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UTAH WILDLIFE BOARD MEETING
SEPT. 19, 2024



Utah Division of
Wildlife Resources



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

- The next application period is for sportsman permits: **Oct. 16–Nov. 6**
- Fall management harvest turkey permits are now available:
 - Specified areas
 - Primarily private land
 - Limited number offered
 - Check the guidebook for details



AQUATIC SECTION

- The kokanee salmon are spawning, and there are many opportunities to view them through the end of October.
- This year, our hatchery system produced and stocked more walleye, tiger muskie and hybrid striped bass than ever before.



HABITAT SECTION

- We're already working with our federal and state partners (as part of Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative) to rehabilitate wildlife habitat affected by wildfires this summer.
 - Silver King Fire (Fishlake National Forest)
 - Deer Springs Fire (Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument)
- We're finalizing a report that highlights Utah's restoration efforts to improve mule deer habitat.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTION

- Since the opening weekend of the big game archery season (Aug. 17), our officers have:
 - Responded to over **100 UTiP calls/texts**
 - Contacted **5,563 individuals**
 - Checked **2,064 licenses**
- The aquatic invasive species team has started operating new dip tanks at Willard Bay and Bullfrog Marina. Another one was just installed at Lucerne Marina (Flaming Gorge), for a total of **six dip tanks** statewide.



OUTREACH SECTION

- Next Saturday (**Sept. 28**) is National Hunting and Fishing Day. To celebrate, we're offering our annual promotion of free and discounted shooting at:
 - Lee Kay Public Shooting Range in Salt Lake City
 - Cache Valley Public Shooting Range in Logan
- The state fair ended on Sunday, and our building had more than **23,000 visitors** in 11 days. A total of **647 kids** fished at the fairpark pond — it was the first time that 25% of them had ever fished!



WILDLIFE SECTION

Big game hunts

- Mandatory harvest reporting has begun. Remember to **enter data within 30 days** of the end of your hunt.
- So far, we're hearing reports of good hunts this fall. Hunters are harvesting some nice bucks and bulls!

Upcoming youth hunts

- Youth chukar and gray partridge hunts: **Sept. 21–23**
- Youth waterfowl hunts:
 - Northern Zone: **Sept. 21**
 - Southern Zone: **Sept. 28**
- Youth quail hunt: **Oct. 26–28**
- Youth pheasant hunt: **Oct. 26–31**



THANK YOU



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