

Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules?

Strongly agree

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?

Could the Utah DWR network partner with Ducks Unlimited or Delta Waterfowl to raise funds and construct a permanent ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting blind on Utah Lake's shores? The Utah Lake hunting blind entrance should be at least 48 inches wide to allow off-road wheelchairs and power chairs to enter. Near Provo Airport or Mud Lake, perhaps? I want this Utah Lake ADA handicapped waterfowl hunting blind to have a concrete base so the mud and weather don't ruin it. A gravel road to the ADA waterfowl hunting blind with a flat unloading area for handicapped accessible vehicles would be great at Utah Lake. I'm paralyzed from the chest down and permanently use a wheelchair. I want these ADA hunting topics discussed at every RAC meeting throughout Utah in the next few months. Furthermore, I suggest the Utah DWR paves the road leading to Fish Springs Wildlife Refuge. Several disabled hunters I know have been stranded on that road leading out to Fish Springs with flat tires and no cell phone service.

Utah's state and federal wildlife refuges suffer from seriously inadequate ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting blinds and opportunities, which is an insult to disabled hunters. The lack of waterfowl hunting opportunities for disabled hunters in Utah is shameful, and DWR director Shirley and his staff should be held accountable. I've repeatedly called Utah DWR director Shirley and his staff about ADA issues, but they never return my calls. The lack of accessible hunting areas makes me feel discriminated against as a wheelchair user. Unless the Utah DWR takes action to build more ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting facilities within the next two years, I'll be pursuing a class-action ADA lawsuit. etc. Please fix these ADA issues and build an ADA accessible waterfowl hunting blind on Utah Lake.

Thank you, Tom Vinson

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Somewhat agree

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Utah needs to make a disabled veterans hunt along with you youth hunt like all our surrounding states and make it a 2 day youth /DV hunt 2 weeks prior to the waterfowl opener. 2- change of shooting hours for waterfowl; recommend shooting hours starting at sunrise and effectively able to identify waterfowl easier and make retrieves and add the 30 mins to the end of sunset like they have with upland game birds and big game. 30 mins prior does no good for bird identification. I have talked to hundreds of hunters that would support a 30 mins past sunset waterfowl rule change. 3- AIS sticker requirements for waterfowl purpose boats, canoes, kayaks; this should not be a requirement for boats that are only used on WMAs and recombine the fee back into the boat registration as it has been for years or does that money for the AIS go directly to DWR? And how does that fee help the WMAs for all the waterfowl vessels this sticker is currently required for? These duck boats won't ever be on lake Powell 4- someone at DWR needs to make a map that clearly defines the wasatch goose zone.. this zone was made and there has never been a clear map of this zone. Or get rid of the stupid zone. It's the biggest joke and we where better off with the northern and southern zones and it was very clear and consistent

Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations?

Wyoming made a residence/non residence date split and Utah should do the same so that we are not competing in our own state for our sheds. In Wyoming Utah residents can't shed hunt for 2 weeks after they open their season for local residents. Why do we have to share our sheds openly with them when they restrict us. 2- increase fines and suspend hunting/fishing license for collecting sheds out of season or during a state closure.. this will wake some people up cause I was selected for the Antelope island shed hunt and it was pathetic. They talked in the main parking lot about 3 years since it was done last and there where hardly any sheds for an island that has sold the most expensive permit for the state and after 3 years not one set of the drop sheds where found.... I and several others ended up with a whole 2 horns for something that was a drawing and had not been done for 3 years cause of the covid pandemic.. nonresidents do not get the same dates or rights as Utah residents. Make them suffer like they make us and delay us in Wyoming and Idaho

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Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations?

Every state around us is doing a non resident season. They need to stop catering to non residents and take care of there residents like every other state does

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Somewhat agree

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My only concern about the proposed changes involve the changes from 2 to 3 years. Due to pending changes in the national political climate, if the 3 year cycle started now, heavier regulations under the current administratin would be more locked in. I would recommend keeping the 2 year cycle currently in process for 1 more period to allow time for the national regulatory environment to soften and then implement the proposed 3 year regulatory cycle.

Let's not lock ourselves into stronger regulations for longer right now.

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I agree with the recommendations presented with one MAJOR exception. The proposed change to the scaup season is only being proposed for the southern duck zone. We have been requesting this change for the entire state for some time and are disappointed that it is only being proposed for the Southern duck zone.

I have been an avid duck hunter for 43+ years, hunting 30+ days per season, I can count on one hand the number of scaup I have seen in the Northern duck zone in the early part of the season. Yet in the last months of the season see hundreds a day. Rather than having more confusing regulations about which zone hunts early or late lets change the entire state to hunt scaup in the latter part of the season. We are not requesting more days just make the allowable days at the end of the season for both duck zones

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments? Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments? Agree that green pelts and rim fire need to be legal. Not sure what he was hinting at about the number of cougar one person is going to be allowed to harvest. I feel if we only allow one cougar per hunter that we contradict the new management plan of not having a tag.

Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64? I feel that the change to 75 dollars in critical mule deer areas is great. I feel that there needs to be an app that uses your location to submit your bounty. Agree with the removal of the ears is unnecessary if you're submitting a jaw.

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Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules?

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?

Youth day should be youth weekend. A lot of kids are tied up on Saturday with sports and other commitments. Make it for the weekend.

Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?

I agree with letting the multi season hunters hunt in the harvest objective hunts. If their harvest does not count towards the harvest objective. Or the harvest objective is increased to account for their possible harvest. I view it as a double dip in tag counts and stealing an opportunity from another hunter that doesn't have the chance to hunt bears.

In the mule deer plan it was brought up that predators are a limiting factor on some units. Was this taken into account with the bear permit numbers?

I am very excited to see the use of barrels in Utah. They help keep the bait site much cleaner and organized.
