

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 10, 2013, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

Revised January 7, 2013

## AGENDA

### Thursday, January 10, 2013

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION  
– Del Brady, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes ACTION  
– Del Brady, Chairman
3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT  
– Ernie Perkins, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update INFORMATION  
– Gregory Sheehan, DWR Director
5. Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 ACTION  
– Jim Parrish, Avian Coordinator
6. R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities ACTION  
– Kenny Johnson, Licensing Specialist
7. Certification Review Committee – Recommendation ACTION  
– Staci Coons, CRC Chairman
8. Bighorn Sheep Conservation Permit Season Date Variance Request ACTION  
– Kevin Bunnell, Wildlife Section Chief
9. Other Business CONTINGENT  
– Del Brady, Chairman
  - Winter WAFWA Report

### Thursday, January 10, 2013, 11:00 am

1. Board Appeal — **Time Certain 11:00 am** ACTION
  - Jack Bennett

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**ACTION LOG  
Wildlife Board Motions**

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

**Spring 2013 – Target Date – Preference Point Presentation**

**MOTION:** I move that we ask the Division to give a presentation on the preference point system relative to the new 30 unit deer plan.

Assigned to: Greg Sheehan

Action: Under Study

Status: Re-Scheduled for discussion at the May 1, 2013 Work Session

Placed on Action Log: June 6, 2012

**Spring 2013 – Target Date – Scopes on Muzzleloader Rifles**

**MOTION:** I move that we ask the division to report to the Board on the issues and concerns with using a magnifying scope on a muzzleloader, this is to be placed on the action log and the report shall be discussed at the May 2013 work session.

Assigned to: Mike Fowlks

Action: Under Study

Status: Scheduled for discussion at the May 1, 2013 Work Session

Placed on Action Log: December 6, 2012

**Summer 2013 – Target Date – Additional Take of Sandhill Cranes and Swans**

**MOTION:** I move that we put the issue of swans and sandhill cranes on the action log to see if there could be additional take in other parts of the state.

Assigned to: Blair Stringham

Action: Under Study

Status: Pending

Placed on Action Log: August 16, 2012

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Nine Mile Range Creek**

**MOTION:** I move that we ask the Division to report back on the Nine Mile Range Creek change to any bull relative to all issues of hunting, including trespass, harvest, and hunter satisfaction.

Assigned to: Anis Aoude

Action: Under Study

Status: Pending

Placed on Action Log: December 1, 2011

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Premium Limited-entry deer tags**

**MOTION:** I move that we have placed on the action log that the Division look into a premium limited entry deer tag similar to the premium limited entry elk tag.

Assigned to: Anis Aoude

Action: Under Study

Status: Pending

Placed on Action Log: May 3, 2012

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Duck Creek**

**MOTION:** I move that we ask the Southern Region to address the Duck Creek issues and report back to the board within a year from now. This is to be placed on the action log.

Assigned to: Bruce Bonebrake  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: November 1, 2012

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Mineral Mountain Range**

**MOTION:** I move that we ask the division to study the issues and concerns of making the Mineral Mountain Range (west side of Beaver unit) a limited entry buck deer unit and that it be discussed during the revision of the deer plan with the Deer Management Committee. This is to be placed on the action log.

Assigned to: Anis Aoude  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: December 6, 2012

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Additional muzzleloader Pronghorn hunting opportunity**

**MOTION** I move that we ask the division to study additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunity as presented in the November RAC meetings by Mr. Zundel. This is to be placed on the action log.

Assigned to: Anis Aoude  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: December 6, 2012

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Disabled Hunters to take Carp with a Cross-bow**

**MOTION:** I move that the division look at a proposal that will allow disabled hunters to take carp with a crossbow. This is to be placed on the action log.

Assigned to: Kenny Johnson  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Taken to the RAC's December 2012 and to the Wildlife Board January 10, 2013  
Placed on Action Log: November 1, 2012

**Late Fall 2013 – Target Date – Fish Possession Limit**

**MOTION:** I move that the division look into the issue of fishing possession limits. This is to be placed on the action log.

Assigned to: Drew Cushing  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: November 1, 2012

**Summer 2014 – Target Date – Hunting Turkeys with Falcons**

**MOTION:** I move that we put the hunting turkeys with falcons proposal on the action log for consideration when the Upland Game Guidebook comes up for review.

Assigned to: Jason Robinson  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: June 9, 2011

**Summer 2014 – Target Date – Additional Benefits for Limited-Entry turkey tag holders**

**MOTION:** I move that we have placed on the action log that the Division look into the possibility and feasibility of a limited entry turkey permit holder who is unsuccessful to turn in their limited entry tag and purchase a general season tag.

Assigned to: Jason Robinson  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: May 3, 2012

**Fall 2014 – Target Date – Management Buck Tags on the Book Cliffs**

**MOTION:** I move that the Division be asked to review the buck management tags on the Book Cliffs. People are always reporting the presence of big two and three point bucks in that area. Perhaps these permits could be given to youth. This is to be addressed during the revision of the Deer Management Plan in 2014.

Assigned to: Anis Aoude  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Pending  
Placed on Action Log: December 1, 2011

**Fall 2014 – Target Date – Cougar Data – Female Harvest**

**MOTION:** I move that the Division do an expeditious review of the data and to provide the board members their analysis, conclusions and recommendations concerning the possible over harvest of female cougars.

Assigned to: John Shivik  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Letter to be presented to the Wildlife Board November 1, 2012  
Placed on Action Log: August 16, 2012

**Fall 2014 – Target Date – Definition of “Youth”**

**MOTION:** I move that we ask the division to study the definition of “youth” and see if it can be adjusted and made universal across the division with the different species. This is to be placed on the action log.

Assigned to: Kevin Bunnell  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Under Study  
Placed on Action Log: December 6, 2012

**On going – Target Date - Multi-year guidebooks and rules**

**MOTION:** We ask that the Division look toward multi-year guidebooks and rules and that they present a plan on how that multi-year guidebook and rule will work as each is presented.

Assigned to: Staci Coons  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Wildlife Board Updated – January 12, 2012  
Placed on Action Log: August 20, 2009

## Utah Wildlife Board Work Session

December 5, 2012, Room 2000

1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

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### Board Members Present

Del Brady – Chair  
Ernie Perkins – Vice Chair  
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec  
Mike King  
John Bair  
Calvin Crandall  
Bill Fenimore  
Jake Albrecht

### Division Personnel Present

Rory Reynolds	Teresa Griffin	Scott McFarlane
Mike Fowlks	John Shivik	Justin Shannon
Kevin Bunnell	Dean Mitchell	Karen Caldwell
Anis Aoude	Judi Tutorow	
Greg Sheehan	Bryan Christensen	<b>RAC Chairs</b>
Kent Hershey	John Fairchild	Fred Oswald
Staci Coons	Bruce Bonebrake	Robert Byrnes
Thu Vo-Wood	Dax Mangus	

#### 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **0:00:00 to 0:00:00 of 2:54:34**

No action taken. Chairman Del Brady noted this is a work session for discussion only; therefore, no action will be taken.

#### 2) Action Log Items of Discussion (**Informational**)

##### **Big Game Hunt Schedule – Anis Aoude 0:00:22 to :55:02 of 2:54:34**

Anis Aoude led the discussion on whether to revisit and/or pursue the hunt structure proposal.

##### **Youth Recruitment (Tag Program) – Mike Fowlks 0:55:10 to 1:12:00 of 2:54:34**

Mike Fowlks led the discussion on implementing a tag transfer program to enhance youth recruitment.

##### **Standardization of RAC Minutes – Del Brady 1:12:06 to 1:18:56 of 2:54:34**

Chairman Brady led the discussion on standardizing RAC minutes for uniformity and to prevent confusion.

##### **Lifetime License Holder/General Season Deer Unit Discussion – Greg Sheehan 1:20:50 to 2:00:00 of 2:54:34**

Greg Sheehan led the discussion on the unit quota outcome of lifetime license holders and dedicated hunters when the general deer season hunts transitioned from 5 regions to 30 units.

##### **Update on Wolves in Utah – John Shivik 2:00:06 to 2:33:08 of 2:54:34**

John Shivik updated the Board on cougar and wolves.

#### 3) Other Business (**Informational**) **2:33:08 to 2:54:34 of 2:54:34**

(2:33:08 – 2:38:17) Greg Sheehan updated the Board on fire restoration funding.

(2:38:23 – 2:46:48) Scott McFarlane led a discussion on CWMU rule R657-37-12(1) that poses a potential conflict with Utah Code § 23-14-18(3).

(2:46:48 – 2:54:34) Mike King led a discussion on the use of magnification on muzzleloaders – history, advantages, disadvantages, and affects.

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

December 6, 2012, DNR, Boardroom  
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

## Thursday, December 6, 2012, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– Del Brady, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– Del Brady, Chairman   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– Ernie Perkins, Vice-Chair   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Greg Sheehan, DWR Director   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 5. Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2013 Season Dates and Application Timeline<br>– Anis Aoude, Wildlife Program Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013<br>– Scott McFarlane, Wildlife Program Coordinator         | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013<br>– Scott McFarlane, Wildlife Program Coordinator                         | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. Other Business<br>– Del Brady, Chairman  | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

## Thursday, December 6, 2012, Board Appeal 1:00 pm

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| 1. Motion to Dismiss— <b>Time Certain 1:00 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cory Gleason</li></ul> | <b>ACTION</b> |
| 2. Board Appeal — <b>Time Certain 1:30 pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jack Bennett</li></ul>     | <b>ACTION</b> |

**Utah Wildlife Board Meeting**  
December 6, 2012, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
**Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

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

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

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 Wildlife Board Meeting as corrected.**

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

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to report to the Board on the issues and concerns with using a magnifying scope on a muzzleloader, this is to be placed on the action log and the report shall be discussed at the May 2013 work session.**

The following motion was made by Jake Albrecht, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to study the issues and concerns of making the Mineral Mountain Range (west side of Beaver unit) a limited entry buck deer unit and that it be discussed during the revision of the deer plan with the Deer Management Committee. This is to be placed on the action log.**

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

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to study the definition of “youth” and see if it can be adjusted and made universal across the division with the different species. This is to be placed on the action log.**

The following motion was made by Ernie Perkins, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to study additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunity as presented in the November RAC meetings by Mr. Zundel. This is to be placed on the action log.**

- 4) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2013 Season Dates and Application Timeline  
**(Action)**

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Ernie Perkins and passed 5 to 1 with Jake Albrecht opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we allow an additional 20 percent of the total number of archery tags on each unit to be offered to the youth hunters (18 and under) over the counter for the 2013 general season.**

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline as presented by the division.**

- 5) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Ernie Perkins, seconded by Jake Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the division to include changing the start date to default backwards to Saturday, August 31, 2013.**

- 6) Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 **(Action)**

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the Division.**



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December 6, 2012, DNR Auditorium  
1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah  
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**Wildlife Board Members Present**

Del Brady – Chair  
Ernie Perkins – Vice Chair  
Greg Sheehan – Exec Sec  
Jake Albrecht  
Bill Fenimore  
Calvin Crandall  
John Bair  
Mike King

**RAC Chairs Present**

Southern – Steve Flinders  
Southeastern – Derris Jones  
Central – Fred Oswald  
Northern – Robert Byrnes  
Northeastern - Boyde Blackwell

**Division Personnel Present**

Judi Tutorow	Mike Styler
Staci Coons	Scott McFarlane
Kevin Bunnell	Bruce Bonebrake
Thu Vo-Wood	Jodi Becker
John Fairchild	Drew Cushing
Anis Aoude	Randall Thacker
Justin Dolling	Teresa Griffin
Mike Fowlks	Dean Mitchell
Karen Caldwell	Bryan Christensen
Dax Mangus	Anita Candelaria
Justin Shannon	

**Public Present**

Ben Lowder – UT Bowmen Assoc.  
Ken Strong  
Tye Boulder – UWC  
Jason Lone – UWC

Chairman Brady welcomed the audience and introduced the Wildlife board and RAC Chairs.

- 1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**) **00:01:52 – 00:02:29 of 02:44:38**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

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

- 2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**) **00:02:30 – 00:03:09 of 02:44:38**

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 Wildlife Board Meeting as corrected.**

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**) **00:03:10 – 00:11:23 of 02:44:38**

Ernie Perkins said per the discussion at the work session yesterday, the hunt structure proposal intended as an action log item for this meeting has been postponed. The Division will provide an update to the Board and recommend the course of action needed at the next work meeting.

Mike King reiterated the issue of magnification on muzzleloaders and its use for people with poor vision. Marty Bushman explained that people with worse than 20/40 corrected acuity can qualify for a COR for a scope. However, allowing the use of magnification during the any weapons hunt for anyone who wishes to use it is a different issue.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to report to the Board on the issues and concerns with using a magnifying scope on a muzzleloader, this is to be placed on the action log and the report shall be discussed at the May 2013 work session.**

4) DWR Update (**Informational**) **00:11:24 – 00:34:12 of 02:44:38**

Greg Sheehan thanked the Board, RAC chairs, DWR employees and constituent groups for their diligence and support throughout the years.

He briefly highlighted some of his administration's goals and announced a few personnel changes.

The coyote predator program implemented this past year has been quite successful and hopefully will create a positive impact on the deer herd.

The state of Wyoming is issuing a mercury advisory for their side of Flaming Gorge. DWR is conducting its own tests. Until the results are in, it is inconclusive that this is widespread throughout the water way.

Sheep translocations are taking place in Utah again after several years.

Mike King commended Outreach for their wildlife viewing programs, namely the sheep viewing event this past season at Green River.

DWR will be following up with several more tests to determine if a quagga infestation exists at Lake Powell.

Chairman Brady expressed his delight for having Greg Sheehan on the Wildlife Board.

Before proceeding to the next topic, Chairman Brady noted a discrepancy on the RAC summary of motion for the CWMU and Landowner issues. Southeast region was typed

in twice and needs to be replaced with the Northeast Region (CWMU – unanimous; Landowner – passed 3-2).

5) Bucks, Bulls & OIAL 2013 Season Dates and Application Timeline (**Action**)  
**00:34:15 – 02:04:13 of 02:44:38**

Anis Aoude presented the recommendations. Most of the dates will remain unchanged other than adjusting for the calendar year.

In an attempt to increase youth involvement in hunting, a statewide recommendation was made to allow youths to purchase unlimited over the counter general season archery deer permits. This permit request is on top of the number of permits that will be recommended. These permits would be available to youths after the draw (July timeframe) who do not draw out during the hunt season. They could choose any unit in the state. A permit restriction could be placed on each unit should there be a high number of participants; however, the intent of this proposal is to encourage young hunters. The simpler and easier the process, the better chance they will get involved.

Aoude reviewed the recommended regional changes. Many of the changes clarify unit boundaries, address crowding, depredation and private/public land concerns, and create some consistency.

The application period for bonus and preference points and withdrawal has been extended to March 18 to allow folks extra time to submit their applications.

**Board Questions 00:56:30 – 01:01:36**

Ernie Perkins and Jake Albrecht wondered if there are any physical markers such as fences or white posts that outline the boundary of Capitol Reef National Park. Is it evident to hunters? Justin Shannon explained that there is a natural ridge which marks the boundary. DWR has been working with Parks to clearly and easily define the boundary. Though the boundary description has changed, it does not change the fact that Capitol Reef has always been excluded from hunting.

John Bair asked if it would be possible to shift the Manti boundary to include part of the Wasatch since there seems to be a growing moose population, especially in the north Manti area. Anis Aoude said this could be explored and discussed internally then presented to the Board at a later time.

Bill Fenimore observed there was a decline in moose herds by Mt. Green. Anis Aoude acknowledged there has been a decline statewide with the exception of the Wasatch unit, though they are rebounding. DWR is doing extensive research on the cause of their decline.

**RAC Questions 01:01:52 – 01:04:16**

Robert Byrnes restated a question he posed at the Northern RAC meeting about the rationale for not changing the Lockhart big horn sheep unit if the move is toward standardizing deer boundaries. Justin Shannon will look into the matter.

**Public Questions 01:04:26 – 01:05:06**

Ken Strong wanted to know if DWR had considered a hunt unit for the backside of Maple Mountain. Anis Aoude confirmed that it already belongs to a hunt unit to the north of Maple.

**RAC Recommendations 01:05:16 – 01:11:31**

Northern, Northeastern and Central RACs passed the 2013 season dates and application timeline recommendations unanimously. Southeastern had one dissenting vote. Southern passed it with exception that the youth archery permits be limited to 100 per unit. The vote was 6-3 with one abstention.

Other motions to establish action log items passed unanimously – investigating additional muzzleloader hunting opportunities; and consider making the west side of Beaver unit a limited entry buck deer unit.

Northeastern RAC passed two other motions unanimously. One, require youths to take archery ethics course. Two, have Lance Hadlock prepare a written proposal to bring before the Board for consideration.

**Public Comment 01:11:33 – 01:14:06**

Ben Lowder, Utah Bowman's Association, recommended the Board approve the archery tag program for youths. He said it's a great way to encourage kids to participate in the sport and allow them to hunt if they don't draw a tag in the general draw.

When Chairman Brady asked Lowder his opinion on the youth ethics course, he said it wasn't necessary, but not opposed to it. His feeling on the issue was indifferent. It seems unusual to impose an ethics course if they purchase an over-the counter tag for the general season when it's not required if they draw a tag in the general draw.

Discussion ensued about the appropriate placement of issues on the action log, proper processes and procedures, importance, necessity, purpose.

The following motion was made by Jake Albrecht, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to study the issues and concerns of making the Mineral Mountain Range (west side of Beaver unit) a limited entry buck**

**deer unit and that it be discussed during the revision of the deer plan with the Deer Management Committee. This is to be placed on the action log.**

Jake Albrecht wanted clarification on the definition of youth and wondered if it could be standardized.

He also wanted to know what the economic effects and hunting challenges would be in allowing the archery youth tag program. He made a motion to have this discussed at the deer management committee and have them determine a fair percentage to distribute for each unit. The motion died for lack of support.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Ernie Perkins and passed 5 to 1 with Jake Albrecht opposed.

**MOTION: I move that we allow an additional 20 percent of the total number of archery tags on each unit to be offered to the youth hunters (18 and under) over the counter for the 2013 general season.**

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

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The following motion was made by Ernie Perkins, seconded by John Bair and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we ask the division to study additional muzzleloader pronghorn hunting opportunity as presented in the November RAC meetings by Mr. Zundel. This is to be placed on the action log.**

Ernie Perkins suggested deferring the Hadlock proposal to the mule deer committee since it requires major changes to the draw.

The motion to require youths take an archery ethics course prior to purchasing an over-the-counter permit was tabled. Hunter education already provides a two hour component.

The following motion was made by John Bair, seconded by Bill Fenimore and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the remainder of the Bucks, Bulls and OIAL Season Dates and Application Timeline as presented by the division.**

- 6) CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 (Action) 02:05:23  
– 02:33:09 of 02:44:38

Scott McFarlane explained the three types of applications received and outlined the proposals.

He presented two solutions to the CWMU rule dilemma with Utah Code § 23-14-18(3) that prohibits the Board to begin any hunt season on a Sunday: default backwards to Saturday or default forward to Monday. The rule is up for revision next year, and it will be several more years before the Division has to face this conflict again. If no action were taken, the rule would defer to the legal interpretation of defaulting forward.

### **RAC Recommendation**

The CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 passed unanimously as presented with the exception of the Northern RAC. The vote was 7-1 and one abstention.

The following motion was made by Ernie Perkins, seconded by Jake Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the CWMU Management Plans and Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the division to include changing the start date to default backwards to Saturday, August 31, 2013.**

- 7) Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 (**Action**) **02:33:20 – 02:43:20 of 02:44:38**

Scott McFarlane gave an overview of the Landowner Association program and summarized the 2013 voucher recommendations.

### **RAC Recommendation**

Southern, Southeastern and Central RACs passed the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented unanimously. Northern RAC passed it 8-1.

Northeast passed it 3-2. The Diamond Mountain Association submitted a variance to allow the landowners control over which private individuals may enter their properties.

The following motion was made by Mike King, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Landowner Permit Numbers for 2013 as presented by the Division.**

- 8) Other Business (**Contingent**) **02:43:35 – 02:44:38**

Ernie Perkins and Bill Fenimore will not be present for the January 10, 2013 Board meeting. Chairman Brady said the meeting could still proceed in their absence.

Chairman Brady verified that he and Mike King will be at Winter WAFWA from January 3 – 6, 2013.

Meeting adjourned.

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**Regional Advisory Council**  
**Summary of Motions**  
December 2012

**Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20**

**NRO, CRO, SRO, SERO, NERO**

**Motion:** Recommend the Wildlife Board approve Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 as presented.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous

**R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities**

**NRO, CRO, SRO, SERO, NERO**

**Motion:** Recommend the Wildlife Board approve R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous

**SERO**

**Motion:** To allow a specified companion hunter to finish off a wounded animal for a disabled hunter, who is paraplegic, quadriplegic, blind or has lost use of his upper extremities.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous

**NERO**

**Motion:** I would like to make a RECOMMENDATION that the Wildlife Board hear a proposal from Dave Gurr's group for accommodation for hunters to donate surrendered tags to disabled vets.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous



**Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting**

December 05, 2012

Brigham City Community Center

Brigham City, Utah

**Summary of Motions**

**Meeting Begins: 6:03 p.m.**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion-** Approve the Agenda.

**Motion Carries-** Unanimous

**Approval of the Nov 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion-** Approve the minutes of Nov 7, 2012.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous

**Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20**

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board approve the Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 as presented.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous

**R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities**

**Motion-** Recommend the Wildlife Board approve R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities as presented.

**Motion Carries:** Unanimous

**Meeting Adjournment**

**Motion-** I move we adjourn.

**Motion Carries:** Acclamation by RAC Chair

**Meeting Ends: 6:55 p.m.**

**Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting**

December 05, 2012

Brigham City Community Center

Brigham City, Utah

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Begins: 6:03 p.m.**

**RAC Present**

John Blazzard- Agric  
Robert Byrnes- Chair  
John Cavitt-Noncon.  
Paul Cowley- Forest Service  
R. Jefre Hicks- At Large  
Jon Leonard- Sportsman  
G. Lynn Nelson- Elected  
Craig Van Tassell- Sportsman  
John Wall- At Large

**DWR Present**

Jodie Anderson  
Justin Dolling  
Jim Parrish

**Wildlife Board Present**

Ernie Perkins  
Bill Fenimore

**RAC Excused**

James Gaskill- At Large  
Russ Lawrence- At Large  
Ann Neville- Noncon.  
Bryce Thurgood- At Large

**RAC Absent**

Joel Ferry- Agric  
Bruce Sillitoe- BLM

**Agenda:**

Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure  
Approval of Agenda and Nov 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
Wildlife Board Meeting Update  
Regional Update  
Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20  
R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities

### **Item 1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure**

Welcome: Robert Byrnes-Chair  
Introduction of RAC Members  
RAC Procedure: Robert Byrnes-Chair

### **Item 2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda and Nov 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion- Nelson- Approve the Agenda.**

**Second-** Van Tassell

**Motion Carries-** Unanimous

**Motion- Cowley- Approve the minutes of Nov 7, 2012.**

**Second-** Blazzard

**Motion Carries-** Unanimous

### **Item 3. Wildlife Board Update**

Robert Byrnes-

The Wildlife Board will be meeting tomorrow on topics discussed in our November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There was a working meeting today where there was some discussion with no action. The board did discuss the big game hunt schedule that came out previously. They are inclined to put off any changes in moving season dates around for at least 2 years and let the current changes settle out and see what the impacts are. There may be some changes for youth recruitment where a person could possibly donate a tag to a youth or someone who is ill. That requires a code change by the legislature and then there would be a rule change and a rule coming around to allow that. We might see that in the future.

There was some discussion on standardizing RAC minutes which I will be handling and you might see some changes in the format of the minutes.

There was an analysis of the effects of lifetime license holders and dedicated hunters with the new 30 unit deer hunting program. There were only 2 units that were very affected by how many tags were actually available to the general public. That should all even out for next year's draw.

Update on wolves – no change.

### **RAC Questions**

Paul Cowley- With the hesitancy to adjust dates, does that also work as far as the couple of units we had late hunts proposed on?

Robert Byrnes- This hunt schedule was the proposal that we looked at a couple of years ago. It was mostly informational about swapping the hunts around because now the legislature has given the Wildlife Board the authority to have the deer hunts start before that third Saturday in October. They could start as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. If you remember, it was a calendar where the hunts were moved around quite a bit. It would have a pretty big impact on how people hunt. It could have more or less opportunity. The general feeling the Wildlife Board had was that they would like to wait and see what the impacts are and what the results are with the new 30 unit deer management system.

John Blazzard- The units that you said the dedicated hunter numbers were going to be limited, do you know what those units were?

Robert Byrnes- The Plateau Thousand Lakes was the limited entry unit previously that did not really qualify as a limited entry unit and was changed for this last year to a general unit. The majority of the tags were taken by dedicated hunters and lifetime license holders with a small amount left over for the public for the drawing. Next year, that will drop below the 15% threshold. The other one that was right near the limit was the Southwest Desert. It was only .6% over the 15% allowed. All the rest were well below the limitation. The lifetime license holders were very evenly distributed across the state. They didn't really bunch up in any one unit.

#### **Item 4. Regional Update**

-Justin Dolling, Regional Supervisor

Greg Sheehan appointed new director effective December 1st.

Law Enforcement- Gearing up to conduct winter range patrols.

Wildlife- Biologists are finishing up post season deer classifications. Beginning to work on mule deer management plans.

Coyote control program- Checked in 2,351 coyotes and paid out \$117,550 dollars for those animals.

Cavitt- Is that statewide?

Dolling- That is statewide. Cannot tell you how many came from the northern region at this point.

Habitat- Biologists finishing up habitat projects. Most of the burn rehab work completed and seeded.

Starting projects for consideration for funding for next year.

Outreach- Hardware Ranch will have the Elk Festival Dec 15.

Aquatics- Wrapping up the field season. Planning spring projects. White fish are starting to run at Bear Lake. Some ice fishing along the Mirror Lake Highway. Conditions warrant caution.

#### **Item 5. Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20**

- Jim Parrish, Avian Coordinator

See Handout

#### **RAC Questions**

R. Jefre Hicks- What is an unintentional take?

Jim Parrish- When you intend for the bird to take a certain quarry but once they get near, they make up their minds sometimes on what they want to do. The individual would not be cited but they would need to report that if the bird actually took a protected wildlife in that kind of situation.

R. Jefre Hicks- Lets say a snowy plover flies up and it takes a snowy plover. So, the falconer calls in and notifies them. Obviously, you would not hold someone responsible for that, I assume.

Jim Parrish- No, we wouldn't. That is a good example.

R. Jefre Hicks- I was just seeing if there is any reason why they would want to report their unintentional take.

Jim Parrish- We encourage them to do that because we are not going to cite them for that.

John Cavitt- I was just reading through the rule change in terms of the banding requirements and it mentions that you have taken out the US Fish and Wildlife part but leave in the service leg band. I am wondering what service band that is and how someone gets those.

Jim Parrish- There is two sections on that and section two has a definition where we define those. The service issues two bands.

John Cavitt- They get them through the division office?

Jim Parrish- Yes.

John Cavitt- Do they have to pay for those or are they free?

Jim Parrish- No, they do not have to pay for them.

## Public Comment

Christopher Wall-Utah Falconers Association- Purpose in representing our group is to show our support and approval for the changes that have been made.

## RAC Comments

Robert Byrnes- Congratulate you on how much you have struck out of the rule and made it more simple.

Jim Parrish- It is a combined effort. Want to produce a good program. We are still adjusting to ourselves being in control. We are getting there.

Jon Leonard- Wondering how popular it is in the state and is it something that is growing?

Jim Parrish- The sport overall?

Jon Leonard- Yes.

Jim Parrish- We have got a little under 200 registered falconers now. Most of those are along the Wasatch front. We have some in every region. Central, Northern and Northeast are the top three that practice the sport. We have been up to 250 but it kind of goes up and down.

Paul Cowley- There are a couple of corrections in there as we have identified.

Robert Byrnes- Anything specific you would like to note?

Paul Cowley- Just a correction documented on taking national species of conservation concern. We had one area where we had general class being allowed to take those and just missed a "not". They are not allowed to take those of any class.

Jim Parrish- There is a typo there and another one on facilities which the falconers pointed out to us earlier today. In fact, on facilities inspection when someone increases a number of birds or changes address, they do need to get a new facilities inspection. Not always when they get another bird. We needed to clean up that language a little bit.

Robert Byrnes- Would you consider including that in your presentation for our motion if we make as presented.

Jim Parrish- Yes.

Robert Byrnes- You will have that change before you get to the Wildlife Board.

John Blazzard- Wondering what hacking means?

Jim Parrish- It is not done as much as it use to be. It refers to a practice that really began in the old world. If you take a bird, there is several ways to do it. If you take a young bird from its nest for falconry, sometimes they can get imprinted or they are not quite ready. There is one practice where you can take the bird out to an area and set up a tower or something and that becomes their home. You feed them every day but they are free to come and go as they please. Typically, if they start not showing up for feeding, then you trap them back and they are closer to a wild bird than they would have been if you just kept them and raised them from a nestling on up. Sometimes, they get imprinted and can be obnoxious when they are fully imprinted. It is a way to add wildness to a bird that has been taken out of a nest. They are usually stronger fliers but much better hunters when you do that sometimes. If you need to make some changes in behavior. When they are imprinted, they will scream and call all the time. They substitute you for a parent. They are hard to hunt with when the bird is screaming all the time.

John Blazzard- Shock collars don't work?

Jim Parrish- They don't work and they don't make them that small.

## Motion

**Motion-Cowley- Recommend the Wildlife Board approve Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 as presented.**

**Second- Jon Leonard**

**Motion Carries- Unanimous**

**Item 6. R657-12 – Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities**

- Jim Parrish, Avian Coordinator

See Handout

**RAC Questions**

Robert Byrnes- The 93 individuals, was that just fishing? Or was that the total for the program?

Ernie Perkins-Wildlife Board- I attended those meetings with the veterans and have worked on this for several years. 93 is the number of disabled veterans that applied for the reduced price license.

Robert Byrnes- On fishing?

Ernie Perkins- On fishing only. That is the only reduced price license available to veterans at this time.

Robert Byrnes- Do you know what the total participation in the disabled program is?

Jim Parrish- I believe that there are 15,000 disabled veterans in Utah, that is an approximate number.

Robert Byrnes- People participating in bow hunting for fish or anything like that are season extensions.

Jim Parrish- No, I don't think there is any data indicating veteran status on hunting or fishing license purchases. We probably have 5,000 disabled veterans that do hunting or fishing in Utah. There was a similar question last night in the Central region. If I remember right, we don't have an exact number.

Apparently, it is hard to get a handle on that. It is probably a good ballpark of what we have.

Ernie Perkins- The way the division has been working this with the concurrence of veterans group is they would like to afford a reasonably good discount to disabled veterans. On the other hand, we are funded out of license sales; we cannot afford to give away the whole bank without knowing how large the clientele pot is going to be. The division has taken the approach of easing into it and doing it one step at a time. Perhaps the next step would be to increase the discount.

Jim Parrish- When in doubt, read the directions right. He does have some stats that we approve 300-400 annually for all species. There is an estimate of about 15-30 annually for turkey and we deny about 500 annually.

Robert Byrnes- Those are probably season extensions.

Jim Parrish- Right.

Ernie Perkins- That is not disabled veterans. That is all disabled people.

Robert Byrnes- That is kind of what my first question was about how many people participate in the total program.

John Cavitt- Fishing license reductions are the only reduced permit fee that is allowed for disabled?

Jim Parrish- Yes, I believe that is correct.

**RAC Comment**

John Blazzard- I had both my shoulders tore up so I applied for the crossbow thing. It seems to me it became cumbersome for me because I had to re-up it every year. If you qualified for the COR and I had to go to the division office every time to do that. It would be a lot easier if you could do it online or over the phone as you are applying for hunting licenses rather than show up in person.

Jim Parrish- This is a little bit out of my area but my guess is that you would need some way to document that you even qualify. I don't know if guys get doctors to enter into fraud on these kinds of things. If they had a way where you could have your certificate read with your online application, it would be doable. They would have to have some way to identify that you do qualify.

John Blazzard- You had to do that with the doctor before you got the original COR. It seems like once you have that number, it would be so much easier for the applicant to give that number when he was receiving the license.

Robert Byrnes- Was it a single year COR or multiple?

John Blazzard- It was multiple. Probably forever I'm afraid. I am assuming the doctor at the time could say this is a temporary thing or a lifetime thing. It would make it a lot easier for the public to be able to do that online when applying for their permit.

Robert Byrnes- It would have to be given the conditions we have now. You would have to get a season extension or a weapon variance after you knew you had a permit. Because sometimes, you might not get a permit.

John Blazzard- I didn't know about the season extension, I was just getting a crossbow permit so I could hunt as a dedicated hunter.

Jim Parrish- If it was a permanent disability, something ought to make it more user friendly. If it is a short term kind of thing, then it needs to be year by year.

R. Jefre Hicks- A couple of RAC meetings ago, we talked about making it easier for archers to take carp and dispose of carp and make the whole process easier. We have added carp to the list of things waterfowl small game and basically other protected wildlife. Is carp still considered protected wildlife? Why did you add carp in?

Jim Parrish- That is a good one. I don't know if carp are protected wildlife. There is a listing of unprotected wildlife in code and I don't believe carp is on there. Does anyone know? I believe it is protected because there has been some question on other types of control for carp to benefit sport fish. I think it is still listed as protected.

Ernie Perkins- I believe that is correct. I believe it is protected wildlife. However, I believe I asked about this about a month ago and notice after 12-8, it says "or any weapon hunting seasons as provided during the applicable proclamations to the Wildlife Board". Therefore, if the proclamation says that we can take carp; disabled people can take carp, that fulfills the requirement. Everything does not need to be added to the list.

R. Jefre Hicks- Just wanted to see why carp was added there with the understanding that I know they are working on other issues with carp for archery.

Robert Byrnes- I believe carp is protected; otherwise it would not be a wasting wildlife issue for the disposal of carp without utilizing it. So, it is probably protected.

Ernie Perkins- Here it is identifying there is grass carp and common carp. Grass carp are protected in all kinds of ways. There would need to be a clarification on that.

Jim Parrish- You need a clarification on what exactly?

Ernie Perkins- Common carp.

Justin Dolling- Carp are the only species that can be harvested with bow and arrow. I think crossbow variance would allow a disabled person to participate in that same sport.

Jim Parrish- Okay.

Justin Dolling- The wasting portion of the issue will be dealt with through a bill the division is asking a representative to sponsor through the legislature this coming fall. I agree with Ernie that carp are considered protected wildlife. There are very few species that are not considered protected wildlife.

### **Motion**

**Motion-Wall- Recommend the Wildlife Board approve R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities as presented.**

**Second-** Nelson

**Motion Carries-** Unanimous

### **Meeting Adjournment**

**Motion-Cowley- I move we adjourn.**

**Second-** Blazzard

**Motion Carries-** Acclamation by RAC Chair

**Meeting Ends: 6:55 p.m.**

Central Region Advisory Council  
Springville Public Library  
45 S Main Street, Springville  
December 4, 2012 ☞ 6:30 p.m.

## **Motion Summary**

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

MOTION: To accept the agenda and minutes as written  
Passed unanimously

### **Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20**

MOTION: To accept the falconry guidebook and rule as presented  
Passed unanimously

### **R657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities**

MOTION: To accept the rule as presented  
Passed unanimously



Central Region Advisory Council  
Springville Public Library  
45 S Main Street, Springville  
December 4, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Matt Clark, Sportsmen  
Timothy Fehr, At large  
Larry Fitzgerald, Agriculture  
Sarah Flinders, Forest Service  
Karl Hirst, Sportsmen  
Michael Gates, BLM  
Richard Hansen, At large  
Kristofer Marble, At large  
Gary Nielson, Sportsmen, Vice Chair  
Fred Oswald, Non-consumptive, Chair  
Duane Smith, Non-consumptive

**Members Absent**

George Holmes, Agriculture  
Jay Price, Elected

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1) **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes (Action)**

- Fred Oswald, RAC Chair

**VOTING**

**Motion was made by Gary Nielsen to accept the agenda and minutes as written**

**Seconded by Richard Hansen**

**Motion passed unanimously**

2) **Regional Update (Information)**

- John Fairchild, Central Regional Supervisor

**Wildlife**

- Post-Season deer classification underway
- Coyotes checked in to date – 2351 Payments - \$117,550
- Deer study – CR units to be flown next week (collaring 30 female fawns on two units)
- Elk aerial surveys will be conducted this winter on CR units (Wasatch and Central Mtns)

**Habitat**

- Fall habitat restoration projects mostly completed
- Preparing project proposals for 2013 (due Dec. 31)
- WRI Assistant Director, Rory Reynolds, moving into the Director's Office
- Alan Clark will replace Rory to head up the WRI

**Aquatics**

- Yuba Fishery Working Group continues to meet
- Jordanelle stocking monitoring done for the year, will determine the effect of stocking different sized rainbows and in different locations on survival to the creel
- Jordanelle creel survey to follow next summer (April-October)
- Continue to work with Utah County to resolve access issues at The Knolls (Utah Lake)

- Kamas Hatchery is back on line
- Considering Trout-In-The-Classroom Program for Utah schools (TU)
- At Utah Lake, northern pike showing up in by-catch associated with carp control work, also some harvest by anglers
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Conservation Outreach

- Working on a Hunter Ed Plus video with SLO staff
- Brian Christensen, new Dedicated Hunter Coordinator
- Wildlife Recreation Coordinator announced, will interview 18 candidates in January

Law Enforcement

- Winter range patrols underway
- Need information on location of trophy bucks and bulls (concentrate surveillance efforts in those areas)

3) **Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 (Action)**

- **Jim Parish, Avian Coordinator**

**Questions from the RAC**

Matt Clark – Give me an example of an unintentional take. If the bird took a rabbit what would you need to call and report?

Jim Parish – It would be more of an issue if it was a non game animal that the bird decided to take. Most of the time if the falconer hunts pheasants with their bird it will go after a pheasant but there is nothing to prevent a bird from seeing a water bird or marsh bird that is protected and take that instead of the pheasant. That would be an unintentional take and would really be a violation of the law but it wasn't intended and if they report that to us we don't cite them for that.

**VOTING**

**Motion was made by Timothy Fehr to accept the falconry guidebook and rule as presented**  
**Seconded by Kristofer Marble**

**In Favor: All**

**Motion passed unanimously**

5) **657-12 Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities (Action)**

- **Kenny Johnson, Licensing Specialist**

**Questions from the RAC**

Duane Smith – Do you have any idea how much larger that makes the potential pool by lowering that percent?

Kenny Johnson – There are quite a few listed in the state. The number overall is pretty big from ten on up. We don't know the exact figure but when we met with the state representatives it didn't seem like it was scary enough to worry about.

Kristofer Marble – Is carp fishing at night still being looked at?

John Fairchild – That has already been taken to the Board.

Larry Fitzgerald – Where do you draw the line to qualify to be able to hunt extra days and other things?

Kenny Johnson – That’s a good question. Our rule has been consolidated over the years to primarily people with mobility impairments. Anyone who is confined to crutches or wheelchair or has an obvious loss of a lower limb or even the loss of use of a lower limb will typically qualify. It’s a little bit vague as far as where to draw the line specifically when someone is missing part of a leg or part of the use of a leg so what we do is we go through those qualifications first and then if they get denied at one of our regional offices we will review them under ADA, the federal statute, which a little more broad and as long as they have some qualifying disability that impacts a major life function they can still try to appeal that and be included. For the most part it is pretty black and white. You get one of our applications and you either determine that you qualify or you don’t. Any grey areas we will review under ADA.

Larry Fitzgerald – It was brought to my attention that there is a guy who is no more disabled than I am that has this.

Kenny Johnson – They have to have a doctor vouch that they have one of the qualifying circumstances. To commit fraud they would have to have a doctor in on it with them or completely forge some documents. We have tried to make the fraud statute in there a little more obvious. It happens.

Larry Fitzgerald – Is there something you can go after them for if the really don’t qualify?

Kenny Johnson – I think it’s a misdemeanor of some sort. I think for the most part it is pretty straightforward. Every year we do get a phone call or two about someone who may not qualify.

Larry Fitzgerald – There are some guys who have bad knees that may qualify but they still go out and hunt.

Kenny Johnson – We will have our officers investigate if we hear of someone who may not qualify.

Larry Fitzgerald – So have them call you.

Kenny Johnson – That’s a good place to start.

## **VOTING**

**Motion was made by Kristofer Marble to accept the rule as presented**

**Seconded by Matt Clark**

**In Favor: All**

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **6) Other Business**

**- Fred Oswald, RAC Chair**

Informational meeting February, tentatively the second Tuesday.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

**19 in attendance**

**Next board meeting January 10, 2013 at the DNR boardroom, Salt Lake**

**Next RAC meeting Information meeting in February**

**April 16, 2012 at Springville Public Library**

**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting  
Beaver High School  
Beaver, UT  
December 11, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

**REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND AGENDA**

**MOTION: To accept the minutes and agenda as submitted.**

**VOTE: Unanimous.**

**FALCONRY GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-20**

**MOTION: To accept the Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 as presented.**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**HUNTING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES R657-12**

**MOTION: To accept the Hunting Accommodations for People with Disabilities R657-12 as presented.**

**VOTE: Unanimous**

**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting  
 Beaver High School  
 Beaver, UT  
 December 11, 2012  
 7:00 p.m.**

RAC Members Present	DWR Personnel Present	Wildlife Board Present	RAC Members Not Present
Dale Bagley Layne Torgerson Mike Staheli Steve Flinders Rusty Aiken Mike Worthen Mack Morrell Brian Johnson Dave Black	Lynn Chamberlain Giani Julander Jim Parrish Brent Farnsworth		Harry Barber Sam Carpenter Cordell Pearson Clair Woodbury

Steve Flinders called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 0 interested parties in attendance aside from RAC members and DWR employees.

Steve Flinders: This is kind of weird. I'm talking to myself it feels like. Welcome all four of you to the RAC meeting tonight. I'm going to forgo introducing the RAC; we all know each other.

**Review and Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes (action)**

Steve Flinders: How about we jump right to accepting the agenda and minutes. Looking for a motion on that.

Rusty Aiken: I'll make a motion to accept the minutes as read.

Steve Flinders: Thanks Rusty. Second? Seconded by Brian. Huh?

Lynn Chamberlain: Mac beat him to it.

Steve Flinders: Mack did? I couldn't see him hiding over there. So Rusty and Mack. Those in favor? Unanimous.

**Rusty Aiken made the motion to accept the agenda and minutes as listed. Mac Morrell and Brian Johnson seconded simultaneously. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Wildlife Board Update:  
 -Steve Flinders, Chairman**

Steve Flinders: In the way of the Wildlife Board meeting; it was an interesting meeting. Often times we feel like we're one out of five RACs, sometimes we vote our own way and the Wildlife Board looks at that. And I was expecting them to not look very close at our motion, especially about the statewide youth archery tags over the counter. I hoped they would look at some things unique to the region that are specific to units here like putting the Mineral Mountains on the action log. They accepted that as an action log item early on and then debated the youth archery permits for probably close to an hour. Jake, I wish he were here, we owe him a debt of thanks. He really kept that issue alive. In the end he voted against the motion. The motion was really about not using our exact number but using our philosophy about keeping them to specific units and coming up with a number that's maybe arbitrary but it's at least a starting point, instead of unlimited. So it's 20 percent of the general season archery permits on each of the units. That's what passed in the end and I think Jake was the only one that passed against it. Yeah. So we'll see what that's like for a year. It was an interesting meeting and perhaps it was the lack of controversy on other things that allowed that discussion to carry that far. But anyway, any questions about the board meeting? Everything else was as we had discussed down here, that I recall.

Mike Staheli: S the youth did have to choose their region?

Steve Flinders: To choose their unit. Yeah.

Mike Staheli: Their unit, okay.

Steve Flinders: Yes. Bruce do you have a regional update?

### **Regional Update:**

#### **-Bruce Bonebrake, Regional Supervisor**

Bruce Bonebrake: Yeah. First I'd like to thank everybody on the RAC for coming out tonight. I know we didn't have a big agenda. I got two calls today of people that didn't want to come and I started thinking we weren't going to have a quorum. But you guys impress me to come out for this. Thank you. I've got actually quite a bit of stuff to go over on the update. I'll try to be brief. But I asked Jason Nichols to give me an update on some of the game stuff today and they've been moving a lot of animals around; and I will try to cover some of that really quickly. But first of all I'd like to update you on what's happening in the directors office. As you know, I think you all know we have a new director now, Greg Sheehan. Greg comes out of the fiscal end of it. It's been a while since we've had somebody that wasn't a biologist but Greg brings a lot of experience to the position. He's done a lot of good for the department. And he's going to be dependent on a lot of his staff up there and our staff in the region to help educate him on things. And I think he's pretty open to that. So anyway one of the first things Greg did was he seems to be determined to start over. So first of all he brought back a position, it's been open for quite a number of years, and that's deputy director. We haven't had a deputy director for, gosh I don't know how long, it's been a long time. And that's a good thing because Greg does need the biological help. And so I'm happy about that. That announcement went out last week. I think it closes the end of this week I believe. And then the two assistant directors that we did have, Cindy Jensen has decided that she's going to retire, so she'll be gone by the end of the year. And Allen Clark switched positions with Rory Reynolds working on the habitat initiative, or I guess they would call it the watershed initiative now. They've switched positions. Allan has gone up with the DNR and Rory Reynolds has come down to fill that position on career mobility. And then the other thing that's happened this week, the two assistant directors, the positions I just mentioned have gone out for

announcement. So they will be filling those positions and the deputy positions. So you're likely to see a whole new administration pretty soon. Any question on that part of it? Okay, I wasn't sure how much you guys knew about. Um, yes?

Jim Parrish: Mike Fowlks has been name deputy director.

Bruce Bonebrake: Okay, thanks for bringing that up. So I guess we have. I didn't even know that but I know they were looking at Mike pretty hard for that position. Yeah. So I guess we have a new deputy director, Mike Fowlks. Thanks Jim. Okay some of the things to just give you a quick update on the Pine Valley; we're starting a fourth year of the study. This past week we collared 30 additional does and fawns. As you know we're looking at the survival out there. From year three we had an 88 percent survival in the adults, which is pretty darn good; and an 86 survival on the fawns. Yeah, that's very impressive. I'm very happy to hear that. The study they did on, that we'll be working on on the Monroe, the same type, you know it's similar results. We got 85 percent survival from year three there, and 79 percent survival on the fawns. So both of those units actually look pretty good. As far as the Monroe Mountain on the coyote predation they've only been able to collar 15 coyotes so far. It's been tough because of not having any snow. They're planning on trying to do more this year. Wildlife Services is only killing coyotes on the north end of the mountain. The initial stuff in the data from what Jason told me today, shows that there's more fawns being killed by coyotes on the south end of the mountain. So they may be finding a, seeing the effects of that there. Yes?

Brent Farnsworth: (Off Mic) The fawns are running 15 pounds lighter this year than they were last year.

Bruce Bonebrake: They're running how much? Oh, 15 pounds. It absolutely could. If we ever get a winter it might; I'm still wondering about that.

Rusty Aiken: These are collared in December so they're like six to five month old fawns, right?

Bruce Bonebrake: Yeah. The Panguitch deer transplant is coming up. As you know SFW is funding a project. We're going to try to transplant 100 deer. They will all be adult does. They'll be taking them this winter off of the Panguitch unit and over to the Pahvant unit. The first capture will be in January and they're going to take, try to get 50 deer. And then the second capture will be in March and try to get an additional 50.

Brian Johnson: Are they taking them to Pine Valley?

Bruce Bonebrake: No, no not to Pine Valley, the Pahvant, the Pahvant. I'm seeing if he had a, and they're going to be tested for CWD by biopsy, which is . . . I'm glad I'm not a deer I tell ya that, how they have to do that. They do that by taking tissue samples out of their anus. Yeah, and it's got to be painful.

Brian Johnson: Off Mic.

Bruce Bonebrake: Well that's the best way to test live animals for CWD unfortunately. We can't really take it from their brain.

Rusty Aiken: What type of collars are they going to put on the does?

Bruce Bonebrake: Yeah. He has here the deer will all be weighed, measured, collared, ear tagged, and CWD biopsies.

Rusty Aiken: Are they mortality collars?

Steve Flinders: They will be, yeah. They all have mortality switches on them.

Bruce Bonebrake: Yeah, they can't, I mean there's not enough money in the world to put that many GPS . . .

Brian Johnson: Are they doing a soft transplant on those or do they just open up a horse trailer and saying be free?

Bruce Bonebrake: I think they're gonna open the horse trailer and say be free.

Brian Johnson: Does SFW not want to pay for the soft transplant or (inaudible off mic)?

Steve Flinders: Some of that is still being debated I think.

Brian Johnson: So SFW didn't want to pay for the soft transplant? Because I understand it's their ticket, right?

Bruce Bonebrake: That's right. SFW is paying for it.

Brian Johnson: My understanding . . .

Rusty Aiken: SFW is not involved in the organization. It's the Division and a student of somebody at the university, either University of Utah or BYU.

Mike Worthen: It's a BYU grad student that's conducting the research.

Brian Johnson: We we're, I shouldn't say we're, but SFW is funding it and so if they wanted a soft transplant it wouldn't matter either way, it would just be whatever this grad student wants to do. The same way we've done it.

Mike Worthen: It is my understanding that they're not going to use any, put the deer down. They're just going to keep it alive. They're not going to . . .

Brian Johnson: I'm just asking because I've heard so many rumors being in Cedar City, I just don't know.

Bruce Bonebrake: Are you concerned about drug use? Is that what you're?

Brian Johnson: No, I don't care about; yeah you can dope them up. That don't bother me a bit.

Bruce Bonebrake: Well it's hard on deer.



Brian Johnson: I just want to see a success, whatever the success rate is. I know Mike, what were you going to say down there?

Mike Worthen: I was going to say they weren't going to use any drugs. This is going to be catch them, take the tissue sample, weigh them, collar them, ear tag them and take them up there and let them loose.

Bruce Bonebrake: The only thing they're doing is doing a local where they take the tissue sample.

Brian Johnson: Okay. I just, my understanding of a soft transplant was putting them in a fenced in area and keeping them alive, you know, baby them along for a month and then turning them out. But like I said, it doesn't matter I guess, it is what it is.

Rusty Aiken: I'll comment to that. You're right Brian, the areas where the mule deer have transplants have been successful is soft transplant in Texas and they work quite well. Where they do put them in an enclosure for three months and feed them and gradually take them off and let them migrate out into the natural ranges. That has been more successful. And we've put our 2 cents in but they've made their decisions.

Bruce Bonebrake: Well if you guys have some input on this there is that meeting tomorrow and I would encourage you to . . .

Rusty Aiken: Well and the question is where is there a place where we could soft transplant other than building one where we could put them.

Brian Johnson: Okay.

Bruce Bonebrake: Okay, let's switch over to big horn sheep. We did do two releases recently. They came from Nevada. We've put 25 sheep in each unit. They were over on the Kaiparowits Plateau is where there were two release sites over there where they took these 50 sheep and let go. Survival it seemed, I think it was pretty good. I'm not sure. I think they destroyed one animal because it had showed a positive. But other than that the rest of them all look good right now. We are a little concerned about that unit because we seem to be having somewhat of a die off going on there. We really don't know what's going on on it. There's some idea that it could be mountain lions and we're looking into that right now because there are some high lion populations on certain portions of the unit. But there's also the possibility that it could be a disease. And that's always been a problem with big horn sheep and most (unintelligible). The other big horn sheep thing that's coming up is the capture out on the Zion. We have an excess of sheep there. We're going to try to capture 40 sheep from Kane Mountain, South Creek and the South Mountain Barracks. And we're going to try to move mostly adult ewes with some lambs and maybe just a few young rams. The objective is to disease test these sheep and disperse them outside of the unit so we don't have the density that we have now on the unit. They will be released in Cottonwood Canyon north of Six Mile Village on the Pipe Spring Indian reservation there by Kanab. We're presently in the process of doing our post deer classifications. Fawn production so far looks about average. And I was talking to Brent a little bit about this and he did mention his fawns look a little lighter than they have been in the past. I don't really know what that means at this point. And lastly as far as game, the coyote bounty program, I'll give you a quick update; we've checked in a little over 600 in the southern region, which amounts to, as most of you here know, a third of the state. Statewide

there's been over, there's been 2,300 that have been checked in.

Brian Johnson: How much more money do they have?

Bruce Bonebrake: They still got quite a bit of money. Yeah. Well you can kill a lot of coyotes between now and spring I think. A couple of other quick things for you; the Navajo Lake dike has been completed. And that's starting to fill. Right now, I was up there actually a week ago and did some ice fishing with the fishery guys, and it was pretty good actually. But there's only about 4 feet of water in there and whether they'll survive the winter or not that's any body's guess. But I know they'll survive around the spring areas so we're kind of excited about that. We should have some carryover. The lake is filling. The springs are running pretty well so we ought to start seeing that ice being raised up. Right now there's about four or five inches of ice on it already. Um, the habitat guys are finishing their fire rehab. They should be done by the end of the week on most of the fire rehab if the snow will let us keep getting on those ranges. We've had a blessing this year where all the fire, the blessing being that we haven't had the snow to slow us down, so the habit guys have been working pretty hard on that. We completed a couple of guzzlers, one at Pearson Cove, which is out in the Wah Wahs. That's a 10,000-gallon deer, and elk, and antelope guzzler. We've already got, it was an upgrade is what it was. There was an old guzzler in there. It wasn't keeping up with the numbers of elk. We also completed one at the, out in the Gold Strike. It was a mitigation guzzler that, down to the Gold Strike mine on the Beaver Dam Slope. They gave us money to put in a uh, put in three boss tanks at 6,000 gallons each. So that's a pretty good, we're hoping it will be a big horn sheep guzzler someday, but it definitely will be good for the deer that are there, and chucker and quail. We also we completed all the guzzlers on the Beaver Dam Slope. We put in 12 chucker and quail guzzlers. So the habitat guys have been quite busy this fall. And I had one other thing to report. This is from the statewide report that had sent us down today. We get these reports throughout the winter on how the winter ranges are looking and how our deer and elk are doing. And she reports very mild winter so far. Deer and elk good to excellent condition. This is statewide now. There is snow coverage, average to above average temperatures. Minimal to normal depredation issues and no feeding considerations at this time. So we're doing good right now. That's all I had, thank you.

Steve Flinders: Thanks Bruce. Any questions? Seeing none let's move on into the action items. Falconry Guidebook and Rule. Dr. Jim Parrish.

**Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 18:21 to 25:29 of 34:35**

**- Jim Parrish, Avian Coordinator**

(See Attachment 1)

**Questions from the RAC:**

Steve Flinders: Thanks Jimmy. Questions from the RAC? Questions Brent?

**Questions from the public:**

None.

Steve Flinders: I have to comment cards? You're the body of our audience tonight.

**Comments from the public:**

None.

**RAC discussion and vote:**

Rusty Aiken: Do you need a motion?

Steve Flinders: We need a motion.

Layne Torgerson: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we accept the Falconry Rule as presented.

Steve Flinders: Motion by Layne.

Rusty Aiken: I'll second that motion.

Steve Flinders: Seconded by Rusty. Any discussion? Those in favor? Any against? It looked unanimous.

**Layne Torgerson made the motion to accept the Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 as presented. Rusty Aiken seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Steve Flinders: Nice Work.

Jim Parrish: Thank you.

Steve Flinders: Moving on.

**Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities R657-12 26:16 to 29:27 of 34:35**

- Jim Parrish, Avian Coordinator

(See attachment 1)

**Questions from the RAC:**

Steve Flinders: Thank you. Questions? He answered one I had with his last statement.

**Questions from the public:**

None.

Steve Flinders: I have no comment cards. We could be done really quickly.

**Comments from the public:**

None.

**RAC discussion and vote:**

Rusty Aiken: I will make a motion to accept the presentation as given, as is.

Steve Flinders: Motion by Rusty, seconded by Dale. Any discussion? Those in favor, please? That looks unanimous.

**Rusty Aiken made the motion to accept the Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities as presented. Dale Bagley seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously**

Jim Parrish: Thank you.

Steve Flinders: Thanks.

**Other Business (contingent)**  
**-Steve Flinders, Chairman**

Steve Flinders: I don't have any other business. It looks like we're not meeting until April. And I suggest those of you interested in keeping up with what is going on in Bruce's office, you have his email address. And we would like your input and participation on some of the projects this winter. If you and your constituents are interested . . . Yes.

Lynn Chamberlain: (Off the mic). Pick a location for April? Right here?

Steve Flinders: Right here? Yeah, it's permit numbers. We do it either here or Cedar typically. But sometimes we jump to Richfield. Yeah, I think we were in Richfield last year. Let's do it right here.

Giani Julander: We will e-mail a schedule to everyone.

Steve Flinders: Next year? Great. Anybody have any heartburn about doing what we've done the last couple of years, try to hold maybe sixty to seventy percent here and move the others around a little bit to Richfield and Cedar? At least it inconveniences everybody equally.

Rusty Aiken: Can I make a comment?

Steve Flinders: Sure Rusty.

Rusty Aiken: Could we combine some of these shorter meetings? Um, no?

Steve Flinders: That's the problem; it's driven by the Division's need for when they have information or when they fit in the schedule. And this would be a bear meeting except we have a three-year proclamation now so we're not talking about bears tonight, we usually do.

Rusty Aiken: Yeah.

Steve Flinders: And you saw that come up. When there were people here to talk about cougars and we had to say not on the agenda. So it's good that we don't have as long of agendas as we had but sometimes we have meetings like this that are really short. And you know we could stack it with more informational items and fluffy things.

Rusty Aiken: Well it seems like there was one in Richfield in August or something that was only like 45 minutes or so, I forget what it was.

Steve Flinders: That would have been the one that we would have talked about cougars in. Yeah, yep.

Rusty Aiken: Could we stack this one with that one?

Mike Staheli: I have a question. You know we have a bear proclamation, which is 3 years. Why wouldn't the falconry it's an annual now, why couldn't we move that to like a 3 year? Could you answer that?

Jim Parrish: Falconry is actually a 5-year review. But it's been added to the schedule as an annual review. You may recall in 2010 when the service changed their ruling on falconry and turned essentially falconry over to the states. So falconers no longer have to have two permits; they only have to have a state permit to practice the sport. But we're still, as tonight's a good example; we're still dealing with getting that right. So you may see us again this time next year. I understand we're going to be on the December schedule, but if we don't have anything then we simply wouldn't be here. So, but it is a 5 year. And I think last year was the reauthorization for 5 years, so that would be 2016 before it would be reauthorized again. Does that answer your question?

Mike Staheli: Yeah, that answers it. Thank you.

Jim Parrish: Yes sir.

Steve Flinders: Often there's a RAC training on odd years. These are really good topics for the RAC training. We debate them every time, because the Division tries to set this up beforehand and anticipate when to hold these meetings. And sometimes you know, the contractor's at the Board Meeting waiting to get numbers to put into the system. So I guess the good thing is we're not meeting until April. We're not meeting in these other months when they've moved things and decided to stack them up. But it's a good discussion. I think we need to keep talking about it. Anything else? Motion to adjourn?

Layne Torgerson: Motion made.

Steve Flinders: Thanks again.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.**

**NORTHEASTERN RAC MEETING SUMMARY - MOTIONS PASSED**  
**Vernal Northeastern Region Office, Vernal / December 13, 2012**

**5. FALCONRY GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-20 -Jim Parrish**

**MOTION: to approve the Division's proposal as presented**  
Passed unanimously

**6. HUNTING AND FISHING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES R657-12**

**MOTION: to accept the Division's proposal as presented**  
Passed unanimously

**Kirk Woodward: I would like to make a RECOMMENDATION that the Wildlife Board  
hear a proposal from Dave Gurr's group for accommodation for hunters to donate  
surrendered tags to disabled vets.**

Passed unanimously

**NORTHEASTERN RAC MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Northeastern Regional Office, 318 N Vernal Ave, Vernal**  
**December 13, 2012, 6:30 pm**

**RAC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ron Winterton, Elected Official  
Kirk Woodward, Sportsmen  
Andrea Merrell, Non-Consumptive  
Carrie Mair, At Large  
Mitch Hacking, Agriculture  
Brandon McDonald, BLM  
Rod Morrison, Sportsmen

**UDWR PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

Boyde Blackwell, NER Regional Supervisor  
Clint Sampson, NER Conservation Officer  
Jack Lytle, NER Conservation Officer  
Gayle Allred, NER Office Manager  
Ron Stewart, NER Conservation Outreach  
Jim Parrish, SLO Coordinator

**RAC MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Bob Christensen, Forest Service  
Floyd Briggs, RAC Chair  
Wayne McAllister, At Large  
Beth Hamann, Non-Consumptive

**WILDLIFE BOARD MEMBERS:**

Del Brady

**1. WELCOME, RAC INTRODUCTIONS AND RAC PROCEDURE, Mitch Hacking, Vice-Chair**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

**3. WILDLIFE BOARD MEETING UPDATE-Boyde Blackwell, NER Regional Supervisor Board:**

- Archery youth not passed
- Lance Hacking comments were reviewed and will be passed around to all regions next time
- CWMUs passed as presented. The one this RAC approved pulled out at the last minute so it wasn't presented at all. There were problems with signatures and landowners not being aware of what they signed.
- Landowner Association passed unanimously.

#### **4. REGIONAL UPDATE - Boyde Blackwell, NER Regional Supervisor**

The new Wildlife Resources Director is Greg Sheehan. He's going to bring a different perspective, change is good. Alan Clark is moving out of Wildlife and into a Watershed Coordinator position with DNR. Cindee Jensen, the current Assistant Director, is retiring after 40 years with the Division. Bryan Christensen from SLC licensing, moved into the Dedicated Hunter Coordinator position. Also they will be filling a new position with the Division, a Wildlife Recreation Coordinator .

From our region, Natalie Boren is the new cutthroat trout biologist. The Native Aquatics position has been filled by Mike Fiorelli. Alex Hansen is the new Walk-in Access biologist and Dax Mangus is now the region's wildlife manager. We will be filling Dax's wildlife biologist position.

*Habitat* is finishing a reseeding project from the Wolf Den fire in the Book Cliffs. They are also finishing proposals on a land exchange in Browns Park with SITLA, which will go for land in the Lee Kay Center. It is coming in three phases. There are several pieces in Browns Park that adjoins one of our WMAs already.

Power line proposals are going in. One of first places to put it is Diamond Mountain but it was identified as important for sage grouse and fawning and calving, so it was moved elsewhere.

*Law Enforcement* is wrapping up cases from hunts. They are now starting winter range saturation patrols to protect wintering populations of deer and elk. If you want to ride with them, they'll be happy to take you with them and show you what they're doing. Surveys are good now because that's when they're all grouped together.

*Aquatics and Outreach* have been working together on ice fishing events and open houses. We had to cancel the Moose Pond event because there was no ice. The next planned one is on Pelican Lake December 29, and we will meet at the BLM boat ramp at 9:00 am.

Mitch Hacking: What's age range for kids?

Boyde Blackwell: There's no age limit on ice fishing.

Kirk Woodward: What's the problem with a power line?

Boyde Blackwell: It makes a great perch.

Kirk Woodward: So set it up so birds are electrocuted when they land on it.



## **5. R657-20 FALCONRY GUIDEBOOK AND RULE -Jim Parrish**

### **Questions from Audience:**

None

### **Questions from RAC:**

Rod Morrison: is there a certain time of year that you can hunt with falcons?

Jim Parrish: Before the gun season, but other than that they stay within the same season as the gun hunters do.

### **Comments from Audience:**

Melissa Wardle (Utah Falconers Association): We want to show our support for these changes.

### **Comments from RAC:**

None

### **MOTION by Kirk Woodward to approve**

**Second by Carrie Mair**

**Passed unanimously**

Kirk Woodward: When I first saw this Falconry document, I was discouraged by so much cross outs. If you would give a summary next time explaining how simple the changes were and what you are presenting, it would help a lot.

Boyde Blackwell: I think what Kirk's looking for is an explanation like what you gave us, that there's not changes as much as consolidation.

## **6. R657-12 - HUNTING AND FISHING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - Jim Parrish**

The Disabled Veterans of Utah and the State Veterans Administration is onboard with the recommendations being presented. There are approximately 300-400 extensions annually for all species and estimate that 15-30 for turkey. We deny 500 a year.

### **Questions from Audience:**

None

**Questions from RAC:**

None

**Comments from Audience:**

Dave Gurr: Regarding veterans with disabilities. We took four out of five disabled vets on hunts this year. Four had never hunted before. Three out of those five will be back trying to pursue licenses in the future. If we do more for servicemen, we'll make more money for Utah. In Wyoming, when surrendering permits, the State gives you a choice to give your license to a disabled vet. If somebody surrenders a permit, they put it on the internet and a charity or a foundation can sponsor a wounded vet. They check credentials to make sure they qualify. Then the vet gets to hunt on that permit. DWR would get an advantage from veterans in Utah also. I propose that we look at different options to do for disabled. I'm here on the veteran's part. Instead of dropping limitations from 40% to 20% we can do other avenues. I'm here to thank the servicemen.

**Questions from Audience :**

**Questions from RAC:**

Kirk Woodward: Wyoming is working with it?

Dave Gurr: Yes. They say system is working really well.

Kirk Woodward: We echo your sentiment. So the program in Wyoming is for anybody who surrenders a tag, it's available for either a disabled veteran *or* next person on list. How does that affect me?

Dave Gurr: Either way you keep your points.

Kirk Woodward: How is it managed from the state once the tag is surrendered and it's determined it's going to a disabled vet?

Dave Gurr: They put it on Wyoming's website. The first foundation or charity that calls them and says we have a disabled veteran that fits your criteria gets the permit.

Kirk Woodward: So there's a big list?

Dave Gurr: A lot.

Andrea Merrell: So the charity already has a list of qualified disabled vets?

Kirk Woodward: Boyde, could you give me an idea of how many permits are surrendered every year?

Boyde Blackwell: No but they do have a lot that are reallocated and they're given a chance.

Kirk Woodward: I was trying to get an idea how big a deal this would be.

Boyde Blackwell: The folks in licensing would have to look at that.

Kirk Woodward: If it's a huge number, that affects the sportsmen differently that if it's a smaller number.

Boyde Blackwell: Some guys who draw in limited areas like San Juan, you don't get too many of those, or first timers.

Jack Lytle: With the new deer units being smaller I suspect there's no way of knowing how those get turned back but they're more valuable because it's a smaller unit. Unless they're just doing it for the trophy areas, it's worth pursuing.

Kirk Woodward: I think this would require a rule change if not a law change.

Jack Lytle: But maybe we could get things started and check.

Kirk Woodward: So we'd need to ask the Wildlife Board to look at this because it would require changes.

Carrie Mair: This is a dream for special interest groups, to be given to a disabled veteran. I think it's fantastic and fascinating. excellent idea.

Dave Gurr: There's a lot of states jumping on board with disabled veterans and I think that Utah can do a better job. We look at money and everything else. Just out of five guys, I know we're going to gain the revenue back.

Carrie Mair: I don't think anyone's concerned about that.

Dave Gurr : They love it. They're going to come back.

Brandon McDonald: If we recommended the Board to look at this and would we have to wait for a year?

Carrie Mair: Law change will be at least a year.

Boyde Blackwell: This doesn't require legislation, this would require Board action. The problem you run into is this hasn't gone through all of the RACs.

Dave Gurr: As far as a charity and foundation, we're the only one, so we haven't presented to all the RACs. The Mule Deer Foundation and Elk Foundation might have disabled veterans who are willing to jump on board. So far, the Mule Deer Foundation has filtered every disabled vet to us.

Mitch Hacking: Let's vote on the action item first.

Kirk Woodward: If we don't move on that, then it's difficult to make another action,

Boyde Blackwell: You could do similar to what you did last time, where if you feel so inclined to accept the Division's recommendation and then also do an additional recommendation that the Division look at that and put it on an action log to work with Wyoming and build a program so it doesn't go in a lot of directions.

**MOTION by Kirk Woodward to accept the Division's proposal as presented**

**Second by Carrie Mair**

**Passed Unanimously**

**Kirk Woodward: I would like to make a RECOMMENDATION that the Wildlife Board hear a proposal from Dave's group for accommodation to surrendered tags and disabled vets.**

**Second by Brandon McDonald**

**Passed Unanimously**

Kirk Woodward Comment: Dave, what I would suggest is that you present a written plan that's very well laid out and organized and get that to Floyd Briggs, the NER RAC Chairman. You can get his address on the web site. Even better, if you could get support and present it to the Wildlife Board, the Wildlife Board meets January 10. If you have it well-organized and written, it's my opinion this is something they would look at seriously.

Boyde Blackwell: Not only to Floyd, but would you give a copy to me so I can get it to Staci who will put it into the drop box of the Wildlife Board members, so they can get it out and look at it. The sooner they have it, they can weigh it out and think about t.

Rod Morrison: I think we should mention that you have the full support of the NER RAC committee.

Kirk Woodward: I'd like a copy too, as well as the whole RAC and we can give you help so you give a well-written proposal.

Dave Gurr: It just gives a phone number on the Wyoming web site.

Kirk Woodward: It's amazing the ramifications though. The Wildlife Board has to think of it from every aspect and special interest group that might use it or abuse it. It's not just a slam dunk, so the more concise you can be and more information you can garner, the more likely they are to say, "Let's pursue this."

Del Brady: How do the minutes read?

Proposal was read.

Boyde Blackwell: The Wildlife Board may ask for it to be an action log item . They will want to get it out and see what comes back from the other regions.

Dave Gurr: I assumed it would be a couple year process. I would hope it could be pushed through quicker. I emailed the governor a month ago.

New item:

Rod Morrison: I would like to recommend that hunter orange not be mandatory on limited entry hunts in Utah.

Kirk Woodward: Boyde, is there any data that says hunter education saves lives?

Ron Stewart: Yes. Before they started the hunter education program we were losing well over 100 people a year. They started the program and started cutting numbers down. Hunter orange was a huge factor in that. When you're hunting and see a dozen guys on a hill, if they had been in camo, they wouldn't have been seen.

Kirk Woodward: The Hunter education program's a great program but I don't believe Arizona requires hunter orange.

Ron Stewart: What's the advantage of doing that when the deer and the elk can't see hunter orange? They only see black and white.

Kirk Woodward: I agree hunter education is important but I'm hard pressed to think that if a lot of people were killed in Arizona because of not wearing hunter orange they would eliminate that.

Rod Morrison: I just want to see it on limited entry hunts.

Mitch Hacking: Why, if they can't see orange?

Rod Morrison: There is a glow from hunter orange.

Mitch Hacking: You feel it would increase your opportunity to get an animal?

Rod Morrison: Right now the person with the permit is the only one required to wear orange. If this number is so high, why are non-tag people not in hunter orange not getting killed?

Carrie Mair: I would never let my 12-year old child step in the field without having something bright and vivid on, because despite increase in odds, his safety is way more important to me.

Rod Morrison: I said, "not mandatory."

Carrie Mair: If the data shows it saves lives, it should stay.

Mitch Hacking: You could liken it to helmet laws. It's your option, you're the one who gets shot.

Boyde Blackwell: The things that makes it necessary to wear hunter orange is it's in code. so it would have to be changed through the legislature.

Jack Lytle: Currently, if there's no other center fire rifle hunt going on you don't have to wear hunter orange. Same with the statewide conservation permit, moose, once-in-a-lifetime hunt if there's no center fire hunt.

Del Brady: If it's in code you can't change it. You have to go through the Legislature.

Kirk Woodward: So Rod in order to make this move, if it's an *opinion* that orange saves lives instead of *data*, it could go forward. If there is data, I don't know that you're going to get the change.

Ron Winterton: In my youth, there were a lot of people from California and there was a reason for hunter orange.

**Carrie Mair motion to adjourn**  
**Ron Winterton second**

**Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm**

**Southeast Regional Wildlife Advisory Council  
Blanding Arts and Events Center  
Utah State University/College of Eastern Utah  
715 W. 200 S.  
Blanding, Utah 84511  
Dec. 12, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.**

## **Motion Summary**

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

**MOTION: To accept the agenda and minutes as written  
Passed unanimously**

### **Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 (Action)**

**MOTION: To accept the Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 as presented  
Passed unanimously**

### **Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities (Action)**

**MOTION: To accept the Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with  
Disabilities as presented.  
Passed unanimously**

**MOTION: To allow a specified companion hunter to finish off a wounded animal  
for a blind, paraplegic or quadriplegic hunter with a disabled hunter  
hunting permit.  
Passed unanimously**



**Southeast Regional Wildlife Advisory Council  
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715 W. 200 S.  
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Dec. 12, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Kevin Albrecht, USFS

Bill Bates, Regional Supervisor  
Sue Bellagamba, Environmental  
Blair Eastman, Agriculture  
Wayne Hoskisson, Environmental  
Jeff Horrocks, Elected Official

Derris Jones, Chairman

Christine Micoz, At Large  
Travis Pehrson, Sportsmen  
Pam Riddle, BLM  
Charlie Tracy, Agriculture

**Members Absent**

Seth Allred, At Large

Todd Huntington, At Large

Kenneth Maryboy, Navajo Rep.  
Darrel Mecham, Sportsmen

**Others Present**

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- 1) **Welcome, RAC introductions and RAC Procedure**  
-Derris Jones, Chairman

- 2) **Approval of the Agenda and Minutes (Action)**  
-Derris Jones, Chairman

**VOTING**

**Motion was made by Jeff Horrocks to accept the agenda and minutes as amended  
Seconded by Kevin Albrecht  
Motion passed unanimously**

3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update

-by Derris Jones

Derris Jones- At the last board meeting they made some announcements on some personnel changes in the Salt Lake office. Rory Reynolds who used to be the regional supervisor in the Southern Region recently has been watershed initiative program person at the Department of Natural Resources has been moved in as an assistant director. Alan Clark has kind of swapped with Rory. Alan is now in the Department of Natural Resources working on the watershed initiative. They are going to fill a deputy director job that has been vacant forever as far as I can remember. This is a position that is there. So what they will have is a director, a deputy director, and then two assistant directors under the deputy.

Derris Jones- Have there been any announcements on that?

Bill Bates- No, but they have announced the two assistant director positions, now that Cindy Jensen has actually turned in her retirement papers. She is going to retire around the first of January. So, both of those two positions are open right now. They are career mobility positions.

Derris Jones- And hasn't Rory filled one of those?

Bill Bates- Rory has filled one of those, but, he is acting on career mobility but I think he has to apply.

Jim Parish- Derris, I was at a section party, day before yesterday and Mike Fowlks is deputy director.

Derris Jones- It has been officially announced then?

Jim Parish- Yes. He announced it at the get-together we had on Tuesday morning.

Derris Jones- Ok and Mike was the Chief of Law Enforcement. So the Chief of Law enforcement is now the deputy director. I assume they will be announcing the new chief slot.

Derris Jones- Flaming Gorge has been on a mercury advisory for certain species of fish. I believe Lake Trout and the Burbot are the two that had the mercury advisory, so if you eat a lot fish from there, you might not want to have it every night. Southern region got fifty Nevada Desert Big Horn sheep. They put them in the Escalante or one of those units. They hope to get fifty more for next year, so that will be a pretty good shot in the arm for Desert Big Horn Sheep in the Southern Region. Justin gave a little update on the Desert Big Horns. Potash, the Lockhart and the South San Juan all had low population numbers. They counted fewer than usual and all had low lamb production. So those are kind of on the radar to keep an eye on. The Dirty Devil and the Henry Mountain both had low populations but had good lambs; so hopefully whatever has been going on down there maybe has turned a corner and the Dirty Devil and Henry's is back to building populations instead of decreasing. San Rafael's report is that the population is increasing with good lambs. That is for both North and South? Or, just the North? (Justin Shannon: just the North) South is still not looking that good? Justin Shannon- No, the South has been fine, we just didn't survey it this year.

Derris Jones- Ok. They had the Big Horn watch along the Green River. They had a pretty good turnout, I guess. They found Quagga Mussel DNA in Quail Creek or Sand Hollow one

of those down there. On the action items: Bucks, Bulls, once in a lifetime, the Beaver Unit wanted to split out the Mineral Mountain area to Limited entry and that will be addressed through the mule deer management plan revision, which is due to come up in the next two years. Youth over-the-counter archery deer were capped at 20%. So it was kind of unlimited and they capped at 20%, the Board did this. They put an action log item on to standardize the definition of youth. I guess there are several different definitions of what a youth is. They wanted to get that standardized. Also, an action log item was to look at the muzzleloader antelope opportunity. Try to get some muzzleloader antelope tags. There was a long discussion on an ethics course for over-the-counter archery. They died from lack of a motion. They feel like there is enough ethics taught in hunter safety and why just single out the youth that buy over-the-counter archery tags. So there was no motion and no vote made on that. The balance of the Bucks, Bulls and Once in a Lifetime guide book and rules was passed as presented. Are there any questions on what the Board acted on?

#### Questions from the RAC

Travis Pehrson- Can I ask a question about the sheep? What was the main cause of the low lamb production on the San Juan South?

Justin Shannon- Well we don't know yet. We just know now that the counts were low and lamb survival was extremely low. One thing that we are doing is, later this month or early next month, we are going to go down to John's Canyon and trap some of those sheep and do some blood work and see what they are carrying. And in the future we will do more of that on the South San Juan unit as a whole. You can answer those questions better with blood work and that is the direction we are headed in the near future.

Travis Pehrson- How are those slick rock sheep doing down there in John's Canyon?

Justin Shannon- They weren't bad. They weren't taking off but then they weren't in the dumps either.

#### Questions from the Public

#### Comments from the Public

#### RAC Discussion

#### 4) Regional Update (Informational)

-Bill Bates, Regional Supervisor

Well, does everybody know the new director? Greg Sheehan has replaced Jim Karpowitz who has retired after 35 years. Greg has worked for us for 20 years or for at least the Department of Natural Resources. He has an MBA. He has a fiscal background. He's got some really good ideas on running us like a business and things will probably help us do really well in that area and actually I have worked with Greg really closely over the years and I really think highly of him and I think he has got a lot of good ideas. So I am excited about the things that are going to take place. Next week we have a meeting in Salt Lake and he has asked all of the regional supervisor's and section chiefs to look at what other states do and come in with some programs that they do that we don't do and have some suggestions. We have come across several in our region that we are going to talk about such

as a mapping program that will help hunters and fisherman. This will help them know where to hunt and fish. This will be a kind of thing where people can get some information. Also we talked a little bit about it earlier tonight that maybe there should be some kind of access fee for birding or non-consumptive users, and another thing we looked at was Arizona has a program that is a Mentoring Workshop, where they teach people how to hunt turkeys, hunt antelope or whatever. They have some really neat ideas. So anyways Greg is forcing us to look outside of what we do and he also wants to work, or reach out and get feedback from the people that we don't hear from. You know we have quite a few local constituents that come to RAC meetings and that work with us closely, but there is a lot hunters and fisherman and other outdoor enthusiasts out there that we never hear from and he wants us to find a way to reach them. This will be interesting to see what he comes up with. Or let me change that to what "WE" come up with. The aquatics section just briefly said they are just getting into their mode of report writing right now, but Dan Keller our Native Fish Biologist has been working at the Frenchman's Ranch. If you have driven from I-70 down towards Hanksville you have noticed all of the tamarisks are gone around the Hatt Ranch and on the other side of the road it has been cut but it has been put into piles. We have done a lot of work on eradicating tamarisks in those areas and I hope you have noticed that as well up around Moab the Matheson Wetland area, Chris Wood has been dealing with the Nature Conservancy there. I drove past there tonight and I thought it just looked phenomenal compared to what it used to look like. So this is one thing that they have been working on. There is some more information on what Derris talked about a minute ago. The AIS Program intercepted a boat going from Texas to Washington and they found false Dark Mussels on that boat and which is a prohibited species. At our meeting in Castle Dale we had the discussion about the winter fishing closure on Joe's Valley. The Board listened to the public input there and decided to go ahead and remove that fall fishing closure from Joe's Valley. Brent has been busy. He has held a mule deer watch in the South Book Cliffs on November 17. He had 50 people show up and they saw a lot deer. It turned out really good, people were very appreciative. On Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> he had another watch. This was a Big Horn Sheep watch in Green River and he had about 100 people and 35 vehicles and they saw close to 50 Big Horn Sheep up there. Turned out to a really good day. He had another watch near Price up on Porphyry Bench just last Saturday and he only had three people show up and they saw 25 deer. That one wasn't quite as productive. But he told everybody not to come because the deer really haven't come down into lower elevations around Price. Due to the fire. it looks like they are hanging up higher and there hasn't been any weather to push them down. I actually have seen quite a few and I don't know what the biologists have seen. But there has been quite a few hanging up around the fire still. Brent has two events coming up to address hunter recruitment and retention. I believe he called a kid's shooting group or Shooting Event, we changed the name to shooting event for kids; this is going to be at the Spanish Valley Arena on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. The one in Emery County is going to be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. We hope he gets a good turn-out to those events. The Habitat Section has been finishing up their projects this year. They worked heavily at Gordon Creek, Huntington Wildlife Management area, Nash Wash; they worked on some the fields there. Dan Keller has been working on the San Rafael, Range creek where they have been reseeding the light house fire. Cold Springs, Poison Springs Bench, and there has been a lot of work done down here by Monticello. Sue probably knows about some of those efforts they have been doing. And Sue, would you like to tell us a little about what's happened with the Adam's Easement?

Sue Bellagamba- Sure, in October the Nature Conservancy actually purchased a fee title, it's not an easement--1080 acres just northeast of Monticello in core occupied habitat for Gunnison Sage Grouse. The DWR was very instrumental in helping us. And in fact, they went in and we took out about 180 acres of dry land farm and replanted it in sagebrush .

We have plans to refurbish an old levy and create about 20-25 acres of wet meadow habitat. If all goes as planned, this is going to take a lot of public input, and a decision by the RAC . We may be able to go to Gunnison Colorado and bring some birds over to Utah and thus boost the genetic diversity of our population.

Bill Bates- Is that the old Skinny Neilson Reservoir? Is that the area we're talking about?

Sue Bellagamba- I don't know where that is. And Guy is not here.

Bill Bates- I think that is where it is.

Bill Bates- Law Enforcement. First thing that I would like to announce is that after 31 years, Lieutenant Carl Gramlich has decided to retire. His last day is going to be on Friday. So he will retire as of the 16<sup>th</sup> and we appreciate all of the hard work that he did. We actually have announced the Lieutenant position and we should be filling that here shortly. Roger Kerstetter has been asked to be the acting Lieutenant. But it actually is moving quite quickly. The position should be filled pretty soon. They have been doing a lot of work. They have been having their winter range patrols going. I don't know if we have had any big cases come to the forefront in that several weeks or the last month. They are patrolling the cow elk hunts and checking trappers and cougar hunters. There have been quite a few Big Horn Sheep that have been checked in, and they have been busy doing that. Stacy Jones did a great job with the Helper light parade. Every year there's a light parade in Helper around Christmas time. Stacey spearheaded the effort and put together a float and we won first place for the Government division. And we did have some competition. Smokey the Bear was there from the Forest Service. The Wildlife section has been busy as we already talked about with the Big Horn Sheep flights. We have kind of gone through that already. They are also doing some capture work with some mule deer. Brad has been working up on the Manti. He just finished capturing about 20 deer and has been putting radio collars on them as part of the statewide study on recruitment of fawns and looking at mortality and Guy will be doing some trapping. Probably around the first week of January we don't know for sure. At the same time they are going to go down to do some trapping in John's Canyon to do the work that Justin as already talked about and also we are going to trap some sheep out there by Big Ben. The group that is across river. We are a little worried about them getting over into Castle Valley and intermixing with domestic sheep. So we are going to be doing some blood work on them, and possibly we might move them, if they turn out to be disease free. The deer classification is under way. It has been an unusual year, it's been tough to find deer with how dry it has been. The hunters will probably tell you the same thing that the deer have been scattered from the top of the mountain down to the desert, and it has made classification really tough. So the numbers might not be good. You know, some years the counting conditions, when you have snow and the deer are on the winter range. This is one of those years that I think is going to be a little tough to decipher exactly what's going on. And other than that, unless you guys have any questions, that is all that I have.

Questions from the RAC

Questions from the Public

Comments from the Public

RAC Discussion

5) Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20 (Action)  
-Jim Parris, Avian Coordinator

Questions from the RAC

Wayne Hoskisson- The thing that I am curious about is just how many wild raptors are taken for Falconry in a year or two. Are we talking about a dozen or several dozen?

Jim Parrish- It would be less than 20. I don't have the figure right off the top of my head. We do have one program where we allow the take of wild peregrines. But we have had no more than 6 ever taken for any year that we have offered that. And there is probably not more than 10 or 12 additional birds of other species that are taken that are wild raptors each year.

Wayne Hoskisson- So most of the raptors are actually purchased from other people who have bred them?

Jim Parrish- Purchased or there is a lot of guys that are breeding them in captivity and the main source for most of these guys now is they get birds that breed in captivity.

Wayne Hoskisson- I noticed that one of the rules was that the COR renewals require up to a 30 day processing time for completion. Is that because there is actually a problem with people doing, filing or asking for the renewals?

Jim Parrish- There are always problems but there is more. What I have been doing the last couple of years with this new rule is: Whenever we get a renewal request, I go through all of the records for that individual just to make sure we have everything, and that all of the T's are crossed and the I's are dotted and that we are not missing any annual reports, and we are not missing any other reporting forms, and just to give us time to get to do that processing to make sure the file is in good shape before we do the renewals. I have other programs that I am responsible for and Anita helps me and she is very swamped and we do get behind but we try to get them out as quickly as we can.

Derris Jones- Any other questions from the RAC?

Blair Eastman- How much over sight is there actually to this? I mean do you actually go and visit these places every year?

Jim Parrish- I did at one time and then I was according to the CIP Rule that has to be done by a conservation officer. So, I don't do the inspections. I try to meet with the state club folks as often as I can. But I don't actually go out and inspect and go to their homes or where ever they are keeping the bird's like I did at one time, but that is supposed to be done by a conservation officer. But we do keep good dialog with those guys. Not, every Falconry in the state is a member of the state club. But the state club guys work with us pretty close.

Blair Eastman- How many people participate in Falconry?

Jim Parrish- We've floated between 200-250. We got right at 200 or just right under 200

right now. And it is renewal time for some of them so. But we have been around 200-250 the last few years.

Derris Jones- Any other questions from the RAC?

Any questions from the audience?

Any Comments from the audience on the Falconry Guidebook? Ok we will close it to public comment.

### Questions from the Public

### Comments from the Public

### RAC Discussion

Wayne Hoskisson- Actually I would like to comment. I think this is pretty good. This is not just a minor rewrite or a few changes, this is major and it really clarified some things I thought about very well.

Jim Parrish-Thank you. It looks worse than it is, but I think combining sections is what was needed for quite a while.

Wayne Hoskisson- The one thing in here--it does look like Section 20-9 is not labeled--at least in mine.

Jim Parrish- Ok, I will check on that.

Derris Jones- Jim, does it look like we are on track to probably not see this rule again until four years is up?

Jim Parrish- Well, my understanding is we've been added to the schedule as an annual to this RAC each year. But if we don't need to do anything else, we wouldn't come around. And it was reauthorized last year, so it's a five year reauthorization, so it would be 2016 before the full rule is reauthorized again. We made a couple more edits, where we work with these guys, and they tell us things that they want to see that would help the rule or that would help them with the rule. So, there may be some things such as that which could come up. But other than that, it would be editorial or clarification kinds of things, if we did.

Derris Jones- Ok, thanks Jim.

Pam Riddle-I will make a motion to accept the Falconry Guidebook and Rule as presented.

### **VOTING**

Motion was made by Pam Riddle moved to accept the Falconry Guidebook and Rule R657-20\_as presented.

Seconded by Kevin Albrecht

Motion passed unanimously

6) **Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities (Action)**  
**-by Jim Parrish for Licensing**

**Questions from the RAC**

**Derris Jones - Thank you, Jim. Are there any questions from the RAC?**

**Questions from the Public**

**Derris Jones - Any Questions from the Public?**

**Lloyd Nielson(Sunrise Outfitting)- This is probably me just not knowing it, but I've took out Elk Hunters that had window permits that shoot from a jeep that was totally paralyzed from the waist down. We knocked elk down. Is there any law or rules that if I walked to that elk and it was not dead that someone could be authorized to finish it off? When the hunter cannot get there?**

**Derris Jones- Does somebody in Law Enforcement want to address that?**

**Tj Robertson- I'll give you the letter of the Law. The letter of the Law says that he or she that actually has the tag has to be the one that actually kills the animal. To my knowledge there is no other special COR or anything else to allow somebody else to take that animal, unless that person is blind. I believe that is the only other case.**

**Derris Jones- Are there any other questions from the public? Is there any other comments from the Public?**

**Comments from the Public**

**Lloyd Nielson (Sunrise Outfitting) - I think we need to do something. When you walk into a bull elk or a bull elk goes over the hill and you don't know it's dead. All they would have to do is authorize somebody that is with that individual to be able to take it. There is no way a guy that is totally wheelchair bound that can get over a ridge to shoot the elk. And there is no reason to let an elk suffer because he can't make it there.**

**Derris Jones- Thanks Lloyd.**

**Any other comments from the public?**

**RAC Discussion**

**Charlie Tracy- How hard is that to change to get something like that? Is that going to take a major change?**

**Derris Jones-- I don't think it is more major than any other change that has been made.**

**Jeff Horrocks-It's going to take a change in the law to accommodate what Mr. Hunter is requesting. I would make a recommendation that the department go ahead with their legal staff and try to enunciate that in this upcoming legislative session, if possible. I agree that a wheelchair bound individual that has a handicap permit, that shoots an animal, and then cannot proceed to the animal and do the final dispatch on it, if it's not dead, that just doesn't make sense.**



**Derris Jones- Is it going to be a code change or a rule change?**

**Tj Robertson- We already have the ability to issue a COR for the blind. We could issue the COR. We could just do the administrative change with the Big Game Rule. When would that be? Next Year when the rule opens up again?**

**Bill Bates- Yes, that would be in the Big Game meeting. That would probably be next November, but you could make a recommendation for us to study it right now and make that next year.**

**Jeff Horrocks- I will make that recommendation, Bill. I think we need to do that and I think it needs to be worded such that the individuals or the guides, or the full capability people that are with these handicapped folks be able to finish that animal off if need be.**

**Blair Eastman- Isn't this the rule that we are working on right now?**

**Bill Bates- Sure, but this is probably something that needs to be changed in the Big Game Guide book.**

**Blair Eastman- I have a question. It seems to me, and I might be wrong, we did a bunch of hunts with Horizon--Don McNolty's group a number of years ago. And it seemed like there was a provision in the COR at that time to have somebody actually shoot for the quadriplegic kid's that came. But I can't remember. Do you know if that is the case?**

**TJ Robertson- I would have to look at the rule to make sure.**

**Blair Eastman- This has been a few years ago, so I am not remembering it exactly. But it seems like there was a provision under the COR to allow for a designated gun man basically.**

**Tj Robertson- Right, there is the provision under there but I believe that it's only for the blind and it maybe for the quadriplegic as well. It just makes sense to me.**

**Bill Bates- There probably could be something allowed in the COR. But I think Derris is right. This is hunting and fishing accommodations for people with disabilities rules. You could even make a motion just to do that and then force the issue and it might end up on the action log.**

**Jeff Horrocks- I will make that motion. What Bill said is what I said.**

**Bill Bates- A motion to allow a companion hunter to finish off a wounded animal for a person with a disability permit.**

**Derris Jones- Do you want that with any disability permit?**

**Lloyd Nielsen- I think there only needs to be one guy that is allowed. Not just anybody can finish it off.**

**Sue Bellagamba- Not a free for all**

**Lloyd Nielsen- And I think they need to be really qualified also. Whether it's an uncle that**

was there or an outfitter. Do you know what I mean? But, only one person alone.

**Bill Bates- Ok, what about a specified companion?**

**Blair Eastman- There you go. For any Para or Quadriplegic or any disability? Is that too specific?**

**Charlie Tracy- In what you're talking about, I mean even a paraplegic or quadriplegic kid or an adult is not going to get there. So I think you would have to accommodate both.**

**Blair Eastman- Does that cover all of the situations that you would get into?**

**Lloyd Nielsen-Yes.**

**Wayne Hoskisson- Well in 12-5, a person may take protected wildlife for a person that is blind, upper extremity disabled or quadriplegic, provided the blind, upper extremity disabled or quadriplegic person is there. And then it lists all of the qualifications.**

**Bill Bates- So looks like it is already there.**

**Jeff Horrocks- You want to clarify it, so that way you have coverage on all those handicap issues?**

**Bill Bates- Where did you find that, Wayne?**

**Wayne Hoskisson-It's on 657-12-5**

**Blair Eastman- So it seems pretty simple to me to add.**

**Bill Bates- That is something that we could probably do in a COR right now. If it is specified in the COR then they can do it.**

**Blair Eastman- Does it need to be clarified there?**

**Bill Bates- I will leave that up to you guys. It looks like it could be handled. It looks like you have dealt with it where it has been done.**

**Blair Eastman- We did and I do remember going through the process with the COR. So I think it is actually handled, but it does have to be during that certificate of registration. So it can be done before you go hunting.**

**Sue Bellagamba- So what Wayne read did not include paraplegic?**

**Wayne Hoskisson- It says upper extremities and /or quadriplegic. Upper extremity is paraplegic.**

**Blair Eastman- I think. Well one thing that you need to say is that you need to include the paraplegic. If someone can't walk then they can't walk.**

**Pam Riddle – That is what I was kind of thinking. The wording...**

**Bill Bates- Do you want to just leave it the way it is, and let them word it out?**

Charlie Tracy- I think they want you to identify paraplegic.

Bill Bates- Well, the way that Jeff already said.

Derris Jones- Ok, so do you have that motion?

Bill Bates- Motion to allow a specified companion to finish off a wounded animal for a quadriplegic or a paraplegic handicap person with a disabled hunting permit.

Derris Jones- Motion made by Jeff Horrocks and seconded by Blair Eastman

All in favor? Motion passed with a unanimously

**VOTING**

Motion was made by Jeff Horrocks to allow a specified companion hunter to finish off a wounded animal for a person who is blind, paraplegic or quadriplegic with a disabled person hunting permit.

Seconded by Blair Eastman

Motion passed unanimously

**VOTING**

Motion was made by Blair Eastman moved to accept the Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People with Disabilities as presented.

Seconded by Pam Riddle

Motion passed unanimously

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**Coyote Bounty Program**

--Joseph Christensen, Regional Coyote Control Specialist

This presentation is on the audio record. Joe's PowerPoint has been included with a record of the minutes on the DWR shared drive. Please contact Brent Stettler or Staci Coons for a copy of this PowerPoint.

**Questions from the RAC**

Blair Eastman- What if I don't own a GPS, would I be able to participate in the program?

Joe Christensen- Well what we do is, if you don't own a GPS, we do have connection to the Internet and if you can point to the location, that's usually enough.

Blair Eastman- So, you don't have to have a GPS to participate?

Joe Christensen-No you don't. We would like a pretty specific location. We have had a couple of people that have not had one. We just get on Google Maps and we can pinpoint a pretty close location.

**Travis Pehrson-** How are you going to check the validity of the location? I guess you will be doing DNA testing to know if these guys are being honest on where they are shooting their coyotes. I have already heard rumors of people already being dishonest about the location of the coyote that is being taken. So how are you going to keep the validity of it?

**Joe Christensen-** I don't personally think we will be able to do a lot but...

**Justin Shannon-** The reality of it is that we won't. I mean any program that we have, fraud can come into it. What we can do is try to find if this is really a Utah coyote or is this coming from out of state? And once we get the genetic data base put together then I think we will be able to get a much better feel. As such- we may be able to tell if this is a coyote from Southeast Utah compared to Delta or something like that. I think we can do that but specific drainages in that area? No, I don't think we could ever get that good on genetic stuff.

**Bill Bates-** it's up to our conservation officers to do an investigation on suspected fraud. So if anybody has information, they should let us know.

**Justin Shannon-** Other than killing outside of the state, fraud is not an issue

**Travis Pehrson-** I am sure they are killing them here or around the area. I am meaning just being honest about the exact location is probably what I mean.

**Chris Micoz-** They probably just don't want to give up their hot spot.

**Justin Shannon-** The reason that the in-state information is so important is target control. What would be nice is that within a year or two we could look at a unit like the LaSals and put these GPS dots on all of these drainages, overlay them on a map and say that Lackey Basin isn't getting hit and the fawn to doe ratios are low there every time Guy classifies deer; and if we have voids in the data, that's where that local information will help, so we can send contractors up there to target specific areas that would help us.

**Travis Pehrson-** So we will try to contract these people that are being used from last year, like one of the top coyote killers, so you will probably use the ones that are honest and doing the right thing.

**Charlie Tracy-** What has been one of the most positive way to get them? Shoot them or trap them? Or do you ask that?

**Joe Christensen-** We do ask that on the sheets. I haven't gone through and tallied it up or anything but I don't think a lot of people have been trapping, until the beginning of December, and we have had quite a few more being trapped recently.

**Bill Bates-** Joe, you might mention what time of year had more kills in it--like July vs. August. Do you have that information?

**Joe Christensen-** I actually don't. I have only been here for 3 weeks, so I don't. But Justin might know.

**Justin Shannon-** This program came into effect right after the legislature ended but we didn't start the program until July 1, so we had a lag time from July 1 until the first coyotes were checked in. Then we had a back log. We checked in close to 60 here in Monticello and

**60 in Price. And then during the next two months it was pretty slim pickings and low teens in those areas and in November and December, the take picked up. At the end of November we checked in roughly 60 or so down here and 60 in Price or right around there.**

**Charlie Tracy- Justin, is Wild life Service's still going out and doing helicopter flights?**

**Justin Shannon- Yes. This program is an addition to the predator control that we already had been doing with Wildlife Services.**

**Bill Bates- And actually they are giving them more money to do more.**

**Justin Shannon- One of those bills gave us \$500,000.00 and what wasn't mentioned is that Wildlife Services was given an additional \$250,000.00 as well.**

**Travis Pehrson- Is there any thought about changing the bounty when it becomes spring and early summer, because the pelts aren't worth anything by then, and trying to keep the trappers or people more interested in doing it at that time?**

**Justin Shannon- We had some open houses on this and what the public really asked for was simplicity. And so we just kind of did \$50.00 year round and we will pay you year round. We have some areas and times that we would like focused on but through the public process, it was just--make it as simple as possible. So we just kept the \$50.00 bounty constant.**

**Wayne Hoskisson- The statewide figure was over 2,300. So where in the state are they coming from?**

**Joe Christensen- There has been a lot coming from the Southern Region to the west of us. If you look at our region on the map, there are a couple of locations that are in the pink, but this region doesn't have a lot of prime coyote habitat.**

**Justin Shannon- Last year, when they did the breakdown with the trappers to figure out where the coyotes were being taken statewide, the northern and central regions averaged from 2500-3000 coyotes that these trappers had taken. The Southern region was up as well. The Northeast region was like 800 coyotes and Southeast region was 400 coyotes. So when you look at the statewide distribution, the Southeast Region has a lower density.**

**Travis Pehrson- Is it because there are more trappers in other areas or is it the same in...**

**Justin Shannon- I think it's just a different make-up. You know you have a heavier population on the Wasatch front so you probably have more involvement and there is probably a lot of factors that go into that.**

**Derris Jones- I will say that I believe that a lot of the trappers are not taking their coyote pelts to Nephi. They are going to Farmington or shipping them to Napa. So we don't get the same turn out because of the geographic location of where the fur auction is. So I think we have a lot more coyotes taken but it I think it is just demographics and where we are located. We don't get to see the amount that is turned in up there.**

**Blair Eastman – They will now because of the bounty.**

**Joe Christensen- I believe that will show a lot more of what we actually contribute to how**

many coyotes are taken compared to the rest of the state.

Justin Shannon- When you look at that trapping data--before you weren't or you didn't have to report if you killed a coyote or not and you just don't. A guy can still just go kill a coyote and not report it and doesn't have to get \$50.00 so all that is, is an index. These are just minimum numbers and it is just reflective of what was being done in the past.

Derris Jones- Are there any other questions from the RAC?

#### Questions from the Public

Derris Jones-Does the public have any questions for Joe?

#### Comments from the Public

Cassidy Lyman- In your slide, mention was made of approved vendors for the 2013 predatory program. I didn't quite understand that. Maybe it was talked about and I didn't catch that. But what is an approved vendor?

Joe Christensen- What we are going to do is look at the list of people who turn in coyotes and then we are going to say, ok these ones. We are going to see what floats to the top. Who's killing coyotes? Who's doing a good job? And we are going to go with those people. Along with checking back grounds, and I mean it is a state run program, so it is going to be checked out, and that is about what is going to happen--so those people that have done well.

Charlie Tracy- So are you going to select a vendor from each region do you think? Or are you going to pick the top one from the state and just him go all over the state?

Joe Christensen- I think it will be a regional thing. I don't think it will be a full-time position. It will be somebody from around the area.

Jeff Horrocks- I think you might have a problem with that. You might have young people that want to go out on the weekends and hunt coyotes that are in school and can't go out on a regular basis and hunt, but who are good at what they are do, but they are not going to have the numbers that somebody is, who can go out and trap or hunt all day long through the week.

Joe Christensen- But we are still going to want the people that can go out all the time and be producing still.

Travis Pehrson- When you say vendors you're not specifically going to pick one person. You're going to pick several that you can contract with?

Jeff Horrocks- Anybody can still go out.

Joe Christensen- Oh yeah, anybody can. The \$50.00 is still going to continue on being there. This is just going to be in addition to that.

Bill Bates- Those criteria haven't been set yet. We kind of want to wait and see what comes out of this. We will see what happens, then we will come up with criteria later this year and it will just have to make sense, but it will probably be multiple people in the region, and we

will ask one person to go to one area, and another person to go in another and put an effort in that area.

Kevin Albrecht- It gives people an incentive to be actively doing it, if they want to be one of those vendors out there next year.

Joe Christensen-Any other questions?

Derris Jones- Thanks, Joe.

### RAC Discussion

Derris Jones- Well that is at the end of the agenda. Is there any other business that anybody wants to bring up?

Blair Eastman- I just have a question. I might not word this right, so Bill, you're going to have to answer this too. Under three year rules, there are proclamations that are put together for three years, five years, etc. If you see a problem with part of the rule or part of the regulation that is associated with those rules, is there some sort of provision to make amendments to those proclamations?

Bill Bates- Sure, we saw that tonight with Jim's program. And what happened was that the Falconry Association contacted Jimmy well ahead of when it was scheduled to come through the RAC and said, "Look, we have these problems. Is there any way we can address those?" I think that's true of any of the proclamations or management plans or whatever. If you see a problem, get with us in the region or in Salt lake with the coordinator over that program, and if it is a big enough issue, we can approach the director's office and see if it is something that we need or if it is something that they want to look at now, or if it's something that we should wait on.

Blair Eastman- So before we talk about it, say at a RAC Meeting or elsewhere, you would like to see it at the regional level first?

Bill Bates- Sure, come and talk to us.

Blair Eastman- How's 8:00 a.m. Friday morning?

Bill Bates- Sure, or tonight right after.

Derris Jones- I think the important thing, Blair, is that enough advanced notice is given, so it is on all of the RAC'S agendas if it's a change.

Blair Eastman- I think what I want to talk about would be a change to one of the proclamations. I think it might be important.

Bill Bates- Ok. Which proclamation? For instance, the Bear Proclamation.

Blair Eastman- It would be the Bear Proclamation.

Bill Bates-December would be the RAC meeting that is scheduled or whenever bears have been scheduled to review that program. Just get with us well ahead of time and if it something that needs to be corrected, then we can take it to Salt Lake and talk it over .

**Blair Eastman- Ok, then I will get with you and talk about it.**

**Bill Bates- Ok. The Big Game is going to be next November, Fishing is in May.**

**Travis Pehrson- Can I just ask one other question? About that ground that was sold off for the Sage Grouse. Now were there public meetings on any of that?**

**I have concerns of farmers in that area who are worried about their farms being shut down because of the sage grouse. Is there anything to worry about there?**

**Bill Bates- Well, that is a real big issue that you just brought up. What you're talking about is land that has been condemned. It's nothing like that. This land was purchased and what you're talking about is infringing on a person's right to sell their property and why should somebody have to take a proposed sale of their private property through the public process? That would be ruled as a take of personal property rights by the government.**

**Travis Pehrson- I don't care how they bought the property, but how about the surrounding properties?**

**Bill Bates- The question that your taking about--let's say that if we propose a transplant of sage grouse into that parcel, that's when the proposal would be taken through the public process. For just the purchase of the land and those kinds of things, then there's no reason to take it through the public process.**

**Travis Person- I know it's a huge concern of the farmers and the landowners over there--that once this is implemented, and sage grouse are in there, they worry that they won't be able to farm their own land, and it's going to create some problems that are going to be huge to the economical impact in that area.**

**Bill Bates- Travis, you're talking about a huge issue with the Gunnison Sage Grouse. Now, the division stand on the Gunnison Sage grouse is that we are doing everything we can to keep the species from becoming listed. Now, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has been petitioned to list the species. That's their decision but the State of Utah has put together a sage grouse task force. We have done everything that we can and we have talked about ways to keep the grouse from becoming listed. If it becomes listed, then that is a federal action rather than a state action. As far as we are concerned, as the State of Utah, we are not going implement any actions that are going to affect landowners like you have suggested tonight. You know it would be a public process where we would take public input and that's the way that we would do things--like what we are doing here tonight, and so I can't answer what the federal government is going to do. You know, it is scheduled to come out with a ruling here with in next few months, and we will just have to see what they come up with.**

**Sue Bellagamba- As of today the only thing that has happened is a private non-profit group, the Nature Conservancy has purchased property from a private entity which happens all the time. People purchase private property from willing sellers at fair market value. And so that does not need any public comment at this point. It is within the local group plan and we did talk about the project in the local working group meeting. The next step, whether that happens or not, is going to take a tremendous amount of public input and we are very interested in hearing and working with all of the local neighbors in there. And so that's in the future, whether that happens or not, I think we really need to work with the neighbors in that area to see what they want to do. We believe in protecting private property rights. We own a lot of private property, and we also want to protect our own private property**



rights in that area, too--to do what we want on our property.

**Bill Bates-** I have already been contacted by San Juan County over this issue and we've committed to work closely with them about taking their input and working this out with them.

**Blair Eastman-** If there is any movement as far as transplants, that could involve the public or the division, that does go through the public process, right?

**Sue Bellagamba-** Absolutely. I think we have to remember what Bill said, our goal is to keep the species from being listed. We can't do anything and say we are going to keep this off the Endangered Species List. We have to implement a plan. If we don't implement the plan, it will be listed. And the plan is a public plan. I would be happy to talk with anybody afterwards, if that would help.

**Derris Jones-** Is there any other business? Discussion?

**Jim Parrish-** Blair mentioned about changing the proclamation that would reflect a change in rules so it wouldn't just be a change in the guide book it would have to be in the rule before it could be in the proclamation. I don't know for sure what you're talking about but instead of making (in auditable)

**Blair Eastman-** I want to make the move to adjourn.

**Chris Micoz-** I second that.

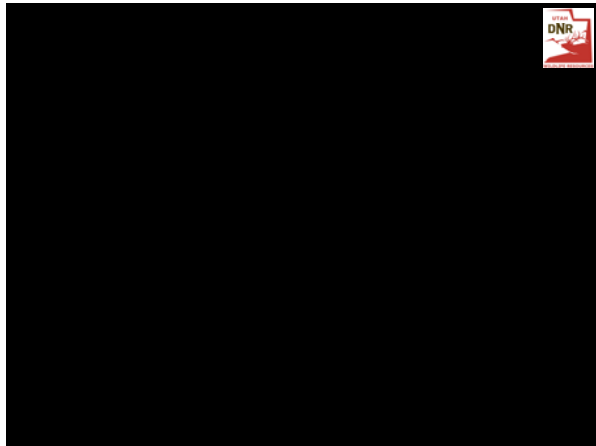
Passed unanimously.


Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Public in attendance 6


The next Wildlife Board meeting will take place on January 10, 2013 at the DNR Salt Lake office Boardroom at 1594 West North Temple at 9 a.m.

The next southeast regional RAC meeting will take place on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River at 6:30 p.m.






## Utah Falconry Rule (R657-20) Annual Review



*Presented by*  
**Jim Parrish**  
*Native Terrestrial Wildlife Program Coordinator*





## Utah Falconry Rule (R657-20) Annual Review - Recommendations



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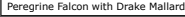





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Peregrine Falcon with Drake Mallard




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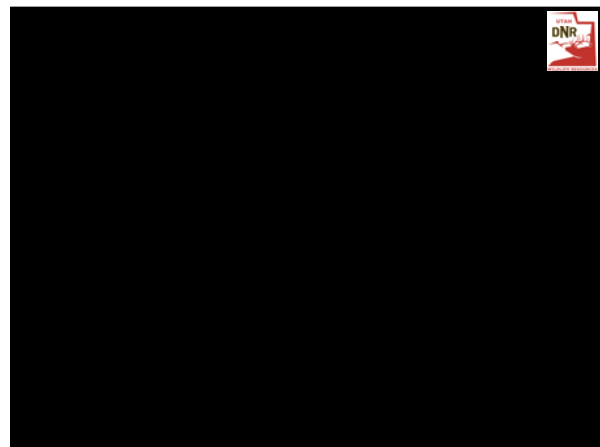


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*Thank You!*



*Questions?*



**R657-12-7. Special Season  
Extension for Disabled Persons  
(Turkey)**

**R657 -12-7**

- Replace obsolete language in (c) i, ii, iii with:
- Propose to have the extended turkey season be the 7 days prior to the Limited Entry hunt date published in the guidebook.
- This ensures a full weekend with less pressure, which is the intent of season extensions.

**R657-12-8 Crossbows and  
Draw-locks for qualifying  
disabilities**

**R657-12-8**

- Propose adding "carp" to the list of species approved for crossbow take (people with disabilities only).
- Propose adding "fishing" as recognized season.
- Crossbows must have:
  1. Reel with line capable of tethering the bolt to restrict flight distance,
  2. A positive safety mechanism.

**R657-12-10 Fishing License for  
Veterans with Disabilities**

Fulfilling our promise to evaluate after one year.

**R 657 12-10**

- Currently Veterans with 40% or higher disability rating get a \$5.00 discount on season fishing license.
- Since 2011, 93 veterans have purchased a discount license. The impact is not significant on resource or revenue.
- Propose lowering the current service-connected disability rating from 40% to 20%.



**Thank You**

## Casa Cielo Press

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Dear Wildlife Council,

I am writing this letter to request a variance regarding my application to obtain a C.O.R.E. Permit which would allow me to use my work animals while conducting critical injury prevention and life saving rattlesnake aversion training in Utah. As stated in my previous C.O.R.E. application, my snakes are defanged and therefore rendered unable to inject venom. Granted this permit, my snakes would enter the state of Utah with me, be held in my possession while within state boundaries, and leave the state with me upon my departure. They would not be transferred nor leave my possession.

Some of these snakes have been maintained by me and been in my possession for 4-5 years. These particular animals assist in the training process and are an integral part of making the most effective introductions to rattlesnakes possible for dogs and people.

This is the 2nd time I have applied for a C.O.R.E. and been declined. I first applied in 2006 and was declined, and I subsequently submitted a 2nd application on 6/11/12. My second application, I have been told, was also declined as it was not perceived to meet the requirements of an educational permit. I am told that because there is a fee involved with the training, it is subsequently deemed a commercial activity and thus I am disqualified from obtaining the necessary C.O.R.E.

I would request that the Council review this decision in light of the importance of this training. These sessions are provided at as reasonable a rate as possible in order to make this critical training available to as many people as possible. As with any type of important medical or safety training, there are associated costs required in order to make it possible to conduct the trainings. In addition, with SnakeSafe rattlesnake aversion training, this "commercial" concern is offset by the horrendous cost to Utah residents when treatment is required for injuries, as well as possible deaths, that may result for both canines and/or their human companions who are victims of rattlesnake bites.

Rattlesnake aversion training not only stresses avoidance of rattlesnakes by dogs, it also teaches dogs to be early indicators of a rattlesnake's presence for their human companions. This comprehensive training is conducted to train both dogs and their human companions in how to maintain safety in rattlesnake areas. I am certain the Wildlife Council recognizes the medical and financial benefits inherent in allowing opportunities for this training to be provided for their constituents.

If we were discussing a medical procedure that eliminated the occurrence of horrendous injury and death to Utah residents, the physician or professional who was providing that critical training or service would not be disqualified from protecting the population of the state of Utah because they offset their costs in order to make it possible to help people.

I've done this training for 26 years. I'm one of the few individuals available in this country who is qualified to do this work and I'm very good at it. I'm licensed through the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. and maintain a Special Education and Wildlife Holding Permit through them. I am an identified "Known Shipper" through the Transportation Safety Administration that allows me to transport my snakes on commercial airlines. I've trained literally tens of thousands of dogs over two and a half decades. It is incalculable to determine how much expense, injury, and death has been avoided as a result of rattlesnake avoidance trainings that I have conducted.

Regarding the people of Utah, I have trained hundreds of dogs for Utah's residents. As things currently stand, however, if I conduct trainings for the people in Kanab or St. George, I have to work across the state line in Arizona which requires extra time and expense for people to travel to me. While working in the Salt Lake City area, which I've done for about 6 years, training hundreds of dogs, I have had to use animals provided under another person's C.O.R.E., necessitating additional costs to the attendees and restricting the number of people who can afford the training. This also eliminates the possibility of training in other areas that aren't adjacent to the state boundaries or the greater Salt Lake area. The person with the C.O.R.E. whom I am working with has recently relocated a long distance from Salt Lake, and the driving time involved makes it difficult for him to work the long and often late hours required to be available for Salt Lake City based training sessions. Consequently, without the use of my animals, I will no longer be able to help people within Utah. When I get phone calls requesting help in Cedar City, Moab, or elsewhere in Utah all I can tell them is that it is impossible for me to help them because the state of Utah has mandated that it is illegal for me to use my work animals to help them safeguard their pets and family members. All I can offer them is to meet me in another state which recognizes the concerns people have for safeguarding their loved ones and which allows them to get this important proactive training.

I have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity I have had thus far to provide rattlesnake aversion training for the dogs and people of Utah and I hope to continue to be able to do so. However, due to necessity, in order to continue I will require a

C.O.R.E. permit allowing me to bring my own animals and thus having greater flexibility in the service I can provide throughout the state, including reduced costs for those participating in the trainings.

I am submitting this request for a variance as requested, and I am enclosing the **\$200.00 non-refundable fee** that your variance review requires in the hopes that the Wildlife Council will recognize the benefit this important work provides for the citizens of Utah. I am available for questions at 520-465-3460 and my email address is [web\\_parton@me.com](mailto:web_parton@me.com). Additional information is available on my website at [www.snakesafe.com](http://www.snakesafe.com).

Sincerely,

  
Web Parton





# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

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# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Wildlife Resources

GREGORY SHEEHAN  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 17, 2012

**TO:** Utah Wildlife Board

**FROM:** Staci Coons, Chair  
Certification Review Committee

**RE:** Variance Request from Mr. Web Parton for the possession and commercial use of rattlesnakes.

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### ANALYSIS

The committee evaluated the merits of the request based on the criteria established by the Wildlife Board in R657-53-11. Based upon the criteria established by the Wildlife Board, the analyses and recommendations of the committee are as follows:

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3. **The ecological and environmental impacts** - The committee had no concerns with ecological or environmental impacts.
4. **The suitability of the facilities** - The committee had no significant concerns with the suitability of the facilities. The committee only discussed the equipment that Mr. Parton uses for transporting the reptiles as they will be permanently housed in Arizona.



5. **Experience of the applicant for the proposed activity** - The committee had no concerns regarding the experience of the applicant for the proposed activity.
6. **The ecological and environmental impacts on other states** - The committee had no significant concerns with impacts of this request on other states.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee, after careful evaluation, recommends that the request be approved and that the following stipulations be made part of the Certificate of Registration:

1. The committee recommends approval for Mr. Web Parton to bring his rattlesnakes into the State of Utah for commercial and educational use.
2. The committee recommends that Mr. Web Parton contact the Division prior to entering the state by providing an itinerary to Suzanne McMullin indicating dates, times and locations of each training.
3. The committee recommends that Mr. Web Parton add a section to his training about Utah Rules and Regulations concerning the handling of snakes.
4. The committee recommends that the Certificate of Registration issued to Mr. Parton is not transferable and cannot be sold with his business.
5. The committee requires that Mr. Parton obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection from the Department of Agriculture for the importation of the rattlesnakes and that all city, county and insurance needs continue to be current.

cc: Certification Review Committee Members  
Web Parton



**Best Friends**  
ANIMAL SOCIETY

5001 Angel Canyon Road • Kanab, Utah 84741-5000 • (435) 644-2001 • [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)

## Request for Variance

22 July 2012

### Requested by...

Carmen Smith – 5REHB6888 & 5POSS2996

[carmens@bestfriends.org](mailto:carmens@bestfriends.org)

### For use at the following location...

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary – Wild Friends Department

5001 Angel Canyon Road

Kanab, UT 84741

435-644-2001 extension 4592

I am requesting a variance for the purpose of relocating nuisance rattlesnakes. I have been performing this service as a subpermittee under James Dix – 1NUIS7550 since 2010. Myself and the other subpermittees functioning at this location have relocated 78 snakes in 2010 (68 of which were rattlesnakes), 64 snakes in 2011 (47 of which were rattlesnakes), and about three dozen rattlesnakes have been relocated so far in 2012.

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, in Kanab, houses approximately 1600-2000 domestic and exotic animals, our state and federally licensed wildlife programs and receives approximately 26,000 visitors annually. The human/animal traffic at the Sanctuary has reached such a volume that venomous snakes require relocations to limit the potential for conflict. Snakes not found in conflict situations or areas of high traffic are never relocated.

If you have any additional questions – I can be reached at the above phone number or email address.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carmen Smith

Included with this request for variance is a check to the UT-DWR in the amount of \$200 as instructed by my COR Specialist.



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4. **The suitability of the facilities** - The committee had no significant concerns with the suitability of the facilities.



5. **Experience of the applicant for the proposed activity** - The committee had no concerns regarding the experience of the applicant for the proposed activity.
6. **The ecological and environmental impacts on other states** - The committee had no significant concerns with impacts of this request on other states.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee, after careful evaluation, recommends that the request be approved and that the following stipulations be made part of the Certificate of Registration:

1. The committee recommends approval for Ms. Smith to remove nuisance rattlesnakes from areas of the Best Friends Sanctuary that have the potential to come in contact with the public and to relocate them to other areas of the property.
2. The committee recommends that Ms. Smith establish a written protocol for the employees of Best Friends Sanctuary that will be helping with the relocation of nuisance rattlesnakes and submit that plan to the Suzanne McMullin at the Division of Wildlife Resources.
3. The committee recommends that the Certificate of Registration issued to Ms. Smith is not transferable and cannot be sold with the business.

cc: Certification Review Committee Members  
Carmen Smith, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 2, 2013

To: Utah Wildlife Board Members

From: Kevin Bunnell, Wildlife Section Chief - in behalf of Utah FNAWS, SCI and RMEF

SUBJECT: Season date variance request for 2013-2015 Desert and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

The Conservation Permit Rule allows for the conservation groups receiving permits to request a variance on season dates from the Wildlife Board. This provision is rarely used except in the case of bighorn sheep (desert and rocky mountain). Since 2005 all bighorn sheep conservation permits have been granted a variance allowing the permit recipients to hunt through December 31. This does not provide conservation permit holders with a significant advantage in harvesting an animal because the extension comes after the rut is over. However, the extended season does allow flexibility to the permit holders and therefore increases the value of the permits, which increases the resources that the Division has to manage bighorn sheep populations. This variance has been in place since 2005 without significant controversy, so in behalf of the Utah FNAWS, SCI and RMEF I am requesting that the Board renew this variance for the 2013-15 bighorn sheep conservation permits.