

NORTHEASTERN RAC MEETING SUMMARY-MOTIONS PASSED

Uintah Interagency Fire Center, Vernal/August 15, 2008

5.PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

MOTION: to accept as presented
Passed unanimously

6.ELECTRONIC MEETING RULE AMENDMENT R657-39

MOTION: to accept as presented
Passed unanimously

7.WATERFOWL GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-09

MOTION: to accept as presented
Passed unanimously

8.WILD TURKEY GUIDEBOOK, PERMIT ALLOCATION AND RULE R657-54

MOTION: to accept as presented
Passed unanimously

9.AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOTION: to accept as presented
Passed unanimously

10.VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR PURPOSES OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSAL – NEW RULE R657-61

MOTION: to accept as presented
Passed unanimously

NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Uintah Interagency Fire Center

August 14, 2008

Started at 6:30 pm; Adjourned at 8:15 pm

RAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Beth Hamann-Nonconsumptive
Karl Breitenbach-At Large
Rod Morrison-Sportsmen
Kirk Woodward-Sportsmen
Bob Christensen-Forest Service
Amy Torres-Chair
Kevin Christopherson-NER Supervisor
Floyd Briggs-At Large
Rod Harrison-Elected Official
Carlos Reed-Native American

UDWR PERONNEL PRESENT:

Dave Olsen-Wildlife Pgm Coord.
Tom Aldrich-Wildlife Pgm Coord
Randy Scheetz-NER Cons. Officer
Roger Schneidervin-NER Aqua Mgr
Miles Hanberg-NER Habitat Mgr
Ron Stewart-NER Conserv Outr
Charlie Greenwood-NER Wildlife
Gayle DeCamp-Allred-Office Mgr

UNEXCUSED RAC MEMBERS:

Curtis Dastrup-Agriculture
Dave Chivers-Agriculture

1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amy Torres

MOTION by Karl Breitenbach to approve

Second by Kirk Woodward

Passed unanimously

2,3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Amy Torres

MOTION by Rod Harrison to approve

Second by Bob Christensen

Passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS: UPDATE ON MULE DEER COMMITTEE: Rod Morrison

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20. I am hoping they will start discussing the proposals. There has been a good turnout and positive things are happening.

4. NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL UPDATE: Kevin Christopherson

Dedicated hunters who need their deer permit can go to our office after tonight's meeting.

Law Enforcement:

We are happy to announce that Duchesne County law enforcement position has been filled by Adam Cochran from Oregon.

Aquatics:

We are wrapping up summer fish stocking. DWR has stocked over 10 million fish statewide, mostly rainbow trout. Fingerlings are stocked in spring and fall. Summer catchable fish are stocked. Every major fish pond that can support them has been stocked throughout the summer in the major holidays through Labor Day.

We now have angler access on Sand Wash Reservoir, which was a landowner purchase. We have put in a parking lots and fences. We just need to get the signs up.

We had a tagged fishing contest in the Basin. It's the first time the Division has done anything like this. It was sponsored by several local businesses. The contest ran all summer and we had 12 winners. Tomorrow night at the County Fair we will have a drawing for the grand prize winner but all will get some sort of prize, like plasma TVs, etc. We still need to determine how successful it was to generating interest in fishing.

Habitat:

We have nine million dollars to spend on range improvement projects. Big game, sheep and cattle all benefit from habitat improvement projects. DWR has spent over 50 million dollars in the last several years but cost to Division has been one million.

Wildlife:

Sheep surveys are ongoing.

Bear issues are fewer this year but there are some. We had a landowner feeding a bear on his property and other neighbors were complaining. It was trapped removed.

Tri-state meeting:

We discussed quagga mussels and zebra mussels (invasive species). Colorado has found quagga mussel larvae in Lake Granby, which is at the headwaters of the Colorado River and flows into three drainages. We don't know how far they will migrate or how fast. It's possible that mussel larvae do not always establish a reproducing population. We're hoping the environment in Granby is harsh enough that the mussels won't be able to establish a population. Then the mussel larvae would have to work their way down river, through the 500 miles to Lake Powell. We don't think it would be easy for fragile mussel larvae to survive the long trip. It may take years for mussels from Granby to work their way down the river and into Lake Powell alive. We are calling in experts from the Midwest at the end of the month to find out how fast they might move down, and the impact they may have.

Sage grouse:

These are potentially on the endangered species list. Colorado has large studies going on. They would like all three states to join in the studies.

Dedicated Hunters:

Come to the office after tonight's meeting and we'll get your permits to you.

**5. PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010: Greg Sheehan,
Administrative Services Section Chief (ACTION)**

See handout.

Questions from Public: None

Questions from RAC: None

Karl Breitenbach: On fishing contests do you charge the sponsors?

Greg Sheehan: Yes and then the sponsors can charge whatever they want.

Karl Breitenbach: You support the fees even though the small one is a trivial amount?

Greg Sheehan: Yes. We want to support fishing.

Rod Morrison: Is the combination license going to go up or down?

Greg Sheehan: The fishing license will go down to encourage more anglers to fish.

Comments from Public: None

Comments from RAC: None

RAC Motion and Discussion

**MOTION by Karl Breitenbach to approve the recommendations as proposed
Second by Rod Morrison
Passed unanimously**

**6. ELECTRONIC MEETING RULE AMENDMENT R657-39, Greg Sheehan,
Administrative Services Section Chief (ACTION)**

See handout

The Wildlife Board meeting can use conference calls for emergency meetings

The wording meetings SHALL be held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order will be changed to meetings SHOULD be held in accordance...

Questions from Public:

Questions from RAC:

Karl Breitenbach: The only way for abuse would be if a quorum wasn't present. Would that be addressed?

Greg Sheehan: There would have to be a full quorum just like a regular Wildlife Board meeting.

Amy Torres: Would it apply to having other DWR personnel present as well, like regional personnel that have expertise?

Greg Sheehan: If it was a board meeting the public would still be able to participate, there just might not be as long of a notification

Comments from Public: None

Comments from RAC: None

RAC Motion and Discussion:

**MOTION by Bob Christensen to approve as presented
Second by Kirk Woodward and Floyd Briggs
Passed unanimously**

7. WATERFOWL GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-09: Tom Aldrich, Wildlife Program Coordinator (ACTION)

See handout

White goose:

The proposal is to extend the season into March and increase the bag limit to 10 per day because there are so many white geese coming in and doing agricultural damage in certain areas.

Duck:

Based on mallard population data the "Liberal" season package is being recommended.
107 day pintail season and bag limit of 1
86 day scaup season with a bag of 2
Closed canvasback season.

(These recommendations have not been approved by the USFWS and could possibly change. If any changes occur, the UDWR will bring a modified set of regulation proposals to the RACs.)

We propose moving the Waterfowl Youth Day to September 20 to avoid conflicts with other season openers.

Pheasant:

Recommend changing the shooting hours on the pheasant opener (Nov 1) to ½ hour before sunrise.

Swan recommendations – 2009:

Allow group applications for up to four hunters

Implement preference points for swan drawings

Reserve 15% of the permits for youth hunters (less than 16 years of age)

Move the application period for swans to September after the wildlife Board meeting

Questions from Public: None

Questions from RAC: None

Comments from Public: None

Comments from RAC: None

Bob Christensen: I like moving the opener to ½ hour before sunrise.

RAC motion and discussion:

MOTION by Karl Breitenbach to approve as presented

Second by Beth Hamann

Passed unanimously

Kevin Christopherson: Carlos, do you have any concerns? Is this is going to work for the Tribe?

Carlos Reed: We approve of the changes.

**8. WILD TURKEY GUIDEBOOK, PERMIT ALLOCATION & RULE R657-54:
Dave Olsen, Wildlife Program Coordinator (ACTION)**

See handout

2009 season will be the second year of the phase-in approach toward over-the-counter sales of wild turkey permits.

The recommendations are based upon the phase-in permit calculation formula, which includes 3 spring hunting seasons.

1/3 of the base permits go into the early season hunt (A) for each limited entry area.

2/3 of the base permits go into the middle season hunt (B).

The late or third season hunt (C) is where most of the phase-in, add on permits are located.

2008 late season permits = A + B hunt permit total times 1

2009 late season permits – A + B hunt permit total times 2

Hunter satisfaction is gauged on a three-year average of

1) If the hunter success drops below 20%,

2) If hunter satisfaction drops below 2 (on a 1 to 5 scale,)

3) Hunter crowding index above 4 (on a 1 to 5 scale with 5 being highly crowded.)

We are recommending adjusting the hunt area boundaries in NR and SER

We recommend continuing the public on-line only application period and maintaining the single applicant drawing process.

Landowner permits:

Regions will receive, approve and issue landowner permits in 2009 – NO DRAWING – FIRST COME BASIS

Landowner application period will be established and will close prior to the public drawing

NER Recommendations:

Maintain season date frameworks consistent with landownership and topography as in 2008.

938 total permits recommended for 2009, 482 in 2008

See letter from the Utah Chapter of National Wildlife Federation

Dave Olsen: Utah Chapter of National Wildlife Federation supports everything except the Northeastern Region recommendations. They want the NER to double the permits on public lands. The Region did double the number of permits in all of private hunts. Public population is growing a little bit but other areas are fringed by Tribal trust lands, etc. Region felt with populations we had on public land comfortable, but private lands went with increases.

Questions from RAC:

Kirk Woodward: One of the units had 100% success:

Dave Olsen: But the other two hunts had 40% and 0% success.

Floyd Briggs: There were 20 turkeys released on the North Slope and now there are only four.

Charlie Greenwood: We don't have the number of birds up north that we'd like even after the transplants. The biologists just did not find the numbers of birds they usually do on public lands. That's why our recommendation stayed the same.

Dave Olsen: The committee set a standard that to open a hunt we need a population of 100 birds and in some of these areas over the whole range we are over that but in the pockets where they are located, there were very few.

Questions from Public: None

Questions from RAC:

Rod Morrison: What are the rules to be on the landowner list?

Dave Olsen: 20 acres of ground plowed and seeded and 160 acres of turkey habitat.

Kirk Woodward: so if you have 160 acres you can only get 1 permit?

Dave Olsen: Yes

Comments from Public: None

Comments from RAC:

Bob Christensen: I can see where the Turkey Federation is coming from to make things consistent statewide. I see some turkeys in certain areas but I agree with the Division's proposal.

Amy Torres: read letter from Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife who are in support of the Division's proposal.

RAC motion and discussion

MOTION by Kirk Woodward to approve as presented

Second by Karl Breitenbach

Passed unanimously

**9. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) MANAGEMENT PLAN: Roger
Schneidervin, NER Aquatics Program Manager (ACTION)**

See handout

Questions from Public:

Ryan Kramer: Are they doing something for internal boats as far as making sure they've been drained?

Roger Schneidervin: If your boat's been to one of these lakes there will be some follow up. We are looking into chemical solutions to be poured into the coolant. Some boats have separate air conditioning water units. It's kind of an evolving process and we're trying to keep a step ahead of it. There have been good ideas that have come from boaters and technicians.

Russell Lee: With our cold winters, does that help kill them?

Roger Schneidervin: If the boats dry for several weeks the quagga will become desiccated. In winter they'll freeze. If they're moist though, they can last a long time. We're encouraging boaters to clean, drain and dry their boats and any other equipment that touches the water. Specifically, "clean" plants, fish, mussels and mud from your boat; "drain" the water from all areas of your boat and equipment; and "dry" your boat and equipment in the sun before using it again. In the summer, let it dry for at least 7 days in the sun. In the spring and fall, dry it for 18 days in the sun. In the winter, leave your equipment out for 3 straight days in temperatures that do not rise above 32 degrees during any of the days. Leaving it out for 3 days should be enough to kill any mussels that are on your equipment.

They came from Europe into the Erie Canal and into the Great Lakes through bilge water. New Zealand mud snails have moved around rapidly. They can stick into the felt of waders and can last for weeks in the damp foot, and they're asexual so they can multiply. Although, we haven't seen the impact with the mud snail we worried about.

Ron Stewart: If mussels are in the reservoir, they're going to survive.

Kevin Christopherson: They're flourishing in Michigan which freezes in winter.

Tyson Kramer: Are there any universities doing studies?

Roger Schneidervin: There are several universities working on it. UDWR's Fishery Experiment Station is coordinating with Utah State University's Fish and Wildlife Department on possible ongoing research comparing various early detection methodologies.

Tyson Kramer: What does it do to the fish habitat?

Roger Schneidervin: It does a lot of harm. They filter a huge volume of water per day, like a quarter per snail. They take all the algae out of the water. Some mussels attach to shallow water, others go deep.

Kevin Christopherson: I just met with Colorado and the state gave us 1.6 million dollars to protect water pipes, intakes, etc. It was a unanimous vote. We will fail without public

support because we're probably only getting 40% coverage. On major reservoirs in Colorado, BOR is threatening to shut waters now before the problem happens if agencies can't prove they are taking effective measures to control mussels, to protect power generators, etc.

Roger Schneidervin: Our folks only use 2" and 4" irrigation lines, while some of the other pipes are huge and being clogged. I don't see how we could deal with it and keep raising hay and irrigating crops if the mussels get into our waters.

Questions from RAC:

Kirk Woodward: What is their life cycle?

Kevin Christopherson: They are very adaptive and very aggressive. They have a free swimming stage called veligers, they release them by the millions per mussel. Some of those veligers will turn into adults the same year and some take two years. They are like seeds to the wind. In Lake Mead, it took many years before we found them, and so you're always playing catch up. We know what mesh size to use now to collect them and the best time of year to sample. Samples have been taken at Flaming Gorge last year, and we'll have do more tests this year.

In Lake Mead, once they found them, the population just exploded exponentially.

Kirk Woodward: Is there any natural predator?

Roger Schneidervin: In Europe there is a fish that can crack them but some mussels have a shell that closes so they pass right through the fish's digestive system without being affected.

Comments from Public: None

Comments from RAC: None

RAC motion and discussion

MOTION by Karl Breitenbach to approve as presented

Second by Kirk Woodward

Passed unanimously

10. VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSAL – New Rule R657-61: Miles Hanberg, NER Habitat Program Manager (ACTION)

See revised handout

It stipulates that DWR must obtain a professional estimation of value when acquiring or disposing real estate. It sets minimum standards which we are already meeting or exceeding but now we have it in written form.

Questions from Public: None

Questions from RAC: None

Comments from Public: None

Comments from RAC: None

RAC motion and discussion

**MOTION by Rod Morrison to accept as presented
Second Bob Christensen
Passed unanimously**

FINAL NOTES: If you're a dedicated hunter please get with Kevin.

The next RAC meeting will be held September 11, covering the fishing proclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Northern Regional Advisory Council

Aug 20, 2008,

6:00 P.M.

Place: Brigham City Community Center

RAC Present

Brad Slater
Lee Shirley
Paul Cowley
Robert Byrnes
Ann Neville
Darwin Bingham
James Gaskill
Shawn Groll
Ryan Foutz
Bret Selman
Jon Leonard

DWR Present

Jodie Anderson
Justin Dolling
Craig Schaugaard
Ron Hodson
Scott Walker
Dave Olsen
Greg Sheehan
Tom Aldrich
Kirt Enright
Randy Wood
Drew Cushing
Randy Berger
Tom Aldrich
Cory Inglet
Scott Davis
Roger Stringham
Scott Walker

Wildlife Board

Ernie Perkins

RAC Absent

Mark Marsh
Bill Fenimore

Public Present: See Attached Roll Sheet

Meeting Begins: 6:00 p.m.

Number of Pages: 11

Introduction: Brad Slater- Chair

Agenda:

Review of Agenda

Review of July 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Proposed Fee Schedule

Electronic Meeting Rule Amendment R657-39

Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09

Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation and Rule R657-54

AIS Management Plan

Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal R657-61

Item 1. Review and Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Gaskill- Move to accept with the exception of the Region Update

Second: Cowley

Motion Carries: Unanimous

Item 2. Review and Acceptance of July 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Gaskill

Second: Leonard

Motion Carries: Unanimous

Item 3. Proposed Fee Schedule

Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section Chief

See Handout

Public Questions

Steve Gaskill- Why did you adjust the fishing tournament fees?

Sheehan- We are trying to encourage angling and some of the small tournaments have a limited number of participants. We are hoping to keep people participating.

Steve Gaskill- How many of the tournaments bring people from out of state?

Sheehan- We estimate two of those a year.

Cushing- We don't have many of those tournaments a year.

RAC Questions

Gaskill- What is the philosophy behind the fees?

Sheehan- We incur some costs for those tournaments. An application has to be turned in and our biologist at our regional office would do a review to determine what sort of resource impact that may have. \$150 dollars is not going to cover a significant amount of effort on our part. It is intended to offset if someone is coming in to evaluate our resource.

Gaskill- Is there significantly greater costs as the number of participants goes up?

Sheehan- I don't know that it gets significantly higher but there is probably more money on the table by these groups that are having these large events.

Gaskill- If the difference is in the number of people, perhaps there ought to be a "per person" fee rather than a blanket.

Sheehan- It is structurally possible. There isn't a science behind it.

Gaskill- Do you think \$20 covers anything?

Sheehan- Maybe not. We are just trying to encourage the angling sport.

Neville- Will the market price on skeet go higher than \$10 dollars?

Sheehan- We are trying to get this in place and leave it so that it will last for multiple years.

Neville- How would you feel about saying market price and not putting a cap at \$10 dollars?

Sheehan- I am ok with that. I don't know if the legislature trusts us that much. It would not hurt anything if it said market price.

Cowley- How do discounts work on seasonal fishing licenses?

Sheehan- To preserve our survival, this would be pretty limited.

Gaskill- Do we anticipate some guidelines in the future for that discount?

Sheehan- We would create some internally before we launch into one of those. We are not close to putting this in place. There would be some guidelines for sure.

Gaskill- Will they be presented to the RAC as an informational?

Sheehan- Probably not.

Public Comment

Steve Gaskill- I am nervous about the larger tournaments. Prefer the larger tournaments to pay a larger fee due to the risks they may be bringing in. I would like to see the fee larger than \$250 to offset costs.

Roger Mezenen- Utah Bass Federation- We are for the proposed fee changes for COR.

Tom Noks- Utah Bass Federation- In favor of the proposed fee changes.

Jerry Frahon- Utah Bass Federation- How money impacts the youth. This is an added expense for us and the kids.

Discussion

Foutz- Commend the division for their campaign on quagga mussels.

Gaskill- The \$20 fee is kind of silly. If these are youth oriented tournaments, I think we ought to bag the \$20 fee and raise the fee for the larger tournaments.

Neville- The \$20 for youth seems kind of redundant. I think the fees should be spread out more evenly and maybe even go up to \$50 dollars.

Slater- I notice that you list these as type 1 Fishing Contest Fees. Don't we have a free fishing day?

Sheehan- Yes.

Slater- But it is for all anglers, not just youth?

Sheehan- Right.

Slater- So I can understand just a little bit. This core fishing contest is for small groups not just necessarily the youth.

Sheehan- It is based on the estimated number of participants.

Cowley- Season fishing license discount. It would be nice to see the guidelines brought for informational to the RAC to better inform the people that we represent.

Motion

Motion: Cowley accept the proposal as presented with the caveat of an informational item to the RAC on fishing discounts.

Second: Shirley

Motion Carries: Unanimous

Discussion on the Motion to amend

Motion: Neville- I would like to amend the motion to also include a separate category for a youth fishing tournament to have no fees.

Second: Gaskill

Discussion on the Motion

Cowley- What do you view as where you would break the age?

Neville- It would be the same as the youth hunt. 17 and younger.

Cowley- Would there be a number to the limit of people? Now we have 3 different amounts based on the people involved.

Selman- Greg what do you think about that?

Sheehan- It isn't going to have much of a revenue impact on us.

Gaskill- I don't think the \$20 is the issue. We are trying to recruit younger fishermen.

Bingham- Lets either bring some facts or quit trying.

Cushing- When we passed this tournament rule last year, the reason for the fee was not for the money but it gives the AIS a chance to interact with these tournament fisherman. If we have no fee, I am not sure we can enforce anything to take place.

Public Input

Roger Mezenen- Utah Bass Federation- We want to put forth the effort so that these kids can come up and weigh their fish so that it can be a realistic type tournament for the kids. With the \$150 fee, the only other option for us is to do is what we call a paper tournament. If regulations permitted keeping so many fish, they could bring them in, weigh and put them back. That way, we could afford the \$20 dollars. Free would be better for the youth but we are not totally against the \$20 fee to make sure we are doing things right.

Gaskill- We did not have anything in our motion about eliminating or altering the COR.

Byrnes- How many youth do you have at your paper tournaments?

Mezenen- We average less than 30 kids.

Byrnes- If we had a COR for youth tournaments under 50 participants at no cost but the cost would still be there for tournaments of more than 50, the tournaments would probably stay small and manageable.

Motion Carries- 6 for 3 Against

Item 4. Electronic Meeting Rule Amendment R657-39

Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section Chief

See Handout

RAC Questions

Neville- A full forum has to be there before a motion can be passed?

Sheehan- There would need to be a quorum just like now.

Gaskill- This only applies to the emergency meetings and electronic meetings. This applies only to the Wildlife board and not the RAC?

Sheehan- That is correct.

Gaskill- If we don't conduct them in accordance with Robert's rules, how are we going to conduct them?

Sheehan- It still says that we should conduct them that way.

Gaskill- Is there some words in between shall and should? I like order.

RAC Comment

Cowley- I commend the division for moving forward.

Slater- It is appropriate that we should be in order most of the time. We need to be flexible to take public comment as well as division personnel. I see great value in saying should.

Motion: Gaskill- Move to accept the division recommendations with regard to changes in emergency meetings and electronic meetings.

Second: Byrnes

Motion Carries: Unanimous

Item 5. Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09

Tom Aldrich, Wildlife Program Coordinator

See Handout

Public Questions

Steve Gaskill- How many snow geese are coming through Box Elder?

Aldrich- About 15,000.

Steve Gaskill- Is there as much agricultural damage in Box Elder?

Aldrich- We have never measured it. There are many complaints.

Hank Gunthry- Can we change dates?

Aldrich- We can't because of the migratory bird treaty.

RAC Questions

Selman- Is there any agricultural damage for geese.

Aldrich- No.

Gaskill- Why don't they stop in the fall?

Aldrich- I really don't know. There are all sorts of theories.

Gaskill- You don't think that it is due to the hunting pressure?

Aldrich- I can't say for sure.

Neville- You will be watching that so you can possibly modify next year?

Aldrich- Yes.

Gaskill- Did you consider having a less liberal bag limit?

Aldrich- No. We get so few geese in the regular season. We want this population either stabilized or decreased.

Gaskill- This is more like a depredation hunt?

Aldrich- In the sense but we are trying to create hunter opportunity.

Gaskill- Do you anticipate there will be a push for walk-in access in these areas?

Aldrich- Yes. I failed to mention that the northern regions will be investigating the possibility of getting some of these private lands enrolled in that walk-in.

Neville- How long has the youth hunt been in place?

Aldrich- Over 11 years.

Neville- Is this a surprise date for a lot of people?

Aldrich- It did surprise folks.

Neville- Do you think it would be fair to potentially make an announcement this year and it implemented the next?

Aldrich- I think it is reasonable if this group would like to recommend that. There is no urgency, it is a social issue.

Gaskill- The reason for that change is because it is going to stretch the DWR resources to have all of those different species open on the same weekend?

Aldrich- We was trying to allow youth to hit every opener.

Leonard- The opener's conflict with the muzzle loader opener's. I commend the division; it will open greater opportunities for the youth.

Public Comment

Scott Grange- If we don't do something about snow goose populations, their populations will crash. I would encourage the division to think of the well being of these birds and manage them. Now, it may be beyond fixing. If there is a potential for conflict with the snow goose festival we maybe should not have a hunt in that area.

RAC Discussion

Neville- I would like to ask the council if they had a chance to read the requests from 6 different people about the change in the youth hunt.

Foutz- In response to what Scott had mentioned, I think I saw that there would not be a conflict just for clarification.

Motion

Motion: Gaskill- Move to accept recommendations as presented

Second: Cowley

Discussion on the Motion

Neville- I feel strongly about not having an announcement on an opening day for a hunt. It is a very social aspect and should be amended.

Motion: Neville- Move to accept presentation as presented with the exception of the youth water fowl day.

Second: None

Motion dies

Motion Carries: 7 for 2 against.

Item 6. Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation and Rule R657-54

Dave Olsen, Wildlife Program Coordinator

See Handout

RAC Questions

Gaskill- In the Green River area, why don't we close the first hunt to allow more hunters in the third hunt?

Olsen- I wish I could answer that.

Gaskill- More hunter opportunity.

Olsen- Some of the landowners wanted to close the hunt totally. Our biologist is trying to work through that.

Byrnes- On your slide for landowner tags, you said the decision would be made before the public drawing. Is that going to be before the drawing or before the public application period ends?

Olsen- I meant before the public application period even started.

Byrnes- That would allow the landowners to apply in the regular drawing if they did not receive a tag.

Selman- Do you have a date for that?

Olsen- We are still working through that so I do not have a date.

Cowley- We are now opening that up to unlimited landowner permits. I don't understand the reasoning behind the change.

Olsen- The volume of landowner permits is really insignificant to the total number of permits.

Selman- There was only 157 landowner tags used out of a potential total of 901.

Olsen- That is correct. There were in the neighborhood of just under 250 applications so if everyone who had applied last year applied again this year and their land did not meet the qualifications, we could look at maybe 300.

Selman- They still used less than what was available.

Byrnes- Once you have triggered the 90% trigger to go to over the counter, will the season structures still be 2 limited entry hunts and then over the counter for the rest of the sales? How will that occur?

Olsen- We are still working on that. When the committee discusses this and puts the program together they recognized that there will need to be some strategies we will have to apply to this.

Byrnes- Do you consider having a structured fee?

Olsen- I don't know if that was ever discussed.

Leonard- I guess I don't understand.

Byrnes- In the future if you have over the counter sales and if there was still a scenario where we had some limited entry hunts, the opportunity to harvest a turkey is a lot better in the limited entry early hunt.

Olsen- So in essence, something similar to a limited entry elk hunt?

Leonard- Yes, something similar to what we have in other species.

Olsen- That was not discussed in our committee because we didn't look at it that way.

Leonard- The committee did try to designate limited entry units. We are waiting to see what the public reaction is.

Public Comment

Matt Leonard- Utah Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation- In support of the UDWR proposal.

Motion

Motion: Gaskill- Accept recommendations of the DWR regarding 2009 turkey hunt.

Second: Leonard

Motion Carries: Unanimous

Item 7. AIS Management Plan

Craig Schaugaard, Aquatics Manager

See Handout

Motion

Motion: Gaskill- Move to accept divisions proposal as presented.

Second: Byrnes

Motion Carries: Unanimous

**Item 8. Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal
new Rule R657-61**

Scott Walker, Habitat Manager

See Handout

RAC Questions

Neville- Is an appraisal within 12 months reasonable?

Walker- They have written the rule to include that. If an appraisal has been done within 12 months, we would not seek another appraisal.

Neville- That is for your flexibility?

Walker- Flexibility and economics.

Motion

Motion: Shirley- Move to accept the division's proposal as presented.

Second: Cowley

Motion Carries: Unanimous

RAC Discussion

Neville: I would like the division to clarify what the age of youth is?

Hodson: I can look into that for you.

Cowley- We just had some confusion tonight in dealing with COR. There is a discrepancy there.

Meeting Ends: 8:40 p.m.

Central Region Advisory Council
Springville Jr. High
165 S. 700 E. Springville
August 19, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m.

Motion Summary

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To accept the agenda as announced
Passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To accept the minutes as transcribed
Passed unanimously

Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09

MOTION: To accept the recommendations with the exception of changing the youth waterfowl hunt date. We would like the youth hunt to occur this year a week before the general waterfowl hunt on September 27th and postpone the change until next year.
Passed unanimously

Proposed Fee Schedule

MOTION: To support the proposed fee schedule as proposed
Passed unanimously

Electronic Meeting Rule Amendment R657-39

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Passed 9 to 3

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Calvin Crandall, Agriculture
Byron Gunderson, At Large
Richard Hansen, At Large
George Holmes, Agriculture
Doug Jones, Forest Service
Ed Kent, Chair
Gary Nielson, Sportsmen
Fred Oswald, Non-consumptive, Vice Chair
Jay Price, Elected
Duane Smith, Non-consumptive
Allan Stevens, At Large

Others Present

Rick Woodard, Wildlife Board Member

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

VOTING

Motion was made by John Bair to accept the agenda as announced

Seconded by Calvin Crandall

Motion passed unanimously

2) **Approval of the July 15, 2008 summary (Action)**

VOTING

Motion was made by Doug Jones to accept the summary notes as transcribed

Seconded by Duane Smith

Motion passed unanimously

3) **Regional Update (Information)**

- **John Fairchild, Central Regional Supervisor**

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4) Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09 (Action) - **Tom Aldrich, Wildlife Program Coordinator**

Questions from the RAC

Gary Nielson – We have had concerns voiced to us about changing the youth hunt this year. Would that take effect this year?

Tom Aldrich – Yes.

Gary Nielson – So the waterfowl proclamation will come out a week before the youth hunt? It seems a little late to the word to people.

Tom Aldrich – That is true.

Ed Kent – Do you see a problem with that, Tom? You noted in the proposal that it was to move away from a conflict with other openers.

Tom Aldrich – The youth hunt was moved ahead an additional week to avoid conflicts with the sage grouse hunt. The Division feels very strongly about trying to promote youth opportunities and this is one way that we felt we could provide the most opportunity for youth so they don’t have to choose between seasons.

Ed Kent – We have had some emails from people who are not against the change they just thought announcement of the change should have occurred long before now.

Tom Aldrich – The waterfowl opener has been the first Saturday in October and the youth hunt has been the Saturday before for eleven years straight now so we have conditioned people to think that is when they will always be. An option would be to support this to be implemented in a year.

Richard Hansen – Jay Banta at Fish Springs has organized a youth hunt on the day he thought it was going to be. He supports the idea of moving the date but thinks it is too late to change it this year.

Tom Aldrich -You could recommend that.

Questions from the Public

Stephen Peterson – Heart of Utah Delta Waterfowl Chapter – We along with Jay Banta are concerned about the change in the youth hunt date. The management area has to get approval to have this activity on the premises. Jay has already gotten approval for this and he is concerned that he would not be able to get approval for that new date in time. Our question would be is it going to be set from year to year so we can plan this each year?

Tom Aldrich - Our recommendation is to move it to the 20th of September.

Steven Peterson – We are not sure we could get approval to have this event if that change is made this year. The purpose of our event is to help the youth that don't get the chance to participate in the waterfowl hunt to try to bring more kids into it and keep the sport going. Families have been planning for that day and I am sure we are not the only ones that would have to change our schedule.

Ralph College – I complain every year that we don't get this proclamation our sooner. Are you saying that your proclamation is contingent on the federal recommendations and that is why it is always late?

Tom Aldrich – The way migratory dates are set is we have a late July pacific flyway meeting where all the sates get together with the federal government to go over this and we don't get through that process until the first part of August. The federal process that ultimately approves what the season dates and bag limits will be doesn't actually happen until the first part of September. There is just no way around it.

VOTING

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Seconded by Byron Gunderson

In Favor: All

Motion passed unanimously

- 5) **Proposed Fee Schedule (Action)**
- **Kenny Johnson, Business Analyst**

Questions from the RAC

Byron Gunderson – Why wasn't the potential effect of a 20 percent discount on fishing licenses figured into your bottom line?

Kenny Johnson – Right now there is no real set plan of what that is going to look like in the marketing world. They just wanted to build in some flexibility to be able to think about ways we might use that. Concretely we are not sure what the impact would be. Ideally we would spend a dollar to make ten.

Questions from the Public

Ryan Coates – I am not worried about the price increases but I would like to know what came from the general fund. We never ever hear what the DWR budget is. Where are we spending our money?

Ed Kent – I believe they have a lot of information about that on the Division’s web site.

Kenny Johnson – Correct, it is very transparent on the web and I can get you that information.

Ryan Coates – But what do you get from the general fund on an annual basis? What we pay in and what is spent on wildlife?

Ed Kent – There is very little appropriation from the general fund.

Matt Yaggle – Why don’t we increase our non-resident fees? I don’t feel the non-residents pay enough to hunt in Utah.

Kenny Johnson – That is a fair question. If you look state to state we are comparable with other western states. About a year and a half ago we started requiring a non-resident hunting license in order to put in for draws and they do pay substantially more to participate.

Comments from the Public

Matt Madsen – Utah Bass Federation – We were concerned last year when the new fee schedule came out, mainly for the impact it was going to have on our youth programs and youth tournaments which required a 150 dollar fee per tournament. We really appreciate the effort the Division has gone through to reduce that and we support the new fee schedule they have put forth because it really does have a major impact on our youth.

RAC Discussion

John Bair – I know that the government is audited a lot. Everybody may not agree on where the money gets spent but they know where it goes. The Division has expenses like everybody else and I think they have done a good job with this proposal trying to increase a little bit of the income without having a large impact on anybody. It is good to see them looking at where they can increase things a couple dollars here and there to cover some of those expenses rather than hitting everyone with an increase across the board.

VOTING

Motion was made by John Bair to support the proposed fee schedule as proposed

Seconded by Doug Jones

Ed Kent – To address the comment from the gentleman about general fund money, it is very difficult for the Division to effectively compete with education and tourism and the department of transportation and all of the demands for the general fund money. The legislature has priorities that pull them in every direction. Me being active at that level I understand the process and it is difficult for the Division to compete with all the other governmental entities that are demanding appropriations from the general fund. I don’t envy the legislature a bit because of that obligation. Your license dollars go to support just about every program that the Division offers.

Conservation groups and their wildlife and habitat enhancement programs benefits you the public through the Division of Wildlife immensely.

In Favor: all

Motion passed unanimously

6) Electronic Meeting Rule Amendment Rule R657-39 (Action)

- Kenny Johnson

Questions from the RAC

Allan Stevens – With the technology we have today why doesn't the board think about expanding to multiple sites throughout the state to let people participate in the board meetings without having to go to Salt Lake?

Kenny Johnson – I think without a rule like this there hasn't been that opportunity and this may be a step in that direction.

Richard Hansen – If we expect the public to be here in person I think we should make the effort to be here too. I can understand there are emergency situations but I hope this never gets to the point that we sit at home with a web cam and these guys are here trying to talk to us.

Kenny Johnson – This is definitely pointed toward the board.

Questions from the Public

Ken Strong – How would the public be involved?

Kenny Johnson – There would be an anchor location and that would primarily be at the Salt Lake office where board meetings are held now. Everyone is still invited to come there but some of the participating board members might not be in the room.

Comments from the Public

Dave Crane – I think you need to define emergency. Invasive species is one thing but if you needed to stay home and bar-b-q that could be an emergency to some people.

RAC Discussion

Duane Smith – So under this proposal you could have a board meeting with no members there?

Ed Kent – You could but I don't think that is likely.

John Bair – I would like to see some of the technology used to get more people involved.

VOTING

Motion was made by Gary Nielson to accept the rule as presented

Seconded by Allan Stevens

Jay Price – Would this allow the board to make a change with only two members voting?

John Bair – Wouldn't we still have to have a quorum?

Rick Woodard – We have to have participation by at least four members which is a quorum.

In Favor: Micki Bailey, John Bair, Calvin Crandall, Byron Gunderson, Richard Hansen, Doug Jones, Gary Nielson, Fred Oswald, Allan Stevens

Opposed: Duane Smith, Jay Price, George Holmes

Motion passed 9 to 3

7) **Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation and Rule R657-54 (Action)**

- **Dave Olsen, Wildlife Program Coordinator**

Questions from the RAC

Fred Oswald – I am confused at how the management tools work. If hunter success goes down and hunter satisfaction goes down do the number of permits that are allocated go down appropriately?

Dave Olsen – That is still to be determined. A number of things could happen. You could potentially close a season, adjust permit numbers, adjust season dates or a combination of those things.

Fred Oswald – But those figures as I understand it are three year figures so it would take three years in order to have an adjustment in the number of permits sold.

Dave Olsen – I think that was the intent by the committee. The reason for the three year period is because with upland game and hunter opinion polls a sampling error can occur especially on units that have a small number of permits and a small sample size.

Richard Hansen – Do you have any idea how well the population did this year?

Dave Olsen – It varied by area but a general statement statewide is that it appears listening to hunters that reported as well as our biologist it didn't appear that we had substantial losses statewide. There are local areas that people think populations went down.

Richard Hansen - How do you count them?

Dave Olsen – Like with a lot of wildlife we have our base data and we try to temper that with what we hear and people's perceptions. We do have winter counts and we also have some volunteers involved in those counts.

Byron Gunderson – Can you give us an idea of what will happen with over the counter sales? Would there be multiple hunt dates with hunt boundaries and limits on permits?

Dave Olsen – I don't think that has been fleshed out by the committee. There are many options and it think the committee needs to address that and bring it back to the public process on how we go about that.

Byron Gunderson – You are asking us to make decisions based on a pretty big gray cloud that we don't know the answer to.

Dave Olsen – That is first on the agenda for the committee.

Allan Stevens – Why put the west Manti in the southeastern region. In the spring you can't get over the mountain. Why not put it in with the central region where it basically belongs?

Dave Olsen – It had been that way. It was the recommendation by both the central region and the southeastern region for streamlining internally. The recommendation process is probably where most of that comes from.

Questions from the Public

Mike Pritchett – Do you have any idea the amount of money in the conservation permit fund generated by conservation permits?

Dave Olsen – I think that it is getting close to 30,000 dollars.

Mike Pritchett – Is that just from conservation sales?

Dave Olsen – It is called turkey enhancement money and I am not sure exactly the source of it but I think most of it comes from conservation turkey permit sales.

Mike Pritchett – There was also a license increase years ago that generated 40,000 dollars that was set aside for chukar and turkey transplants. Do you know where that stands?

Dave Olsen – The budget for wild turkey transplants is in the neighborhood of 30,000 dollars and 8,000 for chukars.

Mike Pritchett – What is our plan then for the conservation money with the 50 sites with suitable habitat that are still waiting for turkeys? I know we got out of the business of buying birds out of state because of the cost.

Dave Olsen – Going out of state is an option to consider. Because of personnel changes internally we didn't get as focused on transplanting as we hoped to last winter. Hopefully this year we are going to be able to gear up and get crews in the field and transplant more turkeys.

Mike Pritchett – We still have a lot of sites and a pool of money for transplants. If our neighbors still want to get rid of nuisance birds we ought to be in the market to take them.

Dave Olsen – That is certainly an option and we will be looking at the best approach this winter. We do want to utilize as many birds in state as we can because of the added cost and disease issues.

Mike Pritchett– I know it is crucial to have the winter flock counts. It doesn't seem like we have the manpower to complete those. Those are the birds we are going to hunt in spring and if we don't have an accurate count we might get in trouble in some of the areas if we don't know what is on the ground.

Dave Olsen – The intent is to try to keep the population of males in the winter count at 30 to 40 percent. We are doing the best we can on our winter counts and we do use volunteers. We are meeting here in a week to review the entire upland game program and hopefully we will be able to come up with some ideas on how to approach that better.

Mike Pritchett – Several years ago they used dedicated hunters. We should make every effort to find out what is out there in the winter because that is what we are going to hunt in the spring. I guess we will address winter feeding as it comes about.

Dave Olsen – I think there were over 1,400 birds fed throughout the northern part of state in areas that were approved for supplemental feeding. As a rule we would not endorse that however under the extreme circumstances it was deemed the best thing to do. The estimates from folks that fed was that it helped the birds that were there but maybe didn't change things overall.

Matt Yaggle – I hunted Fish Lake and West Yellowstone for elk and I think there were way too many tags and the elk population fell off the map. How do we make sure that doesn't happen with the turkey population?

Dave Olsen – With turkeys we only harvest the male segment of the population and we can dip into that pretty substantially.

Matt Yaggle – I am concerned with this huge tag increase that the same thing will happen with turkeys as happened to the Fish Lake elk.

Dave Olsen – I think you will see the numbers of males go down in the turkey population but it shouldn't impact the population as a whole.

Matt Yaggle – I noticed that as tags go up hunter satisfaction goes down. I would rather go hunting once every five years and have a good hunt than hunt every year.

Dave Olsen – The majority has said that they would rather have more opportunity even with an increase in hunter crowding and decreased success.

Ed Kent – I am going to cut the discussion off, do you have another question?

Matt Yaggle – Is there a plan in place if there is over harvest that will we cut tags back?

Dave Olsen – That is where the three year period on the floor comes into play.

Comments from the Public

Mike Pritchett – Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife – I served on the upland game committee and would encourage the RAC to support the recommendations and hopefully the hunt will continue to grow.

RAC Discussion

Ed Kent – We received a couple emails that will be included in the minutes.

Fred Oswald – I am not familiar with work of the committee but it seems there has been a rush to judgment. Just two years ago six out of ten hunters were successful. I guess we decided that we wanted to give more people the opportunity to hunt turkeys and we were

willing to have the success rate go down considerably. It seems the process is fatally flawed. When you double the numbers of permits two years in a row it doesn't take much to figure out the indexes are going to show hunter success will go down and hunter satisfaction will down and crowding will go up. How much of that are we willing to tolerate is unclear at this point. The process seems to be a three year process which seems to me awfully slow. With over the counter sales the turkey hunt would become a recreation hunt with very few hunters seeing turkeys and fewer people having the opportunity to harvest a turkey. The committee seems to be wildly enthusiastic about the changes but based on what I know I can't be very enthusiastic about the ultimate finality of the turkey hunt becoming a recreational hunt in Utah. I am sure I am missing something but I remain unconvinced.

Byron Gunderson – There are a lot of very serious turkey hunters that take it just as serious as elk hunters. I suggest we take the word turkey out and put elk in its place and that puts a whole new perspective on what is happening to a bunch of turkey hunters.

John Bair – I don't see the correlation between elk and turkeys. We don't need every hunt in the state to be like our elk hunt. Turkey hunting in my opinion is a totally different ball game although there are a lot of similarities between hunting turkeys and hunting elk. Turkey hunting is a great way to get kids involved in hunting. Turkey hunting is a lot of fun because you can call to them and they are vocal like an elk. Do we want every hunt in the state to be what we have to wait years and years for? There needs to be some hunts where we can get kids involved and I think turkey hunting is an excellent opportunity. The people we have heard from are involved on a national scale with turkeys – these guys understand turkey management, how to hunt them, how many you can take without effecting the population in a negative way and hunting pressure. These guys are turkey freaks. They are not elk they are turkeys and I think we should hunt them.

Allan Stevens – I don't agree with moving west Manti to the southeastern region. If you have a permit and want to hunt more than one area you will want to hunt Manti and Nebo and not spend three hours traveling to price.

John Bair – I agree with Allan on that.

Dave Olsen – To clarify, you would want that included in the central region late season.

Allan Stevens – Yes. Central region officers that patrol it and the central region basically manages it.

Gary Nielson – When this came up months ago as an informational item it was shown that hunting pressure didn't effect the turkey population in a negative way. I think this is a good proposal.

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VOTING

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John Bair – Central region patrols that unit and it is essentially in the central region. Richard Hansen – Did the committee discuss having limited entry units in each region? Dave Olsen - That is part of the discussion – how to determine those units was not worked out. That is an option we will talk about.

In Favor: Micki Bailey, John Bair, Calvin Crandall, Byron Gunderson, Richard Hansen, George Holmes, Doug Jones, Gary Nielson, Jay Price, Duane Smith, Allan Stevens

Opposed: Fred Oswald

Motion passed 11 to 1

8) AIS Management Plan (Action)

- **Evan Freeman, Central Region Aquatic Invasive Species**

Questions from the RAC

Byron Gunderson – Is the 140 degree decontamination procedure free?

Evan Freeman – That is free with our state owned units. There currently is a charge if you go to Lake Powell however we have been working with them to eliminate that cost.

Questions from the Public

Matt Madsen – Is there anything being done as far as fragmitee control at Utah Lake?

Evan Freeman – I am not aware of that – we only deal with aquatic born species.

John Fairchild – There is currently no project planned on Utah Lake but the Utah Lake Commission will be looking at different things that impact the June sucker and this would be one of them.

Matt Madsen – How much will the lack of federal intervention impact our ability to keep these out of our waters? We have them in Colorado, Nevada and Arizona and the feds are basically doing nothing.

Evan Freeman – This is one of the first steps to actually getting some money from the federal government. Once we get our state plan approved then we take it to the national invasive species committee. Once that is approved then there is some money that can be directed toward the state. We are also working very closely with the park service at Lake Powell.

Matt Madsen – People fish in Colorado in then come over and fish in the basin and no one is checking as they come into the state. We have the same problem with Lake Mead. I know we are limited. Is the four day work week going to affect that too?

Evan Freeman – One of our problems is man power. We are working to address that in the future because we are limited. We are working with UDOT to try to get some cooperative agreements to work port of entries. That is still in the works.

Matt Madsen – Is the legislature going to give you money for this?

Ed Kent – They appropriated 1.4 million dollars this session for the program.

Evan Freeman – The legislature gave us 1.1 million dollars for fiscal year 08 and then ongoing 1.4 million building blocks.

Steven Close – As a dedicated hunter I spent a day doing surveys at the American Fork boat harbor. I look at the overall problem and feel like we aren't really extending very much resource to get a handle on this. I would like some clarification about the program. You talked about the checking stations conducting surveys but when will that happen?

Evan Freeman – That would be our personnel working at the port of entry station. The timeframe is up to people higher up than I am.

Steven Close – Why would it be the fish and game personnel to require boats to show validation? Most boats that have been checked are fine to drive through. It's the holes and gaps and people who haven't been checked that require the education.

Evan Freeman – We have an outreach strategy through the media trying to get the knowledge out. We have had a good response from most of the public. We get calls asking us to come and decontaminate their boats instead of us having to stop them at the gates.

Kyle Dodge – Have predators of these invasive species been discovered?

Evan Freeman – We don't have any natural control methods in the United States that would limit the population or decrease the population.

Kyle Dodge – But they came from another country.

Evan Freeman – Correct, their original range was the Eurasia. The Black Sea, the Caspian Sea. There are natural controls in that area.

Kyle Dodge – Is the Division considering introducing exotic predators?

Evan Freeman – Not at all, that would just compound one problem with another. The perfect example of that is one of the native predators around Gobi was accidentally introduced into the great lakes region. While they do feed on muscues they are finding it a lot easier to feed on the salmonid eggs and walleye eggs.

Kyle Dodge – Do you anticipate the professional cleaning having a cost in the future?

Evan Freeman – We are assessing that right now. We don't plan on a cost. We get a lot more cooperation if we are providing it at no cost.

RAC Discussion

Richard Hansen – Seeing how this isn't just a fisherman problem are you receiving any money from the State?

Ed Kent - 1.4 million dollars was appropriated of general fund money.

VOTING

Motion was made by Fred Oswald to approve plan as presented

Seconded by Gary Nielson

In Favor: all

Motion passed unanimously

9) Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal New Rule R657-61

- Ashley Green, Region Habitat Manager

VOTING

Motion was made by Doug Jones to accept the rule as presented

Seconded by John Bair

In Favor: all

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

200 in attendance

Next board meeting August 28th at 9:00 a.m. at the State Capital Board Room

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JOHN WESLEY POWELL MUSEUM IN GREEN RIVER
August 13, 2008

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: to approve the agenda as written.

PASSED: unanimously

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: to approve the minutes of the July 9 meeting as written.

PASSED: unanimously

PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

MOTION: to approve the Division's Proposed Fee Schedule as presented.

PASSED: unanimously

ELECTRONIC MEETING RULE AMENDMENT R657-39

MOTION: to approve an amendment to the Electronic Meeting Rule as presented.

PASSED: unanimously

WATERFOWL GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-09

MOTION: to approve the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule as presented.

PASSED: unanimously

WILD TURKEY GUIDEBOOK, PERMIT ALLOCATION & RULE R657-54

MOTION: to approve the Wild Turkey Guidebook, permit allocation and Rule 657-54 as presented.

PASSED: with a majority vote. One dissenting vote was cast by Jordan Hatch.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOTION: to approve the AIS Management Plan as presented.

PASSED: unanimously

VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR PURPOSES OF ACQUISITION. NEW RULE R657-61

MOTION: to approve the new Valuation of Real Property Rule R657-61 as presented.

PASSED: unanimously

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River

August 13, 2008

Commence at 6:30 p.m. Adjourn at 8 p.m.

RAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bates, Bill	Regional Supervisor
Byrnes, Verd	At Large
Hatch, Jordan	Agriculture
Hoskisson, Wayne	Environmental
Kamala, Laura	Environmental
Maldonado, Walt	Sportsmen
Riddle, Pam	BLM
Sanslow, Terry	At Large

EXCUSED RAC MEMBERS:

Adams, Bruce	At Large
Albrecht, Kevin	U.S. Forest Service
Bayles, Lyle	At Large
Gilson, James	Sportsmen
Lewis, Kurt	Agriculture
Sitterud, Drew	Elected Official

UNEXCUSED RAC MEMBERS:

UTAH WILDLIFE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

DWR PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Aldrich, Tom
Bates, Bill
Birdsey, Paul
Olsen, Dave
Sheehan, Greg
Stettler, Brent
Wood, Chris

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE 22

CONDUCTING THE MEETING

-Terry Sanslow, Vice Chairman

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Questions from the RAC:

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Wayne Hoskisson to approve the agenda as written.
SECOND by Verd Byrnes
PASSED unanimously

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Questions from the RAC:

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Verd Byrnes to approve the minutes of the July 09 meeting as written.
SECOND by Walt Maldonado
PASSED unanimously

REGIONAL UPDATE

-By Bill Bates, Regional Supervisor

Questions from the RAC:

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by N/A
SECOND by
PASSED

PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

-By Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section Chief

Questions from the RAC:

Walt Maldonado asked for clarification on one slide that showed an ascending scale of fees for fishing contests.

Greg Sheehan responded that the ascending scale took the size of the contest group into consideration. Larger contests will be assessed a higher fee for their Certificate of Registration.

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Wayne Hoskisson to accept the proposed fee schedule changes as presented.
SECOND by Walt Maldonado
PASSED unanimously

ELECTRONIC MEETING RULE AMENDMENTS R657-39

-By Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section Chief

Questions from the RAC:

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Verd Byrnes to approve proposed amendments to the Electronic Meeting Rule as presented.
SECOND by Laura Kamala
PASSED unanimously

WATERFOWL GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-09

-By Tom Aldrich, Wildlife Program Coordinator

Questions from the RAC:

Wayne Hoskisson asked why the DWR had instituted a group application for swans.

Tom Aldrich replied that sportsmen had indicated that they wanted to hunt as a group of friends or family for added enjoyment and to defray transportation costs.

Wayne Hoskisson asked if the DWR always sold out of swan permits.

Tom answered that it did.

Wayne asked about Tom's expectation for selling out of youth permits.

Tom said he didn't know.

Wayne remarked that it would be good to have a contingency plan, in the event that youth permits don't sell out.

Greg Sheehan replied that unsold youth permits would automatically roll into the general pool of permits.

Jordan expressed concern that too large a percentage of permits had been allocated to youth.

Tom Aldrich clarified what appeared to be a misunderstanding on Jordan's part.

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Laura Kamala to accept the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule as presented.

SECOND by Wayne Hoskisson
PASSED unanimously

WILD TURKEY GUIDEBOOK, PERMIT ALLOCATION AND RULE R657-54

-By Dave Olsen, Wildlife Program Coordinator

Questions from the RAC:

Laura Kamala asked Dave Olsen about the habitat issues he had touched on briefly during his presentation.

Dave Olsen answered that each situation had its individual issues, but that the presence and spread of nuisance trees and plants seemed to be the most common problems.

Terry Sanslow asked from which units turkeys had been taken for transplant projects.

Dave Olsen and Bill Bates answered that turkeys had come from other regions, and from the Monticello and Blanding areas and Book Cliffs in the southeastern region.

Verd Byrnes asked how the DWR planned to control permit numbers, when permits are sold over-the-counter.

Dave Olsen said that the committee still had to work out the details.

Bill Bates added that he remembered the committee talking about restricting over-the-counter sales for the last season.

Walt Maldonado asked if turkeys had been transplanted into Floy Wash

Bill Bates answered that turkeys had been transplanted into Seago and could have moved to Floy on their own.

Walt Maldonado asked if turkey permits would be drawn next year.

Dave Olsen answered in the affirmative.

Jordan Hatch asked about provisions for landowners.

Dave Olsen replied that existing provisions remained the same. He then outlined the minimum acre requirements.

Walt Maldonado asked about Scott Bonasky 's habitat work and the apparent negative impact to wild turkeys in the Green River Valley.

Bill Bates indicated that the habitat changes would probably correct themselves over time, but added that supplemental releases may be part of the process.

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Stan Baker, representing the National Wild Turkey Federation read a formal proposal, which would make the northeast region match the other regions more closely in permit numbers and allocation.

After reading the prepared statement, Stan Baker brought to the RAC's attention an apparent mistake in a boundary description between the south and southeastern regions.

Dave Olsen explained that the northeastern region was different because of Ute tribal lands. In addition, northeastern region biologists didn't feel like there were sufficient numbers of birds on public land to justify compliance with the NWTF's permit allocation proposal.

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Laura Kamala moved to accept the Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation and Rule as presented by the DWR, except that the NWTF proposal for the northeastern region be adopted.

SECOND by Pam Riddle

PASSED with one opposing vote cast by Jordan Hatch.

AIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

-By Paul Birdsey, Regional Aquatics Program Manager

Questions from the RAC:

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

Walt Maldonado advised Paul Birdsey that he had been to Hite yesterday. Walt had seen only a few AIS pamphlets, and was alarmed to discover an absence of AIS clearance forms. This represented a serious breach of security for the Lake.

Paul Birdsey explained that Wayne Gustaveson had been in charge of managing all launch areas on the Lake, and was apparently unable to keep up with interdiction demands. Paul said he would contact Wayne and advise him of the security breach.

Walt Maldonado asked if quagga mussels had been found in Lake Powell.

Paul Birdsey replied that Lake Powell was still considered free of the quagga mussels, but that status would change in the near future. A Colorado reservoir, draining into the Colorado River, was found to be infested with quagga mussels. Paul indicated that it would only be a short time, before quaggas were washed into Lake Powell.

MOTION by Pam Riddle to approve the AIS Management Plan as presented.
SECOND by Walt Maldonado
PASSED unanimously

VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR PURPOSES OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSAL. NEW RULE R657-61

-By Chris Wood, Regional Habitat Manager

Questions from the RAC:

Questions from the Audience:

Comments from the Audience:

Comments/Discussion from the RAC:

MOTION by Verd Byrnes to approve the new Rule R657-61 as presented.
SECOND by Pam Riddle
PASSED unanimously

OTHER BUSINESS

-By Laura Kamala

Laura advised the RAC and audience that a proposal had been submitted for a hydroelectric power plant off the Colorado River in Grand County in bighorn sheep habitat. The proposal is now under consideration by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Laura urged those in attendance to weigh in on the discussion and provide input during the 60-day public comment period. Those wanting additional information may contact either herself or Pam Riddle at the BLM office in Moab.

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Sanslow adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Fillmore High School
Fillmore, UT
August 12, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

MOTION: To accept minutes and agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Unanimous.

PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE

MOTION: To accept the Proposed Fee Schedule as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous

ELECTRIC MEETING RULE AMENDMENT R657-39

MOTION: To accept the Electric Meeting Rule Amendment as presented

VOTE: Unanimous

WATERFOWL GUIDEBOOK AND RULE R657-09

MOTION: To accept the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule as presented with the exception that the Southern Hunt begin the day after the Snow Goose festival

VOTE: Unanimous

WILD TURKEY GUIDEBOOK, PERMIT ALLOCATION AND RULE R657-54

MOTION: To accept the Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation

VOTE: Unanimous

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOTION: To accept the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Plan

VOTE: Unanimous

VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR PURPOSES OF ACQUISITION or DISPOSAL-NEW RULE R657-61

MOTION: To accept Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal

VOTE: 4 in favor, 1 opposed

**Southern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Panguitch Triple C Arena
Panguitch, UT
July 8, 2008
7:00 p.m.**

RAC Members Present	DWR Personnel Present	Wildlife Board Present	RAC Members Not Present
Cordell Pearson Dell LeFevre Rex Stanworth Jack Hill Steve Dalton Chairman Jake Albrecht	Douglas Messerly Natalie Brewster Teresa Bonzo Josh Winder Gregory Sheehan Crystal Stock Lynn Chamberlain Sean Kelly Tom Aldrich Dave Olsen Dustin Schaible Vance Mumford Jason Nicholes Lynn Zubeck		Harry Barber Sam Carpenter Gary Hallows James Edwards Clair Woodbury Steve Flinders

Douglas Messerly, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources regional supervisor, called the Meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. There were approximately 138 interested parties in attendance in addition to the RAC members, Wildlife Board members and DWR employees.

Douglas Messerly: I'm Douglas Messerly. I'm regional supervisor for the Division of Wildlife Resources out of Cedar City. Generally, myself and my staff act as executive secretary to this committee. Tonight our chairman is still in route and rather than waiting any longer we'll begin the agenda and when he shows up he can take over. Our vice-chair is also not present. And thus I'm going to chair this meeting until one of those men shows up. The first order of business would be to welcome you here to this meeting. We appreciate your attendance at the RAC meeting here in Fillmore. The agendas are available outside in the hall if you haven't obtained one of those at this time. I'll have the committee members that are present introduce themselves now, beginning on my left, the far left and working across to the right please.

Rex Stanworth: Rex Stanworth, from Delta, representing at-large.

Jack Hill: I'm Jack Hill from Cedar City, representing non-consumptive.

Cordell Pearson: I'm Cordell Pearson from Circleville, representing at-large.

Steve Dalton: I'm Steve Dalton from Teasdale. I'm at at-large representative.

Dell LeFevre: Dell LeFevre from Boulder- Escalante area, representing agriculture.

Douglas Messerly: Thank you. Next item on the agenda would be to explain our dedicated hunter procedures tonight. Josh Winder is going to do that for us, if you would please.

Procedure for Dedicated Hunters to Receive RAC Credit (Informational) 1:18 to 2:57 of 39:41

-Josh Winder, Dedicated Hunter Program Coordinator

Douglas Messerly: Thank you Josh. Next agenda item is the review of the agenda and the minutes.

Review and Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes (action)

Douglas Messerly: Are there any discussion on those items?

Jack Hill: Do you need a motion Mr. Chairman?

Douglas Messerly: Yes, please.

Jack Hill: I would move for the adoption of the agenda and approval of the minutes as submitted.

Douglas Messerly: Motion by Jack Hill. Seconded by Cordell Pearson. Any discussion on that motion? Hearing none I will call for a vote. All those in favor show by raising your right hand. Any opposed? Unanimous vote to accept the agenda and minutes as presented.

Jack Hill made a motion to accept the addenda and minutes as submitted. Seconded by Cordell Pearson. Motion carried unanimously.

Douglas Messerly: The next item on the agenda is a Wildlife Board update. Unfortunately Jake is usually the one the comes prepared to present that.

Wildlife Board Update:

-Douglas Messerly: I did attend the Wildlife Board meeting.

- The one controversial item from our RAC meeting, and it was also a controversy at the Board Meeting, was the bobcat tag allocations. There was quite a discussion at that Wildlife Board meeting and the

final decision was to reduce bobcat tag numbers by one rather than two as recommended by the Division. This move will likely reduce the harvest of bobcats next year, and it is within the plan as presented. There was strong feeling on the trapper's part that two wasn't necessary and that one would do the job and in the end that's what the Wildlife Board decided.

Douglas Messerly: Are there any questions from any of the committee members about other items that were presented at the Board meeting? As I recall the rest of it was otherwise non-controversial.

Douglas Messerly: The next item on the agenda is the regional update that I will present.

Regional Update:

-Douglas Messerly, Southern Regional Supervisor

- The first thing I would like to remind the audience and the committee are that in support of Governor Huntsman's initiative Working Four Utah, the Division of Wildlife Resources office's will be closed on Fridays for the next year. We are going to work four ten- hour days. This could present some real challenges if any people need our services on Fridays before the hunts start, as in this Friday. So if any of you people in the audience here are fulfilling your final dedicated hunter requirements you need to get to our office before the close of business on Thursday. We're open from seven A.M. to six P.M. so there's a little more added convenience there. But no one will be present at the office on Fridays. So I'd just like to, as much as I can, let everybody know that so that they can be better prepared to deal with it. And if you can contact the office and find out alternatives to what it is you might need from our services on Friday the gals there can help you figure that out.
- We're having a few more bear issues this summer. There was, on Saturday an incident where a bear approached a fisherman at a place called Magath Lake on the Boulders. Unfortunately, the bear lost its life in that encounter. Time and time again we're seeing bears that become aggressive as a result of being fed by humans. Sometimes it's in cabin settings, sometimes it's in campground settings, and sometimes it's in just dispersed areas. However, there's a lot of good information on the Division's website about how to protect yourself in bear country. We have pamphlets available, etc, or feel free to contact our office for information about that. But I would urge all the folks that are going to be out there this weekend archery hunting deer to please keep a clean camp if you're in bear country and be aware that bears are in the area. Bears coexist with humans pretty well as a general rule as long as the interface doesn't turn into a feeding situation. And in those cases sometimes the bears become aggressive. They have a strong natural instinct to gather as much food

as they can, particularly in the fall.

- One more item, the fishing at New Castle reservoir has become kind of an exciting thing. Five years ago the Division of Wildlife planted wipers in that lake, a cross between a striper and a white bass. They are hybrid sterile fish so they won't reproduce and the numbers can be controlled essentially as we desire. Those fish have grown up to be three or four pounds now. Fishing is quite exciting. It's like having a little Lake Powell down there this time of year and we expect the fishing to get good, to remain good and actually get better until the water begins to cool, probably in September. But if you use traditional striper fishing techniques, or bass fishing techniques the wiper fishing at New Castle has been really good.
- Finally we held our annual mountain goat watch last Saturday, August 9th, on the Tusher Mountains. Lynn Chamberlain put that event together. I'm told there were three hundred people in attendance. Lynn told me the story that he pulled into the meeting place and there were forty-five cars there waiting for him and he said, "I wonder what's going on"? But it was Lynn's event and we're proud of that Lynn and we appreciate your promoting that and handling that. He called me afterwards; he was pretty excited. They had a great day looking at goats and a lot of people got to see those.

Douglas Messerly: Unless there's any questions, that's my presentation for the Regional Update.

Douglas Messerly: Hearing none we'll move on to the first agenda item and that will be the proposed fee schedule presented by Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section from Salt Lake.

Proposed Fee Schedule (action) 9:27: to 15:37 of 1:39:41
-Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section Chief

Douglas Messerly: Thank you Greg. Before we go forward with questions I neglected to explain the procedures with regard to the meeting. Presentations will be given on each agenda item, as Greg just did on this first one. At that time I'll ask the committee if there are any questions from the RAC. We'll deal with those questions and then I'll ask the audience if there are questions from the audience. This is a time for questions rather than comments. I'll need you to come to the microphone, state your name, and ask a question and we'll address that. After the questions are answered we'll take comments from the public. In order to comment on a topic I'll need you to fill out a card. The Division employees that are in the room, particularly the officers, have those cards available if you'd like to get one of those cards to comment on any agenda item. And then hand that back to the Division employee and they'll bring it up here and we'll call you to the microphone by virtue of those cards in order to give comment. You'll have three minutes as an individual or five minutes as a group in order to make those comments. Finally we'll take comment from the RAC and then I'll ask the RAC for a motion on the action item. So, having heard the presentation on the proposed fees, are there any questions from the RAC? Go ahead Rex.

Questions from the RAC:

Rex Stanworth: Greg, I've got one question for you. On these fishing contests the one thing that I kept coming back to as they were making this proposal is are we going to subsidize the operations of those fishing contest with sportsman's dollars? I mean, \$250.00 for a group of over two hundred people on a lake seems like that's an awfully low fee. So when they were proposing that I kept saying to them, what's the cost of administering that contest, tagging and all those things? Am I looking at this differently or is this the proposal that, because when you get into tagging fish . . .

Greg Sheehan: Yeah, this doesn't apply to the tagged fish contests. That's a different category.

Rex Stanworth: Okay, it doesn't. Okay.

Greg Sheehan: Yeah, we're not proposing any changes in that one.

Rex Stanworth: Okay

Greg Sheehan: The type one contests, and I'll go over it real quick, it involves fifty or more participants, or it may, it could be one of these criteria, fifty or more participants, awards, cash and or prizes valued at \$2000.00 or more, utilizes a live weigh-in. So those are the categories that any one of those could trigger a type one contest. So this wouldn't be the tagged fish contest.

Rex Stanworth: Okay, all right.

Greg Sheehan: And uh, as far as what our costs administer, it may depend a little bit on who's holding the event and how much we have to get involved with that particular contest.

Rex Stanworth: Okay. All right that's the only question I have.

Douglas Messerly: Cordell Pearson.

Cordell Pearson: I just have a question on the combination, that twenty percent is not going to be, well how does it equate out? Are people just going to go buy a small game license now and then go buy a fishing license instead of buying a combination? What is the price differential there?

Greg Sheehan: Right now a combination is \$30.00 and a season fishing is \$20.00. We're not proposing to discount the combination any. So if, for somebody who only wanted a season fishing license that's the only category that that would pertain to. So it would still be cheaper, even if somebody got into some kind of a promotion we may do and save 20 percent of that, it's still cheaper to buy a combo than it would be to buy a discounted season fishing and a hunting license. That would be \$52.00 to buy the two and if the fishing was discounted by 20 percent and knocked another five bucks off of it, it would still be a lot cheaper to buy a combo

by a couple of dollars or so.

Cordell Pearson: Okay thank you

Douglas Messerly: Any other questions from the RAC? Questions from the public?

Questions from the Public:

None

Douglas Messerly: Seeing none. I have no comment cards from the public so I presume there's no comment.

Comments from the Public:

None

Douglas Messerly: Are there any comments from the RAC?

Comments from the RAC:

None

Douglas Messerly: Seeing none, I'd ask for a motion.

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Rex Stanworth: Mr. Chairman, I'd make a motion that we accept the fee proposal as presented by Greg.

Douglas Messerly: Motion by Rex Stanworth. Second by Cordell Pearson. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, I'll call for a vote. All those in favor raise your right hand. Any opposed? It's a unanimous vote.

Rex Stanworth made the motion to accept the Proposed Fee Schedule as presented, Cordell Pearson seconded, motion carries unanimously.

Douglas Messerly: Thank you.

Greg Sheehan: Thank you.

Douglas Messerly: We'll move on to the next agenda item, which is also yours Greg, as I understand it, Electronic Meeting Rule Amendments.

Electronic Meeting Rule Amendment R657-39 (action) 20:24 to 25:03 of 1:39:41
-Greg Sheehan, Administrative Services Section Chief

Jake Albrecht: Do we have any questions from the RAC?

Questions from the RAC:

Rex Stanworth: I'll just ask one quick one.

Jake Albrecht: Rex.

Rex Stanworth: What would be some examples of that Greg? I mean obviously there's been such emergency meetings that needed to be called, what are some examples?

Greg Sheehan: Maybe an example could include there's a large fire on a hunt unit that's ready to take place. And they may conduct a meeting to say we're going to extend this hunt two weeks longer or close it and move your permit to next. There's a variety of things that could occur. Right now sometimes we have to bring those things to the Board at a somewhat later date and it leaves people in a precarious situation going, do I go hunt on this, do I hope that if I don't go that they'll let me hunt next year or give me my money back? So it will be situations where only the Board's authorized to conduct certain matters of business. Again, our Division director can, has certain authority maybe to conduct an emergency change on a lake. Sometimes if a lake's going to be drained he can change seasons and limits and things. But there are certain things that only the Board can change. So it just gives an ability to quickly make things happen. If our attorney was here he could probably list a whole batch of those for you but that would be an example.

Jake Albrecht: Any other questions from the RAC? Do we have any questions from the public?

Questions from the Public:

None

Jake Albrecht: We have no comment cards.

Comments from the Public:

None.

Jake Albrecht: So we'll go to comments from the RAC then. RAC members? Go ahead.

Comments from the RAC:

Jake Hill: The issue of Robert's Rules of Orders. Uh, it's been my experience in the past to attend electronic meetings of a different organization than this one. And we did not use Robert's Rules of Orders and it became a chaotic mess about half way through the meeting. And I would think that in light of an emergency the kinds of things that happen when emergencies occur. And I think that there should be some stringent guidelines to conduct a meeting because it could just be a mess. And that's all I have to say.

Greg Sheehan: Right. And it's still, we're still under the should cause. But I think part of it is, I don't think we want to get caught legally and if somebody reviewed the minutes of a meeting where some decisions were made or passed by the Board and they say, well it says you shall use Robert's Rules of Order, maybe some process was not followed exactly and maybe have a reason to override the effect of that meeting or the passage of some of those components.

So the use of should I think we're still saying that's the guidelines but if some formality is missed on that we'd not be at jeopardy.

Jake Albrecht: Okay. Any other comments? We don't have a full quorum but I'd like the Board to go ahead and make a motion and a second and see how we're going to vote on this.

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Jack Hill: Mr. Chairman.

Jake Albrecht: Jack Hill.

Jack Hill: I would move for endorsement and approval of, let's see, let me get it right.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, we have a motion by Jack to approve the electronic meeting rule amendment R657-39?

Jack Hill: Thank you.

Jake Albrecht: Do we have a second? Second by Cordell. Any other discussion? All in favor, aye. Any against? Okay, motion carries.

Greg Sheehan: Thank you Mr. Chairman and RAC members.

Jack Hill made the motion to accept as presented, seconded by Cordell Pearson, carried unanimously.

Jake Albrecht: My name's Jake Albrecht. I want to apologize for being late but it was Dell LeFevre's fault and Commissioner Jones from Nephi, who is down here on the back row. They kept me on the Henry Mountains all day.

Dell LeFevre: If Dell LeFevre can make it Jake sure and the hell should have done.

Jake Albrecht: You ought to see him drive. Anyway, moving right along we're going to go to Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09. Tom, thanks for coming.

Waterfowl Guidebook and Rule R657-09 (action) 29:42 to 43:15 of 1:39:41

-Tom Aldrich, Wildlife Program Coordinator

Jake Albrecht: Okay, thanks Tom. Questions from the RAC? Rex.

Questions from the RAC:

Rex Stanworth: Tom just one questions. On that goose hunt on the north that starts on, on the white goose, February 18th to March 10th, the marshes will be closed so this would be strictly on private land.

Tom Aldrich: Yeah, with the exception I did mention public shooting grounds in Salt Creek Waterfowl Management areas which are very close to the Corrine area. Those will remain open. Oh, and the one thing that I didn't mention is we're going to try to work with, through our access programs to get some private lands enrolled that might provide some opportunity for people to hunt private lands. We don't know how successful we'll be with that.

Rex Stanworth: I'm assuming that with, if the north end of the state's got the same problems as far as the white geese coming in and attacking the crops and all this, that and the other, there may be some farmers who would be willing to allow their lands to be hunted.

Tom Aldrich: I would assume so. I would think that would be the smart thing to do. Whether or not they try to incorporate it into a club type situations or charge, I don't know. But I certainly think they'll take advantage one way or another trying to get some hunters in there and keep the birds off.

Rex Stanworth: Are you thinking that you'll do any kind of education for those northern farmers like we may do here with the southern farmers, of saying we're going to make this opportunity available to take care of this problem; what we need you to do is help us create an opportunity for these people to come in and hunt.

Tom Aldrich: Right

Rex Stanworth: I think education would be a real important thing for getting cooperation to hunt.

Tom Aldrich: Yeah. And we've been in; we've been talking to a lot of the landowners about this. There seems to be a pretty positive interest.

Rex Stanworth: Awesome, good, thank you.

Jake Albrecht: Jack Hill.

Jack Hill: Have there been any studies about the significant increase in redheads and conversely the drop in canvasbacks?

Tom Aldrich: They've looked at that.

Jack Hill: No studies though?

Tom Aldrich: Well they've looked at the data to see if they might be misidentifying redheads, you know, instead of canvasback. And the folks that do the counting have looked at it and have decided that that is not the case. But why, why canvasback would be dropping and redheads going up and the root cause of that, no studies have been done that I'm aware of.

Jack Hill: I thought there might be some kind of habitat problem with, that would be unique to either of the species that were impacting them that might have application to either one.

Tom Aldrich: Right. Well there's a reason for it, we just don't know quite what it is.

Jack Hill: Okay.

Jake Albrecht: Any other questions from the RAC? Questions from the public? Please come up to the mic and state your name for the minutes.

Questions from the Public:

Ron Sandeen: Hello Jake. How you doing? My name's Ron Sandeen and I'm a little confused of why we're going to go or there's a recommendation to go from a permits were only for one, I'm talking about swans now, and that you're talking about going clear up to four. Going swan hunting for the first time last year, uh, that doesn't seem like that would make a very good hunt to me. Uh, I can see maybe going up to two but I don't see why we're going way up to four.

Tom Aldrich: The four was just allowing four people to apply concurrently. It's not to allow four swans to be taken. It's not a bag limit change.

Ron Sandeen: You're allowing four people to . . .

Jake Albrecht: Ron, could I get you to come up to the mic so that that stays part of the minutes.

Ron Sandeen: Yeah, that's not my problem or not my concern. You're allowing four people in a party, and if you, when you go swan hunting it's pretty tough. And uh, I just went for the first time so I'm an expert, you know. But anyway, I would think maybe two would be a better number for a party than going clear to four.

Tom Aldrich: I think we were just doing it to be sort of consistent with how some of the other programs. Certainly the interest in having group applications was driven by folks that have to travel long distances to hunt swans from Southern Utah, and putting four people in a vehicle and splitting gas was, it seemed like the thing to do. But certainly we could change that. There's nothing magical about four but we felt it was consistent with the way we did it for other species.

Jake Albrecht: Thanks Ron. Do we have any other questions from the public? Please come up to the mic.

Mike Clark: My name's Mike Clark. I'm out of Delta. Concerning the dates for the southern snow goose hunting, like this year your saying start March 2nd through the 10th. This year the snow goose festival is going to end on the 22nd. Why can't we have it start the day after the snow goose festival through the 10th? And each year do that, the day after. And I've got paperwork here from them that says that the snow goose committee is good with it.

Tom Aldrich: My information Lynn was from however you talked to that said the festival ended on the 1st. It was the last weekend.

Lynn Chamberlain: They changed that.

Tom Aldrich: Yeah, so if it has in fact changed, and I guess, we certainly could make that change. The whole idea of our season setting was to be after the festival. So if that change is in fact true I don't think we would have any problem moving, you know, giving you some more days in there.

Mike Clark: They just finally set it. Usually it's a week late. But this year it's going to be a week earlier and through the 22nd.

Tom Aldrich: Okay. That's no problem. We can do that.

Jake Albrecht: So if I got that discussion right their snow geese festival ends March 22nd?

Unknown: February.

Jake Albrecht: February 22nd. Okay. So then you could very well carry it the same as what the northern is.

Tom Aldrich: Well no. Oh, no, because in the north it's February 18th. But what we could do is start it the 23rd. So and then what you would do is you would have to take more October days away and put them there. But I'll figure out what that is if that's the thing.

Jake Albrecht: So the motion could read that following the end of the snow geese up to March 10th.

Tom Aldrich: Right.

Jake Albrecht: Okay. Do we have any other questions from the public? If you want to comment we need to get some comment cards signed and bring them up so that we know who you are and what you want to comment about. .

Comments from the Public:

Jake Albrecht: (Sevier River Ducks Unlimited) ... I have one that was sent with us tonight from over the Sevier River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. They would like to go on record as supporting the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources proposed waterfowl hunts and dates for the upcoming season. Moving the youth hunt up one week will let the youth have a chance at some of the teal that migrate in September and it will let the waterfowl settle down for two weeks so everybody will have a better regular opening day on October 4th. We also support letting up to four people to be able to put in one application for swan and to implement preference points. Since we can't hunt swans in this end of the state it would be nice if people could put in together and if they draw they could go up north to hunt as a group. We are very excited for the proposed snow goose hunt; it will provide a lot of opportunity for hunters including youth. Thanks for giving us a chance to share our ideas. Tim Wallace, Chairman of Sevier Ducks Unlimited.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, I don't have any other comment cards. So we'll go to comments from the RAC.

Comments from the RAC:

Jake Albrecht: Rex Stanworth.

Rex Stanworth: Tom, one question on the number of people that put in for swan permits. You've got 2,000 permits and like the last couple of years there's been like what, 2,200 to 2,400 people put in?

Tom Aldrich: No it's been about 4,000 or 4,400.

Rex Stanworth: Oh has it?

Tom Aldrich: It's a little less than 2 to 1 odds.

Rex Stanworth: Okay, all right. I was thinking it was a little less than that, but okay, great.

Jake Albrecht: Any other comments?

Rex Stanworth: Are you looking for a motion?

Jack Hill: If got a question.

Jake Albrecht: Jack, what is your question?

Jack Hill: Thank you. If we're going to move that date for the beginning of the snow goose hunt to the 23rd it's mandated by the federal government that the hunt ends the 10th of March, is that correct?

Tom Aldrich: It can go no later than March 10th.

Jake Hill: So in essence, and I don't want to be a wet blanket but, they're going to lose five days of the snow goose hunt, right?

Tom Aldrich: No what we'll . . .

Jack Hill: Well you'll run it up to the 10th of March.

Tom Aldrich: Right.

Jack Hill: And you're going to, rather than start it the 18th you would start it . . .

Rex Stanworth: (Unintelligible) second in the southern part of the state.

Jack Hill: Oh here, yeah, that's the . . .

Tom Aldrich: Okay, we okay?

Jack Hill: Everything's fine.

Tom Aldrich: Okay.

Jack Hill: I just look at . . . Rex keeps me straight.

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Jake Albrecht: Rex, I'll entertain your motion.

Rex Stanworth: Yes, I'd like to make a recommendation that we accept the Waterfowl Guidebook and Rules R67-09.

Jake Albrecht: Did you want to throw something in there on that last hunt that we follow the day after the snow goose festival up to March 10th?

Rex Stanworth: Okay, yeah. And that we follow the last day or the day after the snow goose festival held in Delta.

Jake Albrecht: Okay. Are we good with that Tom?

Tom Aldrich: Great.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, we have a motion. Do we have a second?

Jack Hill: I'll second.

Jake Albrecht: Jack, we'll let you second this time, okay? Okay, any other discussion? All in favor please say aye. Any against? Motion carries.

Rex Stanworth made the motion to accept the Waterfowl Proclamation and Rule as presented with the exception that the Southern hunt begin the day after the Snow Goose festival, Jack Hill seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, our next item on the agenda is the Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation and Rule. This also is an action item. Dave Olsen.

Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation and Rule R657-54 (action) 55:23 to 1:16:22 of 1:39:41

-Dave Olsen, Wildlife Program Coordinator

Jake Albrecht: Okay, thanks Dave. Do we have any questions from the RAC? Rex.

Questions from the RAC:

Rex Stanworth: Dave, can you give me just an idea of, on the landowners and what's required. Do you know what the acreage is or how is that set up?

Dave Olsen: It's 20 acres of farm ground, and in the Merriam type habitat it's 160 acres, I believe it is, of cleared ground that needed to be planted. And then there's a stipulation that it has to be habitat, turkey habitat, so there has to be a population of birds around it

Rex Stanworth: Okay

Jake Albrecht: Dave in some of the surrounding states that have gone to over the counter tags, I know that we have modeled this plan a little bit around that. What is their hunter success?

Dave Olsen: That's where the committee, and I'm a little fuzzy here because I wasn't involved in that committee so I don't have a lot of the history to draw on there, but that's where the 20 percent hunter success floorboards kind of came from. A lot of those had, that they looked at, had identical or close to the population statewide of turkeys that we have and the demand hunter wise, and they were getting 20 percent and better success on the hunts. So that's where those kinds of standards developed out of.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, do we have any other questions from the RAC? Rex, go ahead.

Rex Stanworth: One last question for you Dave. You indicated that there are fifty other sites that would, that are being contemplated to have turkeys planted there. Have those been put on hold or are you going to go forward with those if you trap?

Dave Olsen: Our recommendation would be to have the Board approve that transplant list as it exists and then we would proceed down there as we got them cleared and birds became available.

Rex Stanworth: You know you're right here in the back yard of the turkey coop. And so every time there are turkeys somebody comes in here and hauls a whole truckload of them off. So I was just wondering how much longer will the coop be raided before you stop?

Dave Olsen: I guess we'll be looking at not only here in the southern region, which you are right, a lot of the birds that have salted areas all through the state have come from this region, but trapping is going on in some of the other regions as well. So hopefully we'll be able to distribute that a little better and address problem areas as well.

Rex Stanworth: Okay hope so

Jake Albrecht: Okay, do we have any questions from the public? Please come forward to the mic and state your name.

Questions from the Public:

Cary Edwards: Cary Edwards from Delta. My question is, is what mountain ranges have, did you do all the trapping in in the southern region?

Dave Olsen: I'm going to have to defer that to the region folks here.

Teresa Bonzo: This last year we trapped, you guys help me out, we trapped in the Beaver area, we trapped over by Antimony. Where else? Oh, a little bit by Scipio. The North Creek of the Beaver area. On Zion? Clear Creek on Zion unit. It's kind of spread out. Typically when we get complaints where they are aggregating in agricultural fields or they, sometimes they'll find a hay stack that they want to tear apart, so that's usually where we trap when landowners call us and they're having issues.

Cary Edwards: Did you trap at all in the Oak City Range?

Teresa Bonzo: No

Cary Edwards: No. Uh, just another comment; I drew the first tag, A-hunt on the Oak City, very unsuccessful. Hardly any birds. I looked on the Division's website last night to look up the statistics. In the B-hunt on the Oak Creek there were 80 tags and if I looked at the statistics right there were zero that killed. That's why I wondered if they had been trapped before I got my permit.

Dave Olsen: If I could I might make a comment relative to the Division's statistics. We try to sample a 25 percent sample of all the hunters and so there can be some sampling error, however that would reflect, if it was zero but however it may have been a little bit of a harvest and it just didn't show.

Teresa Bonzo: And on that hunt, specifically, we did look at that zero percent. But we used a three-year average and so we still increase permits just because of Dave's reasoning, we're only sampling 25 percent. But we were aware of that and that is kind of a concern so we wanted to proceed a little cautiously. If it continues to be poor on the Oak City unit then we're going to be, we'll probably back off a little bit in future years.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, any other questions from the public? .

Comments from the Public:

None

Jake Albrecht: We have no comment cards so we'll move to comments from the RAC.

Comments from the RAC:

None.

Jake Albrecht: We're back to you Rex.

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Rex Stanworth: I'll make a motion that we approve the Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation Rule R657-54.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, we have a motion by Rex and Cordell seconds. Do we have any other discussion?

Rex Stanworth: One last question. Dave, did you say that there was something that we needed to put in in regards to some error on a unit or on the southern? Is there anything we needed to add in?

Dave Olsen: It's been taken care of, in the boundary description for the Southwest Desert.

Rex Stanworth: Oh, okay. That was the only thing.

Dave Olsen: Thank you.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, motion was to approve the Wild Turkey Allocation Rule R657-54. We have a second. Any other discussion? All in favor please aye. Any against? Motion carries.

Rex Stanworth made the motion to accept the Wild Turkey Guidebook, Permit Allocation as presented, Cordell Pearson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Jake Albrecht: We to the AIS Management Plan, Crystal Stock. Welcome.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Plan (action) 1:23:41 to 1:28:58 of 1:39:41

-Crystal Stock, Southern Region AIS Biologist

Jake Albrecht: Okay Crystal, thank you. This is a very important item. Do we have any questions from the RAC?

Questions from the RAC

Jake Albrecht: Jack Hill.

Jack Hill: You indicated that the water at a car wash is not hot enough. But if it's a pressurized washing process wouldn't that adequately serve to remove the mussel and or mud?

Crystal Stock: It would on the outside of your boat. The issue is that water gets up in your engines, which we can successfully clean with attachments that we have. So even before you leave the water it's going to suck up a little bit of extra water and it can live it there. It's actually the best environment for them because they're not exposed to the sun or the heat, they don't dry out. Also, in your live wells and bilges we have special attachments for our machines also

to actually flush those out and that's why we need the hot water.

Jack Hill: Okay

Jake Albrecht: Any other questions from the RAC members? Questions from the public?

Questions from the Public:

John Krosher: John Krosher. Real quick. I've heard rumors that there's possibilities this is taking place in Lake Powell. Can you dispel those rumors or?

Crystal Stock: Lake Powell has been being tested for mussels. We do this thing called PCR analysis. And basically what it is is it's a net that we pull through the water and pull out all the little tiny microscopic things. They did have one positive sample in August of '07 come up for mussels but there has not been found an adult population of mussels anywhere in Powell. So right now we're saying they're not infected. So it's been almost a year now and we haven't found an adult mussel anywhere. So what there is to say about that is that it's very possible that there was a mussel in Powell, maybe on a boat that they launched for the day and it spawned in the water and we happened to pick it up, we're hoping. But the most recent news is that Lake Granby in Colorado has been found with the veliger, which is a very young mussel, microscopic, they are a free-floating stage. If they end up getting an adult breeding population of mussels, which we have not seen in Lake Powell yet, it does feed into the Colorado River and it's possible that Lake Powell could get it. But we're still waiting to find out if we have any actual live adult mussels in Lake Granby in Colorado. Does that answer your question?

Jake Albrecht: Any other questions from the public? We have no comment cards.

Comments from the Public:

None

Jake Albrecht: Comments from the RAC?

Comments from the RAC:

None

Jake Albrecht: RAC discussion or a vote?

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Jake Albrecht: Steve, your turn?

Steve Dalton: It's my turn?

Jake Albrecht: Yeah.

Steve Dalton: I'll make a motion that we accept the plan as presented.

Dell LeFevre: I'll second it.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, we have a motion by Steve Dalton to accept the AIS Management plan; it was seconded by Commissioner LeFevre. Any other discussion? If not we'll call for a vote. All in favor, aye. Any against? Okay, motion carries.

Steve Dalton made the motion to accept the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Plan as presented, Dell LeFevre seconded. Motion carries unanimously

Jake Albrecht: Our last item of business tonight is the Valuation of Real Property Interest for Acquisition or Disposal. This also is an action item. Bruce Bonebrake. How are you Bruce?

Bruce Bonebrake: Good. How are you?

Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal-New Rule R657-61 (action) 1:32:50 to 1:37:00 of 1:39:41
-Bruce Bonebrake

Bruce Bonebrake: I am Bruce Bonebrake

Jake Albrecht: Questions from the RAC?

Questions from the RAC:

None

Jake Albrecht: Questions from the public?

Questions from the Public:

None

Jake Albrecht: We have no comment cards.

Comments from the Public:

None

Jake Albrecht: Comments from the RAC?

Comments from the RAC:

Jake Albrecht: Motion, Jack?

Rex Stanworth: I'd just like to make one comment.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, go ahead.

Rex Stanworth: I was just going to tell Bruce what we need to do is swap how things are appraised because in our county the Division came in and appraised a piece of property and they said it was, their appraiser said it was worth somewhere between four to six hundred dollars. The county appraiser comes in and he says the property is worth twenty-five hundred dollars. So if we could swap appraisers to where if you're selling it's worth twenty-five hundred but for taxes it's worth six hundred dollars we'd have everybody happy.

Bruce Bonebrake: That would be nice. I don't know if the certified appraiser approach would apply there.

RAC Discussion and Vote:

Jack Hill: Mr. Chairman, I'd move for approval and acceptance of this item.

Jake Albrecht: Okay, we have a motion by Jack Hill to approve Rule R657-61. We've got a second by Rex. All in favor, aye. Any against?

Dell LeFevre: Aye.

Jake Albrecht: We have one against, Commissioner LeFevre.

Jack Hill made the motion to accept Valuation of Real Property Interests for Purposes of Acquisition or Disposal, Rex Stanworth seconded. Motion carried 4 in favor one opposed. Dell LeFevre opposed.

Other Business:

Jake Albrecht: Okay that concludes our business tonight. Our next meeting is the Fishing Proclamation and Rule R-657-13, September 9th, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in Beaver High School.