hunters on trophy bull hunters and why the Southern RAC voted unanimously this time around.

**04:36:36**

**Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC vote. The Board continued discussion on the Southern RAC decision.

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 recommendations for Antlerless Permit numbers as presented by the Division.**

**04:38:40**

**8) 2018 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations (Action)**



Mike Wardle presented the CWMU antlerless permit recommendations.

**04:46:30 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs unanimously passed the recommendations. Southern and Southeast RACs had one abstention each.

**04:47:18 Board Discussion**

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

**MOTION: I move that we accept the 2018 CWMU Antlerless Permit Recommendations as presented by the Division.**

**04:48:08 9) Poaching Reported Reward Permit Program Changes (Action)**

Rick Olson presented the program changes.

**04:58:56 Board Questions**

The board asked about certain scenarios.

**05:01:30 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs unanimously passed the program changes.

**05:01:49 Board Discussion**

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Poaching Reported Reward Permit Program Changes as presented.**

**05:03:04 10) COR Approval for Nuisance Bat Removal (Action)**

Kim Hersey presented the COR.

**05:05:59 Board Questions**

The board asked about health risks posed by bats.

**05:07:37 Board Discussion**

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

**MOTION: I move that we approve the COR for Nuisance Bat Removal as presented by the Division.**

**05:08:10 11) Other Business (Contingent)**

The Board discussed management hunts, recruitment and retention of 12-15 year old hunters, and archery sheep once-in-a-lifetime hunt.

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht and then withdrawn.

**MOTION: I move that we put the archery sheep once-in-a-lifetime on the action log and include a survey for public feedback.**

**05:37:46** Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED