

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

August 30, 2018, DNR Auditorium

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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AGENDA

Thursday, August 30, 2018, Board Meeting 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes ACTION
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman
3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update ACTION
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director
5. R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments ACTION
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator
6. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2018-2019 ACTION
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator
7. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2018-2019 ACTION
– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator
8. Rule R657-48 – Sensitive Species Rule Amendments ACTION
– Kimberly Hersey, Nongame Mammals Coordinator
9. Expo Permit Audit ACTION
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief
10. Expo Permit Allocation ACTION
– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief
11. Additional Antlerless Permits to address drought condition ACTION
– Covy Jones, Big Game Section Chief
12. Wildlife Board Stipulation and Order – Motion to Dismiss ACTION
– Greg Hansen, Asst. Attorney General
13. Prohibited Species Variance Request – Cliff Leavitt ACTION
– Staci Coons, Rules, RAC, and Wildlife Board Coordinator
14. Other Business CONTINGENT
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman

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Summary of Motions

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 31, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-11 Furbearer Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

The following amended motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed 4 to 2. Kevin Albrecht and Steve Dalton opposed.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to notify the Animal Damage Control Board when the working group reconvenes in one year to review the affects of the change and report to the Board.

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5) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2018-2019 (**Action**)

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unanimously.

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MOTION: I move that the Division present a recommendation to the Wildlife Board next year on the inclusion of GPS data in the check-in process that requires the submission of location/time of kill site and photograph of cougar's sex.

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MOTION: I move that we create a harvest objective subunit on the Mineral Mountains with 3 permits and leave the remaining 10 permits on the Beaver East unit.

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MOTION: I move that we keep the East Canyon unit as a limited entry and maintain the permit at 10.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the balance of the Division's recommendations and amendments.

6) Additional Antlerless Permits to Address Drought Condition (**Action**)

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MOTION: I move that we accept the additional antlerless permits as presented by the Division, keeping the bison recommendation at 109 except change the bison cow hunts on the last two new bison hunts (1/5/19-1/28/19) to hunters' choice.

The following amended motion was made by Calvin Crandall and failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include an additional 500

antlerless elk permits to the 723 permits, distributed over the same hunts.

7) R657-48 – Sensitive Species Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-48 Sensitive Species Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

8) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

9) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

10) Wildlife Board Stipulation and Order (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the motion to dismiss Mr. Lance Luck's appeal with prejudice as presented by the Division.

11) Prohibited Species Variance Request (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the variance request for Mr. Leavitt 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 approve the COR for Nuisance Snake Removal as presented by the Division.

12) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the transfer of 10 permits from the antlerless pronghorn archery hunt to the antlerless pronghorn rifle hunt.

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 – Kris Marble
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Dan Abeyta
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Martin Bushman	Steve Newren
Rory Reynolds	Greg Hansen	Paul Washburn
Ashley Green	Lindy Varney	Bruce Johnson
Kevin Bunnell	Teresa Griffin	Scott Dalebout
Boyde Blackwell	Guy Wallace	Wyatt Bubak
Justin Dolling	Riley Peck	Brock Thornley
Chris Wood	Randy Wood	Ben Wolford
Jason Vernon	Dax Mangus	Torrey Christophersen
Kenny Johnson	Darren DeBlooiz	Dave Beveridge
Rick Olson	Kim Hersey	
Justin Shannon	Covy Jones	
Paul Gedge	Phil Gray	
Carmen McDonald	Rusty Robinson	
Staci Coons	Kent Hersey	
Thu Vo-Wood	Wade Paskett	

Public Present

Bryce Pilling – SFW	Jean Tabin	Colton Belliston	Chris Carling
John Bair – SFW	Deann Shepherd	Al Robb	Kevin Norman
Jeremy Anderson – MDF	Jesse Painter	Catherine Smith	Kelly Kreis
Melinda McIlukeine	Cory Huntsman	Scott Stubbs	Ron Holt
Sierra Nelson – UWGA	Christine Heifrich	Stacy Stubbs	Annette Davis
Bill Christensen – RMEF	Lynn Anderson	Bailey Stubbs	Jerry Davis
Mat Farnsworth – UHA	Bob Brister	Kenneth Duncan	WhitneyZack
Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau		Margeaux Wesley	Jim Hyde
John Ziegler – UT Wildlife Mgmt Accountability Project		Mike Schultz	Garth Ogden
Guy Webster – UT Houndsman Association		Holden Rockwell	Wade Garrett
Gene Baierschmidt – Humane Society of Utah		Ken Strong	Chad Harris
Brett Selman – UT Woolgrowers Association		Paul Zuckerman	Sherilee Woodward
Sundays Hunt – Humane Society of the US		Daniel Davis	Taner Pasanen
Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy		Ray Howze	Chris Lockhead
Verland King – Wayne County Grazers Association		Mike Christensen	Clifton Leavitt
Dennis Blackburn – Wayne County		Brayden Schultz	Crystal Leavitt
		Brett Behling	
		Troy Forrest	

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- 00:00:35** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience. The Board and RAC members introduced themselves.
- 00:02:36** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:03:01** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 31, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:03:19** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
No action log items at this time.
- 00:04:10** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Mike Fowlks updated the board on wildfires and restoration funding, drought, Springville regional office rebuild, Eccles Wildlife Education Center grand opening, employee awards, change in director's office, and status on hunting and fishing.
The Board inquired further about wildfires and funding. Justin Shannon updated the Board about disease affecting bighorn sheep at Zion National Park.
- 00:12:24** **5) R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments (Action)**
Darren DeBloois presented the amendments.
- 00:21:26** **Board Questions**
The board asked for clarification on trap licenses and registration and procedure for take.
- 00:27:22** **Public Questions**
Public questions were accepted at this time.
- 00:39:06** **RAC Recommendations**
Northern and Central RACs unanimously passed the amendment. Southern, Southeastern, and Northeastern RACs passed it with varying stipulations.

00:42:31 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:55:44 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the motions of each RAC. The Board discussed SRO's motion to clarify that the motion removes the 600 foot and extends it out to the property line. Calvin Crandall lead the discussion on inclusion of groups who missed the meeting.

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01:10:01 6) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2018-2019 (Action)

Darren DeBloois presented the recommendations.

01:14:54 Board Questions

The board inquired about the fluctuation in harvest percentages.

01:16:08 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

01:21:42 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the recommendation with exception of Central, which passed it 7-1.

01:22:17 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:26:14 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions. They discussed the cost of tags and possibility of multi-year license.

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01:33:20 BREAK

01:42:45 7) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2018-2019 (Action)

Darren DeBlois presented the recommendations and amendments.

02:02:35 Board/RAC Questions

The board inquired about take history, population estimate, livestock loss, and reimbursement funding for loss.

02:11:46 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

02:33:07 RAC Recommendations

Each RAC passed the cougar recommendations and rule amendments with varying opposition and stipulations (e.g., split units, GPS coordinates, increase/decrease permits).

02:40:00 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

03:55:02 LUNCH BREAK

04:41:26 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions and noted the equal split of public support for, against the proposal, and those in between. The Board discussed harvest objective; data analysis; diversity of input, data, science, and consideration for public comments.

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05:33:14 8) Additional Antlerless Permits to address drought condition (Action)

Covy Jones presented the permit request.

05:45:15 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about bison permit allocation, clarification on cow bison permits, affects on bull to cow ratio, and bison objective.

05:58:51 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

06:11:11 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

06:23:27 Board Discussion

The Board discussed the possibility of electronic notification to hunters and sufficient permit numbers to address drought. Chairman Woodward reminded everyone that this is a recommendation to address the drought situation, not setting herd numbers.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5 to 1. Calvin Crandall opposed.

MOTION: I move that we accept the additional antlerless permits as presented by the Division, keeping the bison recommendation at 109 except

change the bison cow hunts on the first 5 original hunts (12/1/18-12/31/18) to hunters' choice and the last two new bison hunts (1/5/19-1/28/19) to hunters' choice.

The following amended motion was made by Calvin Crandall and failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that we amend the motion to include an additional 500 antlerless elk permits to the 723 permits, distributed over the same hunts.

06:35:12 9) R657-48 – Sensitive Species Rule Amendments (Action)

Kim Hersey presented the amendments.

06:41:13 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the rule amendments.

06:41:45 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept R657-48 Sensitive Species Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

06:42:05 10) Expo Permit Audit (Action)

Kenny Johnson presented the audit.

06:54:30 Board Discussion

Karl Hirst commented that the report met his expectations from his previous year's request to reach a zero bottomline.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

06:56:02 11) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)

Justin Shannon presented the allocation.

06:58:10 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

06:59:03 Board Discussion

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

06:59:36 12) Wildlife Board Stipulation and Order – Motion to Dismiss (Action)

Greg Hansen presented the stipulation and order for Lance Luck who was not present; therefore, it was presented unopposed.

07:03:39 Board Questions/Discussion

The board asked for clarification that every effort was taken and documented to contact Mr. Luck. The Board inquired about the difference between with and without prejudice.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the motion to dismiss Mr. Lance Luck's appeal with prejudice as presented by the Division.

07:06:30 13) Prohibited Species Variance Request (Action)

Staci Coons presented the variance request.

07:09:56 Board Questions/Discussion

The board asked about certified veterinarians in Utah, character, life expectancy, activity, and setting precedents for accepting this species.

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07:19:08 14) Other Business (Contingent)

Justin Shannon requested an amendment in the emergency drought antlerless permit request pertaining to the pronghorn archery hunt that has already passed (Aug 1-17, 2018). He is requesting to move the 10 permits to the pronghorn rifle hunt, October 6-28, 2018.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the transfer of 10 permits from the antlerless pronghorn archery hunt to the antlerless pronghorn rifle hunt.

07:22:40 Meeting adjourned.