

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting
November 29, 2018, DNR Auditorium
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah
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Thursday, November 29, 2018, 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Agricultural Contributions to Wildlife Conservation Presentation
- Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief | INFORMATIONAL |
| 6. Statewide Mountain Goat Management Plan
- Jace Taylor, Wildlife Biologist | ACTION |
| 7. Statewide Bighorn Sheep Management Plan
- Jace Taylor, Wildlife Biologist | ACTION |
| 8. Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2019 Season Dates, Application Timeline and Rule Amendments
- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator | ACTION |
| 9. CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2019 and
Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2019
- Mike Wardle, Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. R657-38 – Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments
- Bryan Christensen, Dedicated Hunter Coordinator | ACTION |
| 11. Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2019
- Blair Stringham, Waterfowl Program Coordinator | ACTION |
| 12. Flaming Gorge Reservoir Rule Amendments – R657-13
– Greg Hansen, Asst. Attorney General | ACTION |
| 13. Other Business
– Kirk Woodward, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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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.

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

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**)

Action Log Items addressed: Archery Season Dates for Elk

Chairman Woodward requested a calendar view of the elk season structure and how that affects other hunts and for it to come back to the board at the April/May meeting.

4) Statewide Mountain Goat Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed 5 in favor with one abstention. Kevin Albrecht abstained.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Statewide Mountain Goat Management Plan as presented by the Division.

5) Statewide Bighorn Sheep Management Plan (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division give a progress report on the management plan's lethal removal process and MOU at every board meeting until it is completed.

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

MOTION: I move that we support the Statewide Bighorn Sheep Management Plan as presented by the Division.

6) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2019 Season Dates, Application Timeline and Rule Amendments (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division attempt to define a primitive weapon hunt and have the Board review it at the April 2019 meeting.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and failed 2:4. Calvin Crandall, Byron Bateman, Kevin Albrecht, and Steve Dalton opposed.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Barney Top limited entry archery only elk hunt and have the same age category as the surrounding units with the understanding that the hunt would eventually become a primitive weapon hunt.

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division review the Barney Top limited entry archery only elk hunt proposal and the primitive weapon hunt and provide the pros and cons of each, either as one or two separate reports, to the Board.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we include the once-in-a-lifetime archery sheep hunt on the Newfoundland (11/23-12/15) and Zion (12/28-1/19) units with the season dates as proposed by the Division.

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

MOTION: I move that we return the Monroe unit to the spike only rifle elk hunt.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and failed 2:4. Karl Hirst, Byron Bateman, Calvin Crandall, and Kevin Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we not approve the early rifle hunt on the Panguitch Lake unit.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve extending the east boundary of the extended archery unit of the Green River as proposed by the Division.

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 Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2019 Season Dates, Application Timeline as presented by the Division.

- 7) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2019 and Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2019 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously. Steve Dalton was not present to vote.

MOTION: I move that we accept Mountain Meadows CWMU's late application, deer season date change and deer permit reduction, and accept Double R's request to add an extra 15 days to their bull elk season date.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the 2019 CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers and Landowner Association Permit numbers as presented by the Division.

- 8) R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5:1. Kevin Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

- 9) Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2019 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2019 Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented with the caveat that the electric bike be limited to a class 1 bike as defined by state and federal regulations.

- 10) Flaming Gorge Reservoir Rule Amendments – R657-13 (**Action**)

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Rule Amendments R657-13 as presented by the Division.

- 11) Other Business (**Contingent**)

Chairman Woodward asked Dax Mangus to convene the necessary agencies and players to review the issues facing the Book Cliffs, namely habitat issues, and update the board during the April 2019 meeting.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

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

RAC Chairs

Central – Kris Marble
Southern – Dave Black
Southeastern – Trisha Hedin
Northeastern – Randy Dearth
Northern – Justin Oliver

Division Personnel

Rory Reynolds	Mike Christensen	Teresa Griffin	J Shirley
Ashley Green	Paul Gedge	Dax Mangus	Wyatt Bubak
Chris Wood	Staci Coons	Riley Peck	Scott Dalebout
Kevin Bunnell	Thu Vo-Wood	Guy Wallace	Dave Beveridge
Boyde Blackwell	Greg Hansen	Randy Wood	Bruce Johnson
Jason Vernon	Kent Hersey	Jace Taylor	Paul Washburn
Robin Cahoon	Mark Hadley	Mike Wardle	Ben Wolford
Justin Shannon	Lindy Varney	Bryan Christensen	McKay Braley
Kenny Johnson	Phil Gray	Blair Stringham	Matt Fackrell
Rick Olson	Steve Newren	Craig Walker	
Danny Summers		Covy Jones	
Drew Cushing		Torrey Christopherson	

Public Present

Casey Snider	Bryce Pilling	Joseph Hackett
Clay Batty	John Bair	Mike Montmorency
Dustin Carlson	Kurt Wood	Kelly Kreis
Brian Westover	Bret Selman	Chris Carling
Steve Thain	Kevin Norman	Duane Bush
Travis Hobbs	Bob Christensen	Erik Craythorne
Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau		Marc Coles-Ritchie – Grand Canyon Trust
Greg Bird – UT Wild Sheep Foundation		Allison Jones – Wild Utah Project
Sierra Nelson – UT Woolgrowers Association		Greg Pearson – UT Waterfowl Hunters
Roy Hampton – UT Bowmen’s Association		Troy Forrest – Dept. of Ag
Burke Roney – Double R Ranch		Troy Justensen – SFW
Travis Jenson – UT Wild Sheep Foundation		Ron Camp – RMEF
Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy		Bill Christensen – RMEF
Brandon Bertagnole – Taylor Hollow CWMU		
Todd Black – Mountain Meadow CWMU		
Kevin Adamson – UT Archery Association		

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- 00:00:20** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, introduced Board and RAC members, and reviewed the meeting process.
- 00:02:46** 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.
- 00:03:09** 2) **Approval of Minutes** (Action)
The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:03:55** 3) **Old Business/Action Log** (Contingent)
- 00:08:53** Covy Jones presented the survey results on the elk season structure and archery once-in-a-lifetime hunts. The results suggest no change for season structure, but add archery once-in-a-lifetime hunts where they provide opportunity.
Chairman Woodward requested a calendar view of the elk season structure and how that affects other hunts and for it to come back to the board at the April/May meeting.
- 00:04:09** 4) **DWR Update** (Informational)
Mike Canning summarized general season deer hunt results, fire rehabilitation status, pheasant hunts, warmwater fisheries at Springville Hatchery and management plan for Scofield, introduced new conservation officers, and the application period for board nomination committee.
- 00:30:50** 5) **Agricultural Contributions to Wildlife Conservation** (Informational)
Justin Shannon presented.
- 00:46:38** 6) **Statewide Mountain Goat Management Plan** (Action)
Jace Taylor presented the management plan.
- 00:58:01** **Board Questions**
The board asked about the orientation course, the process for making changes, and permit offering.
- 01:01:22** **Public Questions**

Public questions were accepted at this time.

01:03:55 RAC Recommendations

Central, Southern, Northeastern, and Northern RACs unanimously passed the management plan. Southeastern also passed the plan with two opposed.

01:06:46 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:18:14 Board Discussion

The chairman summarized the RAC motions.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed 5 in favor with one abstention. Kevin Albrecht abstained.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Statewide Mountain Goat Management Plan as presented by the Division.

01:21:04 7) Statewide Bighorn Sheep Management Plan (Action)

Jace Taylor presented.

01:35:40 Board Questions

The board asked about permit offerings, plan approval process – MOU, protocol for dealing with wild bighorn mixing with domestic sheep, recommendations for transplant areas. There was a lengthy discussion about getting status reports as the plan moves through the approval process.

01:47:03 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

01:49:13 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the statewide management plan.

01:50:35 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

02:11:55 Board Discussion

Chairman commented on the unifying support for this plan.

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division give a progress report on the management plan's lethal removal process and MOU at every board meeting until it is completed.

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

MOTION: I move that we support the Statewide Bighorn Sheep Management Plan as presented by the Division.

02:15:02 BREAK

02:24:06 8) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2019 Season Dates, Application Timeline and Rule Amendments (Action)

Covy Jones presented the agenda item.

02:39:34 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about approved airstrip, Cottonwood WMA limited entry, Henry Mtn. bison boundary change, NV/UT sheep hunt, and airgun enforcement.

02:47:22 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

02:52:11 Lunch Break – 45 minutes

03:40:51 RAC Recommendations

Each RAC, except Northern, had various stipulations for the 2019 bucks, bulls, and OIAL season dates. They all passed the remainder of the recommendation unanimously. Northern passed it with 4 opposed.

03:57:54 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

04:20:07 Board Discussion

Chairman Woodward noted that the public process is good and clarified that what is supported in the RAC meetings becomes a recommendation for the board to consider. He opened the discussion on point creep and the negative result of fewer interested hunters.

04:24:37 Discussion began on Barney Top that lead to primitive weapons.

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division attempt to define a primitive weapon hunt and have the Board review it at the April 2019 meeting.

He summarized the RAC motions and listed the separate motions to discuss.

04:42:14 Kevin Albrecht inquired about the potential impacts of putting the general season elk hunt into a limited entry.

04:44:24 Barney Top limited entry archery only elk hunt.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and failed 2:4. Calvin Crandall, Byron Bateman, Kevin Albrecht, and Steve Dalton

opposed.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Barney Top limited entry archery only elk hunt and have the same age category as the surrounding units with the understanding that the hunt would eventually become a primitive weapon hunt.

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

MOTION: I move that we add to the action log that the Division review the Barney Top limited entry archery only elk hunt proposal and the primitive weapon hunt and provide the pros and cons of each, either as one or two separate reports, to the Board.

04:51:40 Discussion on the late season rifle elk hunt on the Dutton.

04:54:50 OIAL archery only sheep hunt discussion.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we include the once-in-a-lifetime archery sheep hunt on the Newfoundland (11/23-12/15) and Zion (12/28-1/19) units with the season dates as proposed by the Division.

05:03:15 Spike only elk hunt discussion.

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

MOTION: I move that we return the Monroe unit to the spike only rifle elk hunt.

05:17:34 Air rifle – Pittman-Roberts discussion.

05:18:27 Early rifle deer hunt on Panguitch Lake discussion.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Steve Dalton and failed 2:4. Karl Hirst, Byron Bateman, Calvin Crandall, and Kevin Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we not approve the early rifle hunt on the Panguitch Lake unit.

05:26:26 Boundary extension on Green River discussion.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve extending the east boundary of the extended archery unit of the Green River as proposed by the Division.

05:30:00 Other discussions.

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 Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2019 Season Dates, Application Timeline as presented by the Division.

05:31:12 9) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2019 and Landowner Association Permit Numbers for 2019 (Action)

Mike Wardle presented the 2019 plans and permit numbers.

05:41:00 Board Questions

The board asked about an additional permit for Indian Peak.

05:42:46 RAC Recommendations

Southern and Southeastern RACs passed the permit numbers with one abstention each. Northeastern RAC passed it with one opposed. Central and Northern unanimously passed the 2019 numbers with stipulations.

05:44:25 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

05:56:24 Board Discussion

The board asked for clarification on Mountain Meadow and other change applications.

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously. Steve Dalton was not present to vote.

MOTION: I move that we accept Mountain Meadows CWMU's late application, deer season date change and deer permit reduction, and accept Double R's request to add an extra 15 days to their bull elk season date.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the 2019 CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers and Landowner Association Permit numbers as presented by the Division.

06:07:15 10) R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments (Action)

Bryan Christensen presented the rule amendments.

06:12:40 Board/RAC Questions

The board asked about the original draw date, withdrawal process and penalty, reapplying for the program, projects. RAC asked about hours.

06:18:47 RAC Recommendations

Northern, Northeastern, and Southeastern RAC unanimously passed the rule amendments. Southern and Central RACs also passed the plan with a couple of dissents. Northeastern requested the Division review changing hours.

06:21:41 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

06:23:58 Board Discussion

The following motion was made by Byron Bateman, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed 5:1. Kevin Albrecht opposed.

MOTION: I move that we approve R657-38 Dedicated Hunter Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.

06:26:54 11) Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments - 2019 (Action)

Blair Stringham presented the recommendations and rule amendments.

06:34:33 Board Questions

The board asked about the electric bike.

06:35:52 Public Questions

Public questions were accepted at this time.

06:37:26 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the recommendations and rule amendments, some with varying dissent. All RACs, except SER, excluded the ban on e-bikes.

06:39:54 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

06:56:35 Board Discussion

The chairman opened the discussion on electric bikes.

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

MOTION: I move that we accept the 2019 Waterfowl Recommendations and Rule Amendments as presented with the caveat that the electric bike be limited to a class 1 bike as defined by state and federal regulations.

07:03:09 12) Flaming Gorge Reservoir Rule Amendments – R657-13 (Action)

Greg Hansen presented the rule amendment and Craig Walker provided information on how the Division will address the change.

07:09:21 Board Questions/Discussion

The board asked for clarification on the change and the fees associated with it.

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

MOTION: I move that we approve the Flaming Gorge Reservoir Rule Amendments R657-13 as presented by the Division.

07:16:48 **13) Other Business (Contingent)**

Chairman Woodward asked Dax Mangus to convene the necessary agencies and players to review the issues facing the Book Cliffs, namely habitat issues, and update the board during the April 2019 meeting.

07:22:24 Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED