



DWR UPDATE

UTAH WILDLIFE BOARD MEETING | NOV. 28, 2023



Utah Division of
Wildlife Resources

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

- The next application period is for limited-entry turkey hunts (spring 2023).
- You can apply from Dec. 12–27. Results will be available on or before Jan. 10.



AQUATIC SECTION

- We had a record number of young bonytail chub and razorback sucker in Stewart Lake this year. These are imperiled Colorado River fish, and this is great news!
- With the help of our Southern Region and the State of Montana, we came close to meeting our statewide kokanee salmon quotas this year. (The effects of the prolonged drought left us nearly 75% short of our goal before their assistance.)



HABITAT SECTION

- We're trying to wrap up as many habitat projects as possible before it gets too snowy.
- Working with Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative — and many great partners — we completed 101 habitat projects from July 2022 to June 2023:
 - Over \$37 million of total funding was invested by more than 86 partners.
 - We restored 148,883 acres across Utah, including 31,518 acres burned by wildfires.
 - We improved 262 miles of streams.
 - We created an estimated 644 jobs.
- Many thanks to all our conservation partners for their support! See a full report of this work at watershed.utah.gov.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTION

- We are hiring! We're trying to fill a minimum of three positions right now.
- Since July 1, there have been 617 illegal kills, with the animals valued at \$266,000.
- We've had multiple trumpeter swans harvested so far during the swan season.



OUTREACH SECTION

- Over the past month, we worked with partners to host multiple youth and beginner hunts:
 - Eight pheasant hunts and one waterfowl hunt
 - A total of 475 participants
- "Fantastic event! My 15-year-old son is now hooked on pheasant hunting — it's all he's talked about since the event. I appreciated the kind, patient people running the event. We're going to attempt to hunt on our own next weekend — fingers crossed." (Parent of Pahvant pheasant hunt participant)
- The elk-viewing sleigh ride season at our Hardware Wildlife Management Area opens Dec. 1.



WILDLIFE SECTION

- Both deer classification and big game capture work are now underway.
- If you want to join us for either of these, please contact your local DWR office. They can put you in touch with the district biologist for your area.



THANK YOU



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