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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

**FROM:** Charles Lyons, Assistant Attorney General

**DATE:** May 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed Changes to Utah Admin. Code R657-3. Collection, Importation, Transportation, and Possession of Animals.**

The Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending changes to Utah Admin. Code R657-3. Collection, Importation, Transportation, and Possession of Animals (the “CIP Rule”). The CIP Rule regulates the collection, importation, transportation, and possession of animals in Utah. It covers issuance and renewal criteria for obtaining certificates of registration (CORs) authorizing the collection, importation, transportation, and possession of an animal or animals. The rule also covers species classification by classifying species and subspecies as controlled, noncontrolled and prohibited based on their potential for impact to wild populations, the environment, or human health or safety.

The current version of the CIP rule is difficult to read, navigate, and understand. The goal of these proposed changes is to simplify the rule by making it easier for the public and Division staff to navigate and use. A major proposed change is to the structure of the rule by dividing it into three subparts. Instead of one long Rule R657-3, the Division is proposing breaking it up into R657-3a (General Subpart), R657-3b (Birds and Mammals Subpart), and R657-3c (Fish, Mollusks, and Crustaceans Subpart). The proposed changes clarify that all species are prohibited unless already classified as controlled or noncontrolled and simplifies the reclassification process.