

RAC AGENDA – December 2021



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
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- RAC Chair
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- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
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- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
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- Wyatt Bubak, Law Enforcement Captain **INFORMATIONAL**
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- Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator **ACTION**
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- Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator **ACTION**
8. Cougar Recommendations and Rule R657-10 revisions for 2022-2023
- Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator **ACTION**
9. R657-33 Black Bear Rule Amendments and Recommendations for 2022
- Darren DeBloois, Mammals Program Coordinator **ACTION**

Meeting Locations

CR RAC – Nov. 30th 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtu.be/VB5Jf4haiK4>

SER RAC – Dec. 8th 6:30 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtu.be/Ulb4BroM4C4>

NR RAC – Dec. 1st 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtu.be/su83Hlzqg8c>

NER RAC – Dec. 9th 6:30 PM
Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtu.be/XTuiz0XhEB0>

SR RAC – Dec. 7th 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield
<https://youtu.be/rDYjSozeazw>

Board Meeting – January 4th 9:00 AM
Eccles Wildlife Education Center, Farmington Bay
https://youtu.be/XeaH_WIUU4E



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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 22, 2021
To: Wildlife Board
From: Covy Jones, Big Game Coordinator
Subject: Recommended changes to R657-5, R657-62, R657-10, and R657-33

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending the following changes to Utah Administrative Rules R657-5 and R657-62. This memo is a summary of changes and does not encompass every recommended change. To see the exact language of all proposed rule changes, please refer to the redline version of the rules included in the packet for the July/August 2021 RAC meetings.

Antlerless elk-control permit

- Recommended changes
 - Clarify that these permits must be used on an antlerless elk-control unit
 - Clarify that these permits are **not** valid on a CWMU

Night vision device

- Any device that enhances visible and non-visible light. This includes but is not limited to:
 - Night-vision devices
 - Thermal-imaging devices
 - Infrared-imaging devices
 - Electronic devices that enhance the visible and non-visible light spectrum
- Recommended change
 - A person may not use any night vision device to locate or attempt to locate a big game animal 48 hours before any big game hunt in the area through 48 hours after any big game hunt ends in the area.

Trail camera

- A device that is not held or manually operated by a person
 - Used to capture images, video or location data of wildlife
 - Uses heat, or motion to trigger the device
- Recommended change



- Prohibit transmitting trail cameras or non-handheld transmitting devices used to take or attempt to take or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and January 31.
- Prohibit the sale, and purchase of trail camera data used to take or aid in the take of big game.
 - The transmitting trail camera prohibition does not apply to:
 - Private landowners monitoring property for trespass
 - Monitoring active agricultural operations
 - Municipalities in the Urban Deer Program
- Transmitting trail cameras on private property **cannot** be used to aid in the take of big game.
- The same language for trail camera, season dates, and restrictions have been added to:
 - R657-10 Taking Cougar
 - R657-33 Taking Bear

Muzzleloader

- Recommended change
 - Clarify that both powder and bullet must be loaded from the muzzle

National wildlife refuges

- Recommended change
 - State that they are closed to hunting unless declared open by the managing authority

Pronghorn, moose and bighorn sheep

- Recommended change
 - Allows an individual to apply for and hunt all of the following in the same year:
 - Doe and buck pronghorn
 - Bull and antlerless moose
 - Ram and ewe bighorn sheep
 - Helps streamline the hunt drawing process
 - Aids in the DWR's commitment to have proposed permit numbers available during the hunt drawing process
 - Requires a change to Utah Admin. Rule R657-62-20

Bison

- Recommended change
 - Require bison hunters to review a shot-placement article provided by the DWR

Handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun (HAMS) permits

- Recommended change
 - Clarify that these permits are **not** valid for extended archery hunts

Hunter orange

- Recommended change



- Recommend that hunter orange not be required for archers who are hunting during the general-season any bull elk archery hunt that overlaps the general-season any bull elk youth hunt

Timing of rule changes

- These recommended rule amendments are proposed to take effect prior to the 2022 big game hunting seasons.



R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-5. Taking Big Game.

R657-5-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat.

(2) Specific dates, areas, methods of take, requirements, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

R657-5-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Antlerless deer" means a deer without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(b) "Antlerless elk" means an elk without antlers or with antlers five inches or shorter.

(c) ~~["~~"Antlerless ~~[moose]~~elk control permit" means a permit allowing an individual to harvest an antlerless elk on an antlerless elk control unit.

(d) "Antlerless moose" means a moose with antlers shorter than its ears.

~~(e)~~ "Arrow quiver" means a portable arrow case that completely encases all edges of the broadheads.

~~["~~~~(e)~~ ~~"Buck deer" means a deer with antlers longer than five inches.]~~

(f) "Buck ~~[pronghorn]~~deer" means a ~~[pronghorn]~~deer with ~~[horns]~~antlers longer than five inches.

(g) ~~["~~~~Bull elk]~~Buck pronghorn" means ~~[an elk]~~a pronghorn with ~~[antlers]~~horns longer than five inches.

(h) "Bull ~~[moose]~~elk" means ~~[a moose]~~an elk with antlers longer than ~~[its ears]~~five inches.

(i) ~~["~~~~Cow bison]~~Bull moose" means a ~~[female bison]~~moose with antlers longer than its ears.

~~(j)~~ ~~["~~~~Doe pronghorn]~~Cow bison" means a female bison.

(k) "Doe pronghorn" means a pronghorn without horns or with horns five inches or shorter.

~~(k)~~ "Draw-lock" means a mechanical device used to hold and support the draw weight of a conventional or compound bow at any increment of draw until released by the archer using a trigger mechanism and safety attached to the device.

~~(l)~~ "Drone" means an autonomously controlled, aerial vehicle of any size or configuration that is capable of controlled flight without a human pilot aboard.

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(n) "Night Vision Device" means any device that enhances visible or non-visible light, including but not limited to: night vision, thermal imaging, infrared imaging, or electronics that enhance the visible or non-visible light spectrum.

(o) "Ewe" means a female bighorn sheep or any bighorn sheep younger than one year of age.

([p]) "Hunter's choice" means either sex may be taken.

([q]) "Immediate family member" means the landowner's or lessee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchild, grandchild, grandfather, and grandmother.

([r]) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as limited entry and does not include general or once-in-a-lifetime hunts.

([s]) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt by any means, including conservation permits, wildlife expo permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

([t]) "Once-in-a-lifetime hunt" means any hunt published in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, which is identified as once-in-a-lifetime, and does not include general or limited entry hunts.

([u]) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, wildlife expo permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

([v]) "Ram" means a male desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep older than one year of age.

([w]) "Spike bull" means a bull elk which has at least one antler beam with no branching above the ears. Branched means a projection on an antler longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

(x) "Trail camera" means a device that is not held or manually operated by a person and is used to capture images, video, or location data of wildlife using heat, or motion to trigger the device.

R657-5-4. Age Requirements and Restrictions.

(1)(a) A person 12 years of age or older may apply for or obtain a permit to hunt big game.

(b) A person 11 years of age may apply for a permit to hunt big game, provided that person's 12th birthday falls within the calendar year for which the permit is issued and that person does not use the permit to hunt big game before their 12th birthday.

(2)(a) A person at least 12 years of age and under 16 years of age must be accompanied by [his]their parent or legal guardian, or other responsible person 21 years of age or older and approved by [his]their parent or guardian, while hunting big game with any weapon.

(b) As used in this section, "accompanied" means at a distance within which visual and verbal communication are maintained for the purposes of advising and assisting.

R657-5-5. Duplicate License and Permit.

(1) Whenever any unexpired license, permit, tag or certificate of registration is destroyed, lost or stolen, a person may obtain a duplicate from a division office or online license agent, for ten dollars or half of the price of the original license, permit, or certificate of registration, whichever is less.

(2) The division may waive the fee for a duplicate unexpired license, permit, tag or certificate of registration provided the person did not receive the original license, permit, tag or certificate of registration.

R657-5-7. Prohibited Weapons.

(1) A person may not use any weapon or device to take big game other than those expressly permitted in this rule.

(2) A person may not use:

(a) a firearm capable of being fired fully automatic;

(b) any light enhancement device or aiming device that casts a visible beam of light;

or

(c) a firearm equipped with a computerized targeting system that marks a target, calculates a firing solution and automatically discharges the firearm at a point calculated most likely to hit the acquired target.

(3) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting laser range finding devices or illuminated sight pins for archery equipment.

(4) Use of specialized hunting technologies and equipment.

(a) A person may not use any night vision device to locate or attempt to locate a big game animal from 48 hours before any big game hunt in the area through 48 hours after any big game hunt ends in the area.

(b)(i) A trail camera that can only store an image, picture or video inside the device, and which does not have the capability to utilize cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite technology to transmit images or video for remote viewing, are permitted year-round.

(ii) A person shall not:

(A) Place, maintain, or use a trail camera or non-handheld device to capture image or video, that utilizes cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite technology, or comparable technology capable of providing real-time media from a device in the field, to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and January 31; or

(B) Engage in the sale or purchase of trail camera media, including images, video location, time, or date data to aid in the take or attempted take of big game; or

(C) Engage in the sale, purchase, distribution or storage of media, including images, video, location, time, or date data, collected from a device identified in subsection (A) to aid in the take or attempted take of big game.

(iii) The prohibition on the use of trail cameras does not apply to:

(A) Private landowners monitoring or protecting their property from trespass;

(B) Monitoring active agricultural operations; and

(C) Municipalities participating in the Urban Deer Program.

(iv) Wi-Fi, satellite, or cellular transmitting cameras or similar technology on private property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of big game between July 31 and January 31.

R657-5-10. Muzzleloaders.

(1) A muzzleloader may be used during any big game hunt, except an archery hunt, provided the muzzleloader:

(a) ~~can be~~ has both the powder and bullet loaded~~[-only]~~ from the muzzle;

(b) has open sights, peep sights, or a variable or fixed power scope, including a magnifying scope;

(c) has a single barrel;

(d) has a minimum barrel length of 18 inches;

(e) is capable of being fired only once without reloading;
(f) powder and bullet, or powder, sabot and bullet are not bonded together as one unit for loading;

(g) is loaded with black powder or black powder substitute, which must not contain smokeless powder.

(2)(a) A lead or expanding bullet or projectile of at least 40 caliber must be used to hunt big game.

(b) A bullet 130 grains or heavier, or a sabot 170 grains or heavier, must be used for taking deer and pronghorn.

(c) A 210 grain or heavier bullet must be used for taking elk, moose, bison, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat, except sabot bullets used for taking these species must be a minimum of 240 grains.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a muzzleloader permit for a big game hunt may:

~~[(i)] use only muzzleloader equipment authorized in this Subsections (1) and (2) to take the species authorized in the permit; and, [(ii) not possess or be in control of a rifle or shotgun while in the field during the muzzleloader hunt.]~~

~~[(b) "Field" for purposes of this section, means a location where the permitted species of wildlife is likely to be found, but does not include a hunter's established campsite or the interior of a fully enclosed automobile or truck.]~~

~~[(c) The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:]~~

~~[(i) a person lawfully hunting upland game or waterfowl;]~~

~~[(ii) a person licensed to hunt big game species during hunts that coincide with the muzzleloader hunt;]~~

~~[(iii) livestock owners protecting their livestock; or]~~

~~[(iv) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.]~~

(4) A person who has obtained an any weapon permit for a big game hunt may use muzzleloader equipment authorized in this Section to take the species authorized in the permit.

R657-5-11. Archery Equipment.

(1) Archery equipment may be used during any big game hunt, except a muzzleloader hunt, provided:

(a) the minimum bow pull is 30 pounds at the draw or the peak, whichever comes first;

(b) arrowheads used have two or more sharp cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring;

(c) expanding arrowheads cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring when expanded, and

(d) arrows must be a minimum of 20 inches in length from the tip of the arrowhead to the tip of the nock.

(2) The following equipment or devices may not be used to take big game:

(a) a crossbow, except as provided in Subsection (5) and Rule R657-12;

(b) arrows with chemically treated or explosive arrowheads;

(c) a mechanical device for holding the bow at any increment of draw, except as

provided in Subsection (5) and Rule R657-12;

(d) a release aid that is not hand held or that supports the draw weight of the bow, except as provided in Subsection (5) and Rule R657-12;

(e) a bow with a magnifying aiming device; or

(f) an airgun, except as provided in Subsection (5).

(3) Arrows carried in or on a vehicle where a person is riding must be in an arrow quiver or a closed case.

~~(4)(a)~~ A person who has obtained an archery permit for a big game hunt may~~;~~
~~[(i)]~~ only use archery equipment authorized in Subsections (1) and (2) to take the species authorized in the permit~~;~~ ~~and]~~

~~[(ii)]~~ not possess or be in control of a crossbow, draw-lock, rifle, shotgun or muzzleloader while in the field during an archery hunt.;

~~[(b)]~~ "Field" for purposes of this section, means a location where the permitted species of wildlife is likely to be found, but does not include a hunter's established campsite or the interior of a fully enclosed automobile or truck.;

~~[(c)]~~ The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:

~~[(i)]~~ a person lawfully hunting upland game or waterfowl.;

~~[(ii)]~~ a person licensed to hunt big game species during hunts that coincide with the archery hunt, provided the person is in compliance with the regulations of that hunt and possesses only the weapons authorized for that hunt.;

~~[(iii)]~~ livestock owners protecting their livestock.;

~~[(iv)]~~ a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife.;

~~[(v)]~~ a person possessing a crossbow or draw-lock under a certificate of registration issued pursuant to R657-12].

(5) A person who has obtained an any weapon permit for a big game hunt may use archery equipment authorized in this Section to take the species authorized in the permit, and may also use a crossbow, draw-lock, or airgun satisfying the minimum requirements of this rule.

~~(6)(a)~~ A person hunting an archery-only season on a once-in-a-lifetime hunt may~~;~~
~~[(i)]~~ only use archery equipment authorized in Subsections (1) and (2) to take the species authorized in the permit~~;~~ ~~and]~~

~~[(ii)]~~ not possess or be in control of a crossbow, draw-lock, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, or airgun while in the field during the archery-only season.;

~~[(b)]~~ "Field" for purposes of this section, means a location where the permitted species of wildlife is likely to be found, but does not include a hunter's established campsite or the interior of a fully enclosed automobile or truck].

R657-5-12. Areas With Special Restrictions.

(1)(a) Hunting of wildlife is allowed within the boundaries of all park areas, except for those areas and hunts specifically closed by the Division of Parks and Recreation in Section R651-614-4.

(b) State laws regarding the possession and discharge of dangerous weapons apply in state park areas open to hunting.

(2) Hunting is closed within the boundaries of all national parks unless otherwise

provided by the governing agency.

(3) Hunters obtaining a Utah license, permit or tag to take big game are not authorized to hunt on tribal trust lands. Hunters must obtain tribal authorization to hunt on tribal trust lands.

(4) Military installations, including Camp Williams, are closed to hunting and trespassing unless otherwise authorized.

(5) In Salt Lake County, a person may:

(a) only use archery equipment to take buck deer and bull elk south of I-80 and east of I-15;

(b) only use archery equipment to take big game in Emigration Township; and

(c) not hunt big game within one-half mile of Silver Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

(6) Hunting is closed within a designated portion of the town of Alta. Hunters may refer to the town of Alta for boundaries and other information.

(7) Domesticated Elk Facilities and Domesticated Elk Hunting Parks, as defined in Subsection 4-39-102(2) and Rules R58-18 and R58-20, are closed to big game hunting. This restriction does not apply to the lawful harvest of domesticated elk as defined and allowed pursuant to Rule R58-20.

(8) State waterfowl management areas are closed to taking big game, except as otherwise provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(9) [A person may not hunt big game in National Wildlife Refuges unless declared open by the managing authority.](#)

_____ (10) Hunters are restricted to using archery equipment, muzzleloaders or shotguns on the Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve.

(~~10~~11) A person may not discharge a firearm, except a shotgun ~~[or muzzleloader]~~ [firing shot size not to exceed T\(.20\)](#), from, upon, or across the Green River located near Jensen, Utah from the Highway 40 bridge upstream to the Dinosaur National Monument boundary.

R657-5-33. Antlerless Elk Hunts.

(1) To hunt antlerless elk, a hunter must obtain an antlerless elk permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless elk permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk using the weapon type, within the area, and during season dates specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt antlerless elk on an elk cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless elk permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit.

_____ (c) [Antlerless elk control permits are not valid on cooperative wildlife management units.](#)

(3)(a) A person may obtain three elk permits each year, in combination as follows:

(i) a maximum of one bull elk permit;

(ii) a maximum of one antlerless elk permit issued through the division's antlerless big game drawing; and

(iii) a maximum of two antlerless elk permits acquired over the counter or on-line after the antlerless big game drawing is finalized, including antlerless elk:

(A) control permits, as described in Subsection (5);

(B) depredation permits, as described in R657-44-8;

(C) mitigation permit vouchers, as defined in R657-44-2(2); and

(D) private lands only permits, as described in Subsection (6).

(b) Antlerless elk mitigation permits obtained by a landowner or lessee under R657-44-3 do not count towards the annual three elk permit limitation prescribed in this subsection.

(i) "Mitigation permit" has the same meaning as defined in R657-44-2(2).

(c) For the purposes of obtaining multiple elk permits, a hunter's choice elk permit is considered a bull elk permit.

(4)(a) A person who obtains an antlerless elk permit and any of the permits listed in Subsection (b) may use the antlerless elk permit during the established season for the antlerless elk permit and during the established season for the applicable permits listed in Subsection (b), provided:

(i) the permits are both valid for the same area;

(ii) the appropriate archery equipment is used, if hunting antlerless elk during an archery season or hunt; and

(iii) the appropriate muzzleloader hunt equipment is used, if hunting antlerless elk during a muzzleloader season or hunt.

(b)(i) General buck deer for archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon, or dedicated hunter;

(ii) General bull elk for archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon, or multi-season;

(iii) Premium limited entry buck deer for archery, muzzleloader, any weapon, or multi-season;

(iv) Limited entry buck deer for archery, muzzleloader, any legal weapon, or multi-season;

(v) Limited entry bull elk for archery, muzzleloader or any legal weapon, or multi-season.

(vi) Antlerless deer or elk, excluding antlerless elk control permits.

(c) A person that possess an unfilled antlerless elk permit and harvests an animal under authority of a permit listed in Subsection (b), may continue hunting antlerless elk as prescribed in Subsections (a) and (b) during the remaining portions of the Subsection (b) permit season.

(5)(a) To obtain an antlerless elk control permit, a person must first obtain a big game buck, bull, or ~~a~~ once-in-a-lifetime permit.

~~(b)~~ An antlerless elk control permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk using the same weapon type, during the same season dates, and within areas of overlap between the boundary of the buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit and the boundary of the antlerless elk control ~~unit~~, as provided in the Antlerless guidebook by the Wildlife Board.

~~(b)~~ Antlerless elk control permits are sold over the counter or online after the division's antlerless big game drawing is finalized.

~~(c)~~ A person that possess an unfilled antlerless elk control permit and harvests an animal under the buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit referenced in Subsection (b), may continue hunting antlerless elk as prescribed in Subsection (b) during the remaining portions of the buck, bull, or once-in-a-lifetime permit season.

(6)(a) A private lands only permit allows a person to take one antlerless elk on private land within a prescribed unit using any weapon during the season dates and area provided in the Big Game guidebook by the Wildlife Board.

(b) No boundary extension or buffer zones on public land will be applied to private

lands only permits.

(c) Private lands only permits are sold over the counter or online after the division's antlerless big game drawing is finalized.

(d) "Private lands" means, for purposes of this subsection, any land owned in fee by an individual or legal entity, excluding:

- (i) land owned by the state or federal government;
- (ii) land owned by a county or municipality;
- (iii) land owned by an Indian tribe;
- (iv) land enrolled in a Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit under R657-37[;] and
- (v) land where public access for big game hunting has been secured.

R657-5-35. Doe Pronghorn Hunts.

(1)(a) To hunt doe pronghorn, a hunter must obtain a doe pronghorn permit.

(b) A person may obtain only one doe pronghorn permit or a two-doe pronghorn permit through the division's antlerless big game drawing.

(2)(a) A doe pronghorn permit allows a person to take one doe pronghorn using the weapon type, within the area, and during the season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A two-doe pronghorn permit allows a person to take two doe pronghorn using the weapon type, within the area, and during the season dates specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(c) A person may not hunt doe pronghorn on any pronghorn cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains ~~[an antlerless]~~ a doe pronghorn permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit.

~~[(3) Except for mitigation permits issued pursuant to R657-44-8, a person who has obtained a doe pronghorn permit may not hunt pronghorn during any other pronghorn hunt or obtain any other pronghorn permit.]~~

R657-5-36. Antlerless Moose Hunts.

(1) To hunt antlerless moose, a hunter must obtain an antlerless moose permit.

(2)(a) An antlerless moose permit allows a person to take one antlerless moose using any legal weapon within the area and season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(b) A person may not hunt antlerless moose on a moose cooperative wildlife management unit unless that person obtains an antlerless moose permit for that specific cooperative wildlife management unit as specified on the permit.

~~[(3) A person who has obtained an antlerless moose permit may not hunt moose during any other moose hunt or obtain any other moose permit for that hunt year.]~~

R657-5-38. Bison Hunts.

(1) ~~[(1)]~~ To hunt bison, a hunter must obtain a bison permit.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (7), a person who has obtained a bison permit may not obtain any other bison permit or hunt during any other bison hunt.

(3) A hunter's choice bison permit allows a person to take a bison of either sex within the area, during the seasons, and using the weapon type prescribed by the Wildlife Board.

(4)(a) [Must review a shot placement article provided by the Division](#)

(b) An orientation course is required for bison hunters who draw an Antelope Island bison permit. Hunters shall be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(b)c) The Antelope Island hunt is administered by the Division of Parks and Recreation.

(5) A cow bison permit allows a person to take one cow bison within the area, during the seasons, and using the weapon types as specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(6) An orientation course is required for bison hunters who draw cow bison permits. Hunters will be notified of the orientation date, time and location.

(7)(a) A person who has obtained a management bison permit may take a bison of either sex within the unit boundaries and during the season dates established by the Wildlife Board.

(b) Management bison units may be established by the Wildlife Board in areas where management objectives are for zero bison.

(c) Management bison permits may be made available over the counter at a division office.

(d) A person must successfully complete an online orientation course before obtaining a Management Bison permit.

(e) A person who obtains a management bison permit forfeits any bison bonus points accrued under Section R657-62-8 and incurs the associated waiting period identified in Subsection R657-62-18(6)(d) but remains eligible to acquire a management bison permit in subsequent years.

(f) A person may only obtain one bison permit and harvest one bison in a single hunt year.

(8)(a) A person who has obtained a bison permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a bison.

(b) Bison permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus point, or obtain any management bison permit, in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Subsection R657-42-9(2).

R657-5-39.5. Desert Bighorn and Rocky Mountain Bighorn Ewe Hunts.

(1) To hunt a ewe desert bighorn sheep or a ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, a hunter must obtain the respective ewe permit.

(2)(a) A ewe permit allows a person to take one ewe using any legal weapon within the area and season specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game. ~~[(3) A person who has obtained a ewe permit may not hunt desert bighorn or Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep during any other sheep hunt or obtain any other sheep permit during that hunt year.]~~

(b) Ewe desert bighorn sheep and ewe Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep permits are considered separate hunting opportunities.

R657-5-40. Rocky Mountain Goat Hunts.

(1) To hunt Rocky Mountain goat, a hunter must obtain a Rocky Mountain goat permit.

(2) A person who has obtained a Rocky Mountain goat permit may not obtain any other Rocky Mountain goat permit or hunt during any other Rocky Mountain goat hunt.

(3) A Rocky Mountain goat of either sex may be legally taken on a hunter's choice permit.

(4) The goat permit allows a person to take one goat within the area, during the seasons, and using the weapon type prescribed by the Wildlife Board.

(5) A female-only goat permit allows a person to take one ~~femalegoat~~[female goat](#) within the area, during the seasons, and using the weapon type specified on the permit and in the Antlerless guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(6)(a) An orientation course is required for Rocky Mountain goat hunters who draw or purchase a female-goat only permit or a hunter's choice permit.

(b) The orientation course must be completed online through the division's website.

(c) The orientation course must be completed before the hunter obtains ~~his or her~~[their](#) permit.

(7)(a) A person who has obtained a Rocky Mountain goat permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a Rocky Mountain goat.

(b) Rocky Mountain goat permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(c) A person who fails to comply with the requirement in Subsection (a) shall be ineligible to apply for any once-in-a-lifetime, premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit permit or bonus points in the following year.

(d) Late questionnaires may be accepted pursuant to Rule R657-42-9(2).

R657-5-44. Management Bull Elk Hunt.

(1)(a) For the purposes of this section "management bull" means any bull elk with 5 points or less on at least one antler. A point means a projection longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip.

(b) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 17 years of age or younger on July 31.

(c) For the purposes of this section "senior" means any person 65 years of age or older on the opening day of the management bull elk archery season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(2)(a) Management bull elk permits shall be distributed pursuant to R657-62 with thirty percent of the permits being allocated to youth, thirty percent to seniors and the remaining forty percent to hunters of all ages.

(3) Management bull elk permit holders may take one management bull elk during the season, on the area and with the weapon type specified on the permit. Management bull elk hunting seasons, areas and weapon types are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(4)(a) A person who has obtained a management bull elk permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit

holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a management bull elk.

(b) Management bull elk permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(5)(a) Management bull elk permit holders who successfully harvest a management bull elk, as defined in Subsection (1)(a) must have their animal inspected by the division.

(b) Successful hunters must deliver the head and antlers of the elk they harvest to a division office for inspection within ~~48~~72 hours after the date of kill.

(6) Management bull elk permit holders may not retain possession of any harvested bull elk that fails to satisfy the definition requirements in Subsection (1)(a).

(7) A person who has obtained a management bull elk permit may not hunt during any other elk hunt or obtain any other elk permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-33(3).

R657-5-46. Management Buck Deer Hunt.

(1)(a) For the purposes of this section "management buck" means any buck deer with 3 points or less on at least one antler above and including the first fork in the antler. A point means a projection longer than one inch, measured from its base to its tip. The eye guard is not counted as a point.

(b) For purposes of this section "youth" means any person 17 years of age or younger on July 31.

(c) For the purposes of this section "senior" means any person 65 years of age or older on the opening day of the management buck deer archery season published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

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(4)(a) A person who has obtained a management buck deer permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a management buck deer.

(b) Management buck deer permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(5)(a) Management buck deer permit holders who successfully harvest a management buck deer, as defined in Subsection (1)(a) must have their animal inspected by the division.

(b) Successful hunters must deliver the head and antlers of the deer they harvest to a division office for inspection within ~~48~~72 hours after the date of kill.

(6) Management buck deer permit holders may not retain possession of any harvested buck deer that fails to satisfy the definition requirements in Subsection (1)(a).

(7) A person who has obtained a management buck deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-27.

R657-5-47. Cactus Buck Deer Hunt.

(1) For the purposes of this section "cactus buck" means a buck deer with velvet

covering at least 50% of the antlers during the season dates established by the Wildlife Board for a cactus buck deer hunt.

(2)(a) Cactus buck deer permit holders may take one cactus buck deer during the season, in the area, and with the weapon type specified on the permit.

(b) Cactus buck deer hunting seasons, areas and weapon types are published in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) A person who has obtained a cactus buck deer permit must report hunt information within 30 calendar days after the end of the hunting season, regardless of whether the permit holder was successful or unsuccessful in harvesting a cactus buck deer.

(b) Cactus buck deer permit holders must report hunt information by telephone, or through the division's Internet address.

(4)(a) Cactus buck deer permit holders who successfully harvest a cactus buck deer, as defined in Subsection (1)(a), must have their animal inspected by the division.

(b) Successful hunters must deliver the head and antlers of the deer they harvest to a division office for inspection within [48]72 hours after the date of harvest.

(5) Cactus buck deer permit holders may not retain possession of any harvested buck deer that fails to satisfy the definition requirements in Subsection (1).

(6) A person who has obtained a cactus buck deer permit may not hunt during any other deer hunt or obtain any other deer permit, except as provided in Section R657-5-27.

R657-5-48. Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only Hunt.

(1) The division may establish Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only hunts for any big [~~gamespecies~~game species].

(2) An individual may only use the following weapons on a handgun-archery-muzzleloader-shotgun-only hunt:

(a) a legal handgun for the species being hunted, consistent with R657-5-9 and Subsection (5), with no attached scope;

(b) legal archery equipment consistent with R657-5-11;

(c) a legal muzzleloader consistent with R657-5-10, with no attached scope; or

(d) a legal shotgun consistent with R657-5-8, with no attached scope.

(3) A person who has obtained a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only permit may take one animal of the big game species identified on the permit.

(4) A person who has obtained a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only permit may only hunt under that permit during the season dates and within the boundaries identified on the permit and in the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(5) In addition to the requirements in R657-5-9, a handgun used to take a big game animal in a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only hunt must:

(a) have no more than a single barrel 15 inches or less in length, including the chamber;

(b) have a single rear handgrip without any form of a:

(i) fixed, detachable, or collapsible buttstock;

(ii) apparatus or extension behind the rear grip capable of being used to steady the handgun against the body while firing; or

(iii) vertical foregrip; and

(c) be no more than 24 inches in overall length.

(6) A Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only hunt is not a centerfire rifle

hunt for purposes of Section 23-20-31 or R657-5-49.

[\(7\) A Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only permit may not be used on an extended archery hunt.](#)

R657-5-49. Hunter Orange Exceptions.

(1) A person shall wear a minimum of 400 inches of hunter orange material on the head, chest, and back while hunting any species of big game, with the following exceptions:

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(b) Hunters participating in an archery or muzzleloader hunt outside of an area where an any weapon general season bull elk or any weapon general season buck deer hunt is occurring;

(c) Hunters participating in a Handgun-Archery-Muzzleloader-Shotgun-Only hunt outside of an area where an any weapon general season bull elk or any weapon general season buck deer hunt is occurring;

(d) Hunters hunting on a cooperative wildlife management unit unless otherwise required by the operator of the cooperative wildlife management units; ~~and~~

(e) Hunters participating in a nuisance wildlife removal hunt authorized under a certificate of registration by the division; and

[\(f\) Hunters participating in an archery hunt with unit boundaries and season dates that overlap the unit boundaries and season dates for the youth any bull elk hunt.](#)

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		3-yr harvest	% permits filled (2021)	Nuisance to sport ratio (3-yr)								2021 Permits/Quota	% Adjustment	Min ± adjustment	Max ± adjustment	Professional Judgment Only?	Recommended Permits/Quota	
22	Beaver	46	48.3	0.02	liberal	liberal	21.1	<25%	39.1	40%-45%	One in one out	29	20%	0	6	no	33	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest
10ab	Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	81	26.5	0.02	moderate	moderate	31.1	25% - 35%	35.8	30% - 40%	Within range	83	20%	0	17	no	87	
10c	Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	18	21.7	0	light	light	41.2	>35%	38.9	<30%	One in one out	23	20%	0	5	no	23	Adjust permits to decrease % female harvest
3-Feb	Cache/Ogden	4	11.1	0	light	light	33.3	>35%	0	<30%	Within range	9	20%	0	2	yes	9	Biologist judgement
16b	Central Mtns, Manti-North	71	29.9	0.15	moderate	moderate	16.7	25% - 35%	36.6	30% - 40%	One in one out	77	20%	0	16	no	66	Adjust permits to increase % adult male harvest
16c	Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	107	46.2	0.1	moderate	moderate	22.4	25% - 35%	30.8	30% - 40%	One in one out	78	20%	0	16	no	67	Adjust permits to increase % adult male harvest
16a	Central Mtns, Nebo	62	32.1	0.13	liberal	liberal	14.5	<25%	48.4	40% - 45%	One in one out	53	20%	0	11	no	30	Adjust permits to decrease % female harvest
4/5/2006	Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	24	42.1	0.33	moderate	moderate	26.1	25% - 35%	25	30% - 40%	One in one out	19	20%	0	4	no	19	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest
21b	Fillmore, Pahvant	0	0	#DIV/0!	light	light	#DIV/0!	>35%	#DIV/0!	<30%	--	2	#N/A	0	#N/A	yes	3	Biologist judgement
7/8a	Kamas/North Slope, Summit	32	36.7	0.03	moderate	moderate	15.4	25% - 35%	56.3	30% - 40%	Both out same	30	20% to 40%	6	12	no	21	Adjust permits to decrease % female harvest and increase % adult male harvest
13	La Sal	168	31.7	0.11	moderate	moderate	38.5	25% - 35%	41.1	30% - 40%	Both out opposite	167	20%	0	34	no	86	Adjust permits to decrease % female harvest and decrease % adult male harvest
23	Monroe	2	0	0	light	light	0	>35%	0	<30%	One in one out	1	20%	0	1	yes	2	Biologist judgement
24	Mt Dutton	10	37.5	0.1	moderate	moderate	28.6	25% - 35%	50	30% - 40%	One in one out	8	20%	0	2	yes	10	Biologist judgement
11	Nine Mile	93	39.5	0.14	moderate	moderate	26.8	25% - 35%	36.6	30% - 40%	Within range	81	20%	0	17	no	87	
8bc	North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	19	66.7	0.11	moderate	moderate	6.7	25% - 35%	52.6	30% - 40%	Both out same	12	20% to 40%	2	5	no	8	Adjust permits to decrease % female harvest and increase % adult male harvest
28/29	Panguitch Lake/Zion	25	45.8	0.08	moderate	moderate	31.6	25% - 35%	12	30% - 40%	One in one out	24	20%	0	5	no	28	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest
27	Paunsaugunt	15	100	0	moderate	moderate	50	25% - 35%	40	30% - 40%	One in one out	9	20%	0	2	no	11	Adjust permits to decrease % adult male harvest
25c/26	Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	68	22	0	liberal	liberal	27.7	<25%	33.8	40% - 45%	Both out opposite	118	20%	0	24	no	118	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest and increase adult male harvest
25ab	Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	26	57.1	0	moderate	moderate	45.5	25% - 35%	23.1	30% - 40%	Both out same	14	20% to 40%	2	6	no	19	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest and decrease adult male harvest
14	San Juan	144	26.9	0.02	moderate	moderate	37.4	25% - 35%	35	30% - 40%	One in one out	167	20%	0	34	no	86	Adjust permits to decrease % adult male harvest
9bcd	South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	63	51.3	0.08	moderate	moderate	34	25% - 35%	33.3	30% - 40%	Within range	39	20%	0	8	no	39	
9a	South Slope, Yellowstone	25	47.6	0.12	liberal	liberal	43.5	<25%	40	40%-45%	One in one out	21	20%	0	5	no	21	Adjust permits to decrease % adult male harvest
17bc	Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	47	63.6	0.15	liberal	liberal	27	<25%	31.9	40%-45%	Both out same	33	20% to 40%	6	14	no	39	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest and decrease adult male harvest
17a	Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	108	48.8	0.2	liberal	liberal	24.2	<25%	37	40%-45%	One in one out	80	20%	0	16	no	96	Adjust permits to increase % female harvest
Statewide Totals					moderate	moderate	29.1					1177					1,008	

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-10. Taking Cougar.

R657-10-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking and pursuing cougar.

(2) Specific dates, areas, number of permits, limits, and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking cougar.

R657-10-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Canned hunt" means that a cougar is treed, cornered, held at bay or its ability to escape is otherwise restricted to allow a person who was not a member of the initial hunting party to arrive and take the cougar.

(b) "Compensation" means anything of economic value in excess of \$100 that is paid, loaned, granted, given, donated, or transferred to a dog handler for or in consideration of pursuing cougar for any purpose.

(c) "Cougar" means *Puma concolor*, commonly known as mountain lion, lion, puma, panther or catamount.

(d) "Cougar pursuit permit" means a permit that authorizes a person to pursue cougar during designated seasons.

(e) "Dog handler" means the person in the field that is responsible for transporting, releasing, tracking, controlling, managing, training, commanding and retrieving the dogs involved in the pursuit. The owner of the dogs is presumed the dog handler when the owner is in the field during pursuit.

(f) "Evidence of sex" means the sex organs of a cougar, including a penis, scrotum or vulva.

(g) "Green pelt" means the untanned hide or skin of any cougar.

(h) "Harvest objective" means an identified limit on the number of cougars that may be harvested during the season on a particular unit.

(i) "Harvest objective permit" means any permit that can be obtained without entering a drawing and is valid on all units during non-limited entry seasons. A person may use dogs to hunt cougars with this permit.

(j) "Immediate family member" means a livestock owner's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchild and grandchild.

(k) "Kitten" means a cougar that has obvious spots on its sides or its back or has obvious leg barring coloration.

(l) "Limited entry season" means any season listed in the hunt tables of the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking cougar, which is identified as limited entry and a person must draw a permit to hunt that season.

(m) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry season by any means, including conservation permits and sportsman permits. Limited entry permits may only be used on the specific unit they are issued for during the limited entry

season. Limited entry permits may be used on any unit open to cougar hunting once the limited entry season for which the permit is valid ends.

(n) "Location of Harvest" means the exact location that the cougar is killed. GPS coordinates are preferred.

(o) "Private lands" means any lands that are not public lands, excluding Indian trust lands.

(p) "Public lands" means any lands owned by the state, a political subdivision or independent entity of the state, or the United States, excluding Indian trust lands, that are open to the public for purposes of engaging in pursuit.

(q) "Pursue" means to chase, tree, corner or hold a cougar at bay.

(r) "Spot-and-stalk permit" means a cougar permit available over the counter for seasons and units designated by the Division Director as per Statute 23-16-10. A hunter who obtains this permit may not use dogs to take a cougar.

(s) "Predator management unit" means a unit managed under direction of DWR W1AG-4 to reduce cougar densities. This type of unit does not have a limit on the number of cougars that may be harvested during the season.

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(t) "Trail Camera" means a device that is not held or manually operated by a person and is used to capture images, video, or location data of wildlife using heat or motion to trigger the device.

(u) "Waiting period" means a specified period of time that a person who has obtained a cougar permit must wait before applying for any other limited entry cougar season.

~~(u)~~v "Written permission" means written authorization from the owner or person in charge to enter upon private lands and must include:

- (i) the name and signature of the owner or person in charge;
- (ii) the address and phone number of the owner or person in charge;
- (iii) the name of the dog handler given permission to enter the private lands;
- (iv) a brief description of the pursuit activity authorized;
- (v) the appropriate dates; and
- (vi) a general description of the property.

R657-10-9. Prohibited Methods.

(1) Cougar may be taken or pursued only during open seasons and using methods prescribed in this rule and the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking cougar. Otherwise, under the Wildlife Resources Code, it is unlawful for any person to pursue, possess, capture, kill, injure, drug, rope, trap, snare or in any way harm or transport cougar.

(2)(a) A person may not pursue a single cougar in repeated pursuits such that it renders the cougar physically unable to escape.

(b) After a cougar has been pursued, chased, treed, cornered or held at bay, a person may not, in any manner, restrict or hinder the animal's ability to escape.

(c) A person must make reasonable efforts to call dogs off of a cougar that has been cornered or held at bay.

(3) A person may not engage in a canned hunt.

(4) A person may not take any wildlife from an airplane or any other airborne vehicle or device or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles.

(5) Electronic locating equipment may not be used to locate cougars wearing electronic radio devices.

(6)(a) A trail camera that can only store an image, picture or video inside the device, and which does not have the capability to utilize cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite technology to transmit images or video for remote viewing, is permitted year-round.

(b) A person shall not:

(i) Place, maintain or use a trail camera or non-handheld device to capture images or video, that utilizes cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite technology, or comparable technology capable of providing real-time media from a device in the field, to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of cougar between July 31 and January 31;

(ii) Engage in the sale or purchase of trail camera media, including images, video, location, time, or date data to aid in the take or attempted take of cougar; or

(iii) Engage in the sale, purchase, distribution or storage of media, including image, video, location, time, or date data, collected from a device identified in subsection (i) to aid in the take or attempted take of cougar.

(c) the prohibition on the use of trail cameras does not apply to:

(i) Private landowners monitoring or protecting their property from trespass;

(ii) Monitoring active agricultural operations; and

(iii) Municipalities participating in the Urban Deer Program.

(d) Wi-Fi, satellite or cellular transmitting cameras or similar technology on property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of cougar between July 31 and January 31.

KEY: wildlife, cougar, game laws

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Utah Wildlife Board/Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Darren DeBloois, Predatory Mammals and Furbearer Program Coordinator

DATE: November 19, 2021

**SUBJECT: 2022-23 COUGAR & FURBEARER RECOMMENDATIONS
2022 BLACK BEAR RECOMMENDATIONS**

FURBEARER

We are recommending bobcat permits and season stay the same in 2022-23 as they are this season. Six permits per individual with no permit cap. Season dates will be November 17, 2022 through March 1, 2023.

Other season dates are:

Beaver and Mink – September 17, 2022 to April 1, 2023

Marten, Badger, Gray Fox, Kit Fox, Ringtail, Spotted Skunk and Weasel – September 17, 2022 to March 1, 2023

COUGAR

The Utah Wildlife Board approved permit numbers in August for a three-year management cycle. At the same time, the Board approved a scheduling change for cougar recommendations to be concurrent with bear recommendation in December/January each year. We are making recommendations for 2022-23 cougar season.

Most seasons are going to be the same with adjustments for the calendar year, but we are recommending a few changes to address we have on select units where hound and bear bait hunting overlap and have caused enforcement issues.

Units with no changes to season structure are as follows:



Harvest Objective and Predator Management (unlimited) units:

- July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Harvest Objective season on La Sal, San Juan, Mtns and Book Cliffs, East units:

- No dogs from July 1 – November 1, 2022 and from March 31 – June 30, 2023, except for people with valid bear permits

Limited Entry season:

- November 2, 2022 – February 19, 2023
- Oquirrh-Stansbury, East and Wasatch Mtns, West-Strawberry units
 - November 2, 2022 – March 21, 2023
- Harvest Objective opens at the end of these seasons on these units if all permits aren't filled and runs through May 31, 2023

Pursuit season:

- November 2, 2022 – May 31, 2023
- Pursuit on La Sal, San Juan, Mtns and Book Cliffs, East units
 - November 2, 2022 – March 31, 2023
 - Hunters with valid bear permits for these units may pursue from April 1, 2023 – May 26, 2023

Units with changes to season structure are as follows:

Harvest Objective season on the South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal, South Slope, Yellowstone and Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek:

- No dogs May 28 – June 30, 2023 to avoid dogs in the field during the black bear bait season on those units

We are also recommending a rule change to reflect big game recommendation on trail camera use and sale of trail camera data.

BLACK BEAR

The next three-year black bear recommendation cycle begins in 2022, so we will be recommending permit numbers for that period now. Those recommendations are include in your information packet and show this year's recommendation compared to last year for each season.

Also included in your packet is a table that shows the plan guidelines for adjusting permits. Biologist have the option to adjust permits up or down within a range to try to bring management parameter within the management objectives.

In addition to permit recommendations, we are recommending seasons for the next three-year cycle. As mentioned above, we are recommending some changes on a few units to address concerns about hounds and bait being in the field at the same time and making law enforcement difficult.

Hunts with season date changes are as follows:



South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal, South Slope, Yellowstone and Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek:

- April 2 – May 27, 2022 spring hound season
- May 28 – June 26, 2022 summer bait season

This change removes the overlap of hound and bait seasons on those units to address concerns we are seeing on those units.

Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South:

- August 6 – 19, 2022 hounds or spot-and-stalk only
- August 10 – October 6, 2022 bait or spot-and-stalk only
- October 7 – November 3, 2022 hounds or spot-and-stalk only

This change eliminates the overlap of hounds and bait hunting in the book cliffs, but keep the same season structure as last year.

General fall season:

- August 8 – September 27, 2022 and November 3 – 13, 2022
- No early bait placement
- Hunter will need to choose if they want to hunt with dogs or bait when they apply

Under the current hunt structure, a person could use both bait stations and hounds with the same permit. This change will eliminate that possibility.

All other seasons are the same as last year and adjusted for the calendar. Specific dates are include in the season table in your information packet.

We are recommending a handful of rule changes:

- Adding a spot-and-stalk definition
- Use big game rule as foundation for legal weapon types
- Add trail camera language to reflect big game regulations
- Change “written permission” to “authorization” to remove a bear carcass from a trap if it is caught accidentally
- Allowing for online bait station registration
- Removing references to archery-only hunts which we no longer offer
- Other housekeeping changes including removing the hotline language

A red-line copy of rule changes is include in your information packet.



SPRING BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON (No Bait Allowed)

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates
Beaver	9	1	9	1	April 2 - May 27
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	39	4	40	4	April 2 - May 27
Cache/Ogden	2	0	1	0	April 2 - May 27
Central Mtns, Manti-North	17	1	17	1	April 2 - May 27
Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	8	0	13	1	April 2 - May 27
Central Mtns, Nebo	8	0	11	1	April 2 - May 27
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	5	0	5 HO		April 2 - May 27
Fillmore, Pahvant	1	0	1	0	April 2 - May 27
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	5	0	7	0	April 2 - May 27
La Sal	40	3	40	3	April 2 - May 27
Mt Dutton	3	0	3	0	April 2 - May 27
Panguitch Lake/Zion	9	0	9	0	April 2 - May 27
Paunsaugunt	4	0	3	0	April 2 - May 27
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	27	2	26	2	April 2 - May 27
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	7	0	4	0	April 2 - May 27
San Juan	40	3	40	3	April 2 - May 27
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	11	1	11	1	April 2 - May 27
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	40	4	34	3	April 2 - May 27

SUMMER BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON (No dogs allowed, No Early Bait)

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates
Beaver	9	1	9	1	May 21 - June 26
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	9	1	14	1	May 21 - June 26
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	4	0	2	0	May 21 - June 26
Cache/Ogden	2	0	1	0	May 21 - June 26
Central Mtns, Manti-North	12	1	12	1	May 21 - June 26
Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	16	1	13	1	May 21 - June 26
Central Mtns, Nebo	9	0	10	1	May 21 - June 26
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	6	0	6	0	May 21 - June 26
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	6	0	8	0	May 21 - June 26
La Sal	25	2	25	2	May 21 - June 26
Mt Dutton	3	0	3	0	May 21 - June 26
Nine Mile	15	1	13	1	May 21 - June 26
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	1	0	3	0	May 21 - June 26
Panguitch Lake/Zion	4	0	4	0	May 21 - June 26
Paunsaugunt	3	0	3	0	May 21 - June 26
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	20	2	18	2	May 21 - June 26
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	6	0	4	0	May 21 - June 26
San Juan	25	2	25	2	May 21 - June 26
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	9	0	9	0	May 21 - June 26
South Slope, Yellowstone	5	0	6	0	May 21 - June 26
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	7	0	5	0	May 21 - June 26
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	23	1	21	1	May 21 - June 26

FALL BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON

Hunters must choose to either use hounds or bait during this season when applying for the permit. No early bait placement.

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates
Beaver*	8	0	6	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Cache/Ogden*	1	0	1	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Central Mtns, Manti-North*	10	1	10	1	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North*	16	1	13	1	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Central Mtns, Nebo*	6	0	4	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Fillmore, Pahvant	1	0	1	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Kamas/North Slope, Summit*	4	0	6	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Mt Dutton	3	0	2	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Nine Mile*	28	3	25	2	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett*	2	0	2	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Panguitch Lake/Zion	8	0	8	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Paunsaugunt	3	0	3	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits*	10	1	8	1	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	4	0	4	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal*	7	0	7	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
South Slope, Yellowstone*	4	0	4	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek*	9	0	9	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	11	1	8	0	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13

FALL BLACK BEAR ANY LEGAL WEAPON

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates	Comments
La Sal	6	0	6	0	Aug 13 - Sept 25 & Nov 3 - Nov 13	No dogs Sep. 17 - 25. No Early Baiting before Nov. 3 opening date
San Juan	6	0	6	0	Aug 13 - Sept 25 & Nov 3 - Nov 13	No dogs Sep. 17 - 25. No Early Baiting before Nov. 3 opening date

FALL BLACK BEAR ANY LEGAL WEAPON

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates	Comments
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	18	2	14	1	Aug. 6 - Nov. 13	Aug. 6 - 19 Hounds or Spot and Stalk Only Aug. 20 - Oct. 6 Bait or Spot and Stalk Only Oct. 7 - Nov. 13 Hounds or Spot and Stalk Only

No early baiting before opening of season

BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SPOT AND STALK SEASON

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	9	1	9	0	April 2 - May 30
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	7	0	9	1	Sep. 3 - Nov. 13

BLACK BEAR HARVEST OBJECTIVE SEASON (No bait allowed)

Unit	2022 Harvest Objective	2021 Harvest Objective	2022 Season Dates
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	3	3	Aug. 8 - Sep. 27 & Nov 3 - Nov. 13
Nine Mile	22	22	April 2 - May 27
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	3	4	April 2 - May 27
South Slope, Yellowstone	7	5	April 2 - May 27
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	12	12	April 2 - May 27

MULTI-SEASON BLACK BEAR LIMITED ENTRY SEASON (Public draw)

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates
Beaver	2	0	2	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	3	0	6	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Book Cliffs, Little Creek Roadless	2	0	2	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Cache/Ogden	1	0	1	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Central Mtns, Manti-North	11	0	9	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	13	0	10	1	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Central Mtns, Nebo	3	0	4	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	4	0	3	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
La Sal	10	0	9	1	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Nine Mile	7	0	6	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	1	0	1	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Panguitch Lake/Zion	4	0	3	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	10	0	8	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Plateau, Fishlake/Thousand Lakes	2	0	1	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
San Juan	10	0	9	1	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	7	0	5	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
South Slope, Yellowstone	2	0	2	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	5	0	3	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons
Wasatch Mtns, West-Central	14	0	8	0	Valid during all Limited Entry Seasons on this unit. Not valid during Harvest Objective seasons

*See applicable season restrictions on dogs and bait

BLACK BEAR PURSUIT SEASONS

Spring pursuit season: April 2 - May 27, 2022

General summer pursuit season: July 5 - August 6, 2022

Fall pursuit season: November 3 - 13, 2022

RESTRICTED BLACK BEAR SUMMER PURSUIT SEASON

Unit	2022 Resident Permits	2022 Nonresident Permits	2021 Resident Permits	2021 Nonresident permits	2022 Season Dates
Book Cliffs (early)	26	2	26	2	July 5 - 16
Book Cliffs (late)	26	2	26	2	July 19 - July 31
La Sal (early)	14	1	14	1	July 5 - 16
La Sal (late)	14	1	14	1	July 19 - July 31
San Juan (early)	14	1	5	0	July 5 - 16
San Juan (late)	14	1	5	0	July 19 - July 31
Book Cliffs (spring)	See Below	2	See Below	2	April 2 - May 27
San Juan (spring)	See Below	2	See Below	2	April 2 - May 27
La Sal (spring)	See Below	2	see Below	2	April 2 - May 27

Spring pursuit season not restricted for Utah residents

BLACK BEAR HARVEST OBJECTIVE SEASON SPOT AND STALK (No dogs and no bait allowed)

Unit	2022 Harvest Objectives	2021 Permits	2022 Season Dates
Book Cliffs, Bitter Creek/South	10	0	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Cache/Ogden	3	5	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Central Mtns, Manti-North	12	23	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Central Mtns, Manti-South/San Rafael, North	12	23	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Central Mtns, Nebo	3	21	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Chalk Creek/East Canyon/Morgan-South Rich	5	5	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Kamas/North Slope, Summit	2	5	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
La Sal	12	75	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Nine Mile	10	0	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
North Slope, Three Corners/West Daggett	1	0	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Plateau, Boulder/Kaiparowits	4	50	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
San Juan	12	75	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
South Slope, Bonanza/Diamond Mtn/Vernal	3	0	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
South Slope, Yellowstone	3	0	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Wasatch Mtns, Avintaquin/Currant Creek	6	0	Sept. 28 - Oct. 30

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-33. Taking Bear.

R657-33-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking and pursuing bear.

(2) Specific dates, areas, number of permits, limits and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing bear.

R657-33-2. Definitions.

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Accompany" means at a distance within which visual contact and verbal communication are maintained without the assistance of any electronic device.

(b) "Bait" means any lure containing animal, mineral or plant materials.

(c) "Baiting" means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of bait to lure, attract or entice bear on or over any area.

(d) "Bear" means *Ursus americanus*, commonly known as black bear.

(e) "Canned hunt" means that a bear is treed, cornered, held at bay or its ability to escape is otherwise restricted for the purpose of allowing a person who was not a member of the initial hunting party to arrive and take the bear.

(f) "Compensation" means anything of economic value in excess of \$100 that is paid, loaned, granted, given, donated, or transferred to a dog handler for or in consideration of pursuing bear for any purpose.

(g) "Control permit" means a permit issued in response to bear depredation to commercial crops pursuant to R657-33-23(4).

(h) "Cub" means a bear less than one year of age.

(i) "Draw-lock" means a mechanical device used to hold and support the draw weight of a conventional or compound bow at any increment of draw until released by the archer using a trigger mechanism attached to the device.

(j) "Dog handler" means the person in the field that is responsible for transporting, releasing, tracking, controlling, managing, training, commanding and retrieving the dogs involved in the pursuit. The owner of the dogs is presumed the dog handler when the owner is in the field during pursuit.

(k) "Evidence of sex" means the teats, and sex organs of a bear, including a penis, scrotum or vulva.

(l) "Green pelt" means the untanned hide or skin of a bear.

(m) "Harvest-objective hunt" means any hunt that is identified as harvest-objective in the hunt table of the guidebook for taking bear.

(n) "Harvest-objective permit" means any permit valid on harvest-objective units.

(o) "Harvest-objective unit" means any unit designated as harvest-objective in the hunt table of the guidebook for taking bear.

(p) "Immediate family member" means a landowner's or lessee's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepchild, and grandchild.

(q)(i) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt listed in the hunt table, published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking bear, which is identified as a limited entry hunt for bear.

(ii) The Wildlife Board may authorize certain limited entry hunts that span multiple seasons, identified in the guidebook for taking bear as multi-season limited entry hunts.

(iii) "Limited entry hunt" does not include harvest objective hunts or pursuit only.

(r) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt, including conservation permits, expo permits, and sportsman permits.

(s) "Private lands" means any lands that are not public lands, excluding Indian trust lands.

(t) "Public lands" means any lands owned by the state, a political subdivision or independent entity of the state, or the United States, excluding Indian trust lands, that are open to the public for purposes of engaging in pursuit.

(u) "Pursue" means to chase, tree, corner or hold a bear at bay with dogs.

(v) "Restricted pursuit unit" means a bear pursuit unit where pursuit is allowed only by a dog handler who:

(i) possesses a pursuit permit issued for that particular pursuit unit;

(ii) possesses or is accompanied by a person who possesses a limited entry bear permit for the unit, and the pursuit occurs within the area and during the season established for the limited entry bear permit; or

(iii) is engaged in pursuit for compensation as provided in R657-33-26(2).

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(w) "Spot-and-stalk hunt" means a hunt prohibiting the use of bait or dogs to pursue or harvest a bear.

(x) "Spot-and-stalk permit" means an bear permit available over the counter for seasons and units designated by the Division Director as per Statute 23-16-10. A hunter who obtains this permit may not use bait or dogs to take a bear.

(y) "Trail Camera" means a device that is not held or manually operated by a person and is used to capture images, video, or location data of wildlife using heat or motion to trigger the device.

(z)(i) "Valid application" means:

(A) it is for a species for which the applicant is eligible to possess a permit;

(B) there is a hunt for that species regardless of estimated permit numbers; and

(C) there is sufficient information on the application to process the application, including personal information, hunt information, and sufficient payment.

(ii) Applications missing any of the items in Subsection (i) may still be considered valid if the application is corrected before the deadline through the application correction process.

~~(x)~~aa "Waiting period" means a specified period of time that a person who has obtained a bear permit must wait before applying for any other bear permit.

~~(y)~~bb "Written permission" means written authorization from the owner or person in charge to enter upon private lands and must include:

(i) the name and signature of the owner or person in charge;

(ii) the address and phone number of the owner or person in charge;

(iii) the name of the dog handler given permission to enter the private lands;

(iv) a brief description of the pursuit activity authorized;

(v) the appropriate dates; and

(vi) a general description of the property.

R657-33-3. Permits for Taking Bear.

(1)(a) To harvest a bear, a person must first obtain a valid limited entry bear permit, a harvest objective bear permit, [a spot-and-stalk permit](#), or a bear control permit for a specified hunt unit as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking bear.

(b) Any person who obtains a limited entry bear permit or a harvest objective bear permit which allows the use of dogs may pursue bear without a pursuit permit while hunting during the season and on the unit for which the take permit is valid, provided the person is the dog handler.

(2)(a) A person may not apply for or obtain more than one bear permit per year, except:

(b) if the person is unsuccessful in the drawing administered by the division under Rule R657-62, the person may purchase a permit available outside of the drawing; and

(c) a person may acquire more than one bear control permit as described in Subsection R657-33-23(4).

(3) Any bear permit purchased after the season opens is not valid until three days after the date of purchase.

(4) Residents and nonresidents may apply for and receive limited entry bear permits, and may purchase harvest objective bear permits and bear pursuit permits.

(5)(a) A person must complete a mandatory orientation course prior to applying for or obtaining a limited entry, harvest objective, or bear pursuit permit.

(b) The orientation course is not required to receive a bear control permit under Subsection R657-33-23(4).

(c) The orientation course shall include training on hunter ethics.

(6) To obtain a limited entry, harvest objective, [spot-and-stalk permit](#), or bear pursuit permit, a person must possess a valid Utah hunting or combination license.

R657-33-6. Firearms, Archery Equipment, Crossbows, and Airguns.

(1) ~~[For limited entry and harvest objective hunts identified as an “any legal weapon hunt” in the Wildlife Board’s guidebook for taking bear, a person may use the following to take bear:]~~

~~[(a) any firearm not capable of being fired fully automatic, except a firearm using a rimfire cartridge;]~~

~~[(b) archery equipment meeting the following requirements:]~~

~~[(i) the minimum bow pull is 30 pounds at the draw or the peak, whichever comes first;]~~

~~[(ii) arrowheads used have two or more sharp cutting edges that cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring;]~~

~~[(iii) expanding arrowheads cannot pass through a 7/8 inch ring when expanded; and]~~

~~[(iv) arrows must be a minimum of 20 inches in length from the tip of the arrowhead to the tip of the nock;]~~

~~[(c) a crossbow meeting the following requirements:]~~

~~[(i) a minimum draw weight of 125 pounds;]~~

~~[(ii) a positive mechanical safety mechanism; and]~~

~~[(iii) an arrow or bolt that is at least 16 inches long with:]~~

~~[(A) a fixed broadhead that is at least 7/8 inch wide at the widest point; or]~~

~~[(B) an expandable, mechanical broadhead that is at least 7/8 inch wide at the widest point when the broadhead is in the open position; and]~~

~~[(d) an airgun used to hunt bear must:]~~

~~[(i) be pneumatically powered;]~~

~~[(ii) be pressurized solely through a separate charging device; and]~~

~~[(iii)]~~

~~A person may only [fire a bolt or arrow:]~~

~~[(A) no less than 16 inches long;]~~

~~[(B) with a fixed or expandable broadhead at least 7/8 inch wide at its widest position; and]~~

~~[(C) traveling no less than 400 feet per second at the muzzle.--]~~

~~[(2) Arrows and bolts carried in or on a vehicle where a person is riding must be in an arrow quiver or a closed case.]~~

~~[(3)(a) A person who has obtained a limited entry bear archery permit may not use, possess, or be in control of a firearm, crossbow, draw lock, or airgun while in the field during an archery bear hunt.]~~

~~[(b) "Field" for purposes of this subsection, means a location where the permitted species of wildlife is likely to be found, but does not include a hunter's established campsite or the interior of a fully enclosed automobile or truck.]~~

~~[(c) The provisions of Subsection (a) do not apply to:]~~

~~[(i) a person lawfully hunting upland game or waterfowl;]~~

~~[(ii) a person licensed to hunt big game species during hunts that coincide with the archery bear hunt;]~~

~~[(iii) livestock owners protecting their livestock; or]~~

~~[(iv) a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 of the Utah Code, provided the person is not utilizing the concealed firearm to hunt or take protected wildlife]~~
use weapons identified in Section R657-5-8, Rifles, Shotguns, Airguns, and Crossbows to take bear.

R657-33-7. Traps and Trapping Devices.

(1) Bear may not be taken with a trap, snare or any other trapping device, except as authorized by the division.

(2) Bear accidentally caught in any trapping device must be released unharmed.

(3)(a) ~~[Written permission]~~Authorization must be obtained from a division representative to remove the carcass of a bear from any trapping device.

(b) The carcass shall remain the property of the state of Utah and must be surrendered to the division.

R657-33-9. Prohibited Methods.

(1) Bear may be taken or pursued only during open seasons and using methods prescribed in this rule and the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing bear. Otherwise, under the Wildlife Resources Code, it is unlawful for any person to pursue, possess, capture, kill, injure, drug, rope, trap, snare, or in any way harm or transport bear.

(2)(a) A person may not pursue a single bear in repeated pursuits such that it renders the bear physically unable to escape.

(b) After a bear has been pursued, chased, treed, cornered, legally baited or held at bay, a person may not, in any manner, restrict or hinder the animal's ability to escape.

(c) A person must make reasonable efforts to call dogs off of a bear that has been cornered or held at bay.

(3) A person may not engage in a canned hunt.

(4) A person may not take any wildlife from an airplane or any other airborne vehicle or device or any motorized terrestrial or aquatic vehicle, including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles.

(5)(a) A trail camera that can only store an image, picture or video inside the device, and which does not have the capability to utilize cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite technology to transmit images or video for remote viewing, is permitted year-round.

(b) A person shall not:

(A) Place, maintain or use a trail camera or non-handheld device to capture image or video, that utilizes cellular, Wi-Fi or satellite technology, or comparable technology capable of providing real-time media from a device in the field, to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of bear between July 31 and January 31;

(B) Engage in the sale or purchase of trail camera media, including images, video, location, time, or date data to aid in the take or attempted take of bear; or

(C) Engage in the sale, purchase, distribution or storage of media, including images, video, location, time, or date data, collected from a device identified in subsection (A) to aid in the take or attempted take of bear.

(c) The prohibition on the use of trail cameras does not apply to:

(A) Private landowners monitoring or protecting their property from trespass;

(B) Monitoring active agricultural operations; and

(C) Municipalities participating in the Urban Deer Program.

(d) Wi-Fi, satellite, or cellular transmitting cameras or similar technology on private property cannot be used to take, attempt to take, or aid in the take or attempted take of bear between July 31 and January 31.

R657-33-13. Certificate of Registration Required for Bear Baiting.

(1) A certificate of registration for baiting must be obtained before establishing a bait station.

(2) Certificates of registration for bear baiting are issued only to holders of limited entry permits authorizing the use of bait, as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking bear.

(3) A certificate of registration may be obtained from the division office within the region where the bait station will be established by applying on the Division website.

(4) A new certificate of registration must be obtained prior to moving a bait station. All materials used as bait must be removed from the old site prior to the issuing of a new certificate of registration.

(5) The following information must be provided to obtain a certificate of registration for baiting: a 1:24000 USGS quad map with the bait location marked, or the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) or latitude and longitude coordinates of the bait station, including the datum, type of bait used and written permission from the appropriate landowner for private lands.

(6)(a) Any person interested in baiting on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management must verify that the lands are open to baiting before applying for and receiving a certificate of registration for bear baiting.

(b) Information on areas that are open to baiting on National Forests must be obtained from district offices.

~~(c) Areas generally closed to baiting stations by these federal agencies include:]~~

~~[(i) designated Wilderness Areas;]~~

~~[(ii) heavily used drainages or recreation areas; and]~~

~~[(iii) critical watersheds.]~~

~~[(d) The division shall send a copy of the certificate of registration to the private landowner or appropriate district office of the land management agency that manages the~~

~~land where the bait station will be placed, as identified by the hunter on the application for a certificate of registration.]~~

~~(e)~~ Issuance of a certificate of registration for baiting does not authorize an individual to bait if it is otherwise unlawful to bait under the regulations of the applicable land management agency.

(7) A handling fee must accompany the application.

(8) Only hunters listed on the certificate of registration may hunt over the bait station and the certificate of registration must be in possession while hunting over the bait station.

(9) Any person tending a bait station must be listed on the certificate of registration.

R657-33-14. Use of Bait.

~~(1)(a) A person who has obtained a limited entry bear archery permit may use archery tackle only, even when hunting bear away from the bait station.]~~

~~(b)~~

~~(a)~~ A person who has obtained a limited entry bear permit for a season and hunt unit that allows baiting may use firearms and archery equipment as provided in R657-33-6.

~~(b)~~ Bear lured to a bait station may only be taken using firearms and archery equipment approved by the Wildlife Board and described in the guidebook for taking bear.

~~(c)~~ A person may establish or use no more than two bait stations. The bait stations may only be used during periods designated in the guidebook for taking bear.

~~(d)~~ Bear lured to a bait station may not be taken with dogs.

~~(e)~~ Bait may not be contained in or include any metal, glass, porcelain, plastic, cardboard, or paper.

~~(f)~~ The bait station must be marked with a sign provided by the division and posted within 10 feet of the bait.

~~(g)~~ A dog handler may not intentionally run dogs off of a bait station while pursuing bear.

(2)(a) Bait may be placed only in areas open to hunting and only during the open seasons.

(b) All materials used as bait must be removed within 72 hours after the close of the season or within 72 hours after the person or persons, who are registered for that bait station harvest a bear.

(3) A person may use nongame fish as bait, except those listed as prohibited in Rule R657-13 and the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for Taking Fish and Crayfish. No other species of protected wildlife may be used as bait.

(4)(a) Domestic livestock or its parts, including processed meat scraps, may be used as bait.

(b) A person using domestic livestock or their parts for bait must have in possession:

(i) a certificate of brand inspection, bill of sale, or other proof of ownership or legal possession.

(5) Bait may not be placed within:

(a) 100 yards of water or a public road or designated trail; or

(b) 1/2 mile of any permanent dwelling or campground.

R657-33-22. Waste of Wildlife.

(1) A person may not waste or permit to be wasted or spoiled any protected wildlife or their parts in accordance with Section 23-20-8.

(2) The skinned carcass of a bear may be left in the field and does not constitute waste of wildlife[, ~~however, the division recommends that hunters remove the carcass from the field~~].

R657-33-26. Bear Pursuit.

(1)(a) Except as provided in Subsection R657-33-3(1)(b) and Subsection (2), bear may be pursued only by persons who have obtained a bear pursuit permit.

(b) The bear pursuit permit does not allow a person to:

(i) kill a bear; or

(ii) pursue bear for compensation.

(c) A person may pursue bear for compensation only as provided in Subsection (2).

(d) To obtain a bear pursuit permit, a person must possess a Utah hunting or combination license.

(2)(a) A person may pursue bear on public lands for compensation, provided the dog handler:

(i) receives compensation from a client or customer to pursue bear;

(ii) is a licensed hunting guide or outfitter under Title 58, Chapter 79, Hunting Guides and Outfitters Licensing Act and authorized to pursue bear;

(iii) possesses on his or her person the Utah hunting guide or outfitter license;

(iv) possesses on his or her person all permits and authorizations required by the applicable public lands managing authority to pursue bear for compensation; and

(v) is accompanied by the client or customer at all times during pursuit.

(b) A person may pursue bear on private lands for compensation, provided the dog handler:

(i) receives compensation from a client or customer to pursue bear;

(ii) is accompanied by the client or customer at all times during pursuit; and

(iii) possesses on his or her person written permission from all private landowners on whose property pursuit takes place.

(c) A person who is an employee or agent of the Division of Wildlife Services may pursue bear on public lands and private lands while acting within the scope of their employment.

(3) A pursuit permit is not required to pursue bear if the individual satisfies the requirements in Subsection (2).

(4)(a) A person pursuing bear for compensation under subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) shall comply with all other requirements and restrictions in statute, rule and the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board regulating the pursuit and take of bear.

(b) Any violation of, or failure to comply with the provisions of Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code, this rule, or the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board may be grounds for suspension of the privilege to pursue bear for compensation under this subsection, as determined by a division hearing officer.

(5) Except as provided in Subsection (6), a bear pursuit permit authorizes the holder to pursue bear with dogs on any unit open to pursuing bear during the seasons and under the conditions prescribed by the Wildlife Board in guidebook.

(6) The Wildlife Board may establish or designate in the guidebook restricted pursuit units as determined necessary or convenient to better manage wildlife resources, including to protect wildlife, curtail over-utilization of resources, reduce conflict with other recreational activities, reduce conflict with private and public land activities, and protect wildlife habitat.

(a) Bear may not be pursued on a restricted pursuit unit unless the dog handler:

(i) possesses a pursuit permit issued for the particular restricted pursuit unit;

(ii) possesses or is accompanied by a person who possesses a limited entry or harvest objective bear permit allowing the use of dogs, and the pursuit occurs within the area and during the season established by the respective permit; or

(iii) is engaged in pursuit for compensation as provided in Subsection (2), and pursuit occurs within the area and during the season established for the:

(A) paying client's limited entry or harvest objective bear permit allowing the use of dogs; or

(B) restricted pursuit unit.

(b) A pursuit permit issued for a restricted pursuit unit authorizes the holder to pursue bear on:

(i) the particular restricted pursuit unit for which the permit is issued; and

(ii) any other bear pursuit unit not designated as a restricted pursuit unit.

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (6)(a)(i), when two or more dog owners are in the field pursuing bear together, only one must possess a restricted pursuit unit permit, provided the dog owners accompany the person possessing the restricted pursuit unit permit at all times.

(i) A dog handler pursuing bear on a restricted pursuit unit may leave the pursuit permit holder to retrieve dogs that separate from the pack, provided the dog handler;

(A) takes reasonable steps to keep the pack together before and during pursuit;

(B) separates from the pursuit permit holder exclusively to retrieve stray dogs and does not attempt to actively pursue bear during the retrieval process; and

(C) immediately releases any bear incidentally treed or held at bay by the stray dogs.

(ii) Maximum number of dogs in the field and pack sizes described in Section R657-33-12 remain applicable, even if there are multiple dog owners in the same hunting party.

(7) Pursuit permits may be obtained at division offices, through the Internet and at license agents.

(a) The division may distribute pursuit permits for restricted pursuit units:

(i) through its offices, license agents, or online resources on a first-come, first-served basis; or

(ii) through a random drawing.

(8) A person may not:

(a) take or pursue a female bear with cubs;

(b) repeatedly pursue, chase, tree, corner or hold at bay the same bear during the same day;

(c) individually or in combination with another person, use more than eight dogs in the field to pursue a bear during the summer pursuit season as established by the Wildlife Board in the guidebook; or

~~[(d) possess a firearm or any device that could be used to kill a bear while pursuing bear.]~~

~~[(i) The weapon restrictions set forth in Subsection (d) do not apply to a person licensed to carry a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7 Concealed Firearm Act, provided the person is not utilizing or attempting to utilize the concealed weapon to injure or kill bear.]~~

(9) If eligible, a person who has obtained a bear pursuit permit may also obtain a limited entry or harvest objective bear permit.

(10) Season dates, closed areas and bear pursuit permit areas are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing bear.

R657-33-31. Harvest Objective Unit Closures.

(1) Prior to hunting in a harvest objective unit, a hunter must [~~call 1-888-668-5466 or~~] visit the division's website to verify that the bear hunting unit is still open. The [~~phone line and~~] website will be updated each day by 12 noon. Updates become effective the following day thirty minutes before official sunrise.

(2) Harvest objective units are open to hunting until:

(a) the bear harvest objective for that harvest objective unit is met and the division closes the area; or

(b) the end of the hunting season as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking bear.

(3) Upon closure of a harvest objective unit, a hunter may not take or pursue bear except as provided in Section R657-33-26.

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