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## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 13, 2024  
To: Utah Wildlife Board  
From: Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-lifetime Species Coordinator  
Subject: Shed Antler Gathering Committee Update and Revised Recommendations

In May 2024, the DWR made shed antler gathering recommendations that included establishing a nonresident shed hunting season that begins May 1 and maintaining no season dates for residents. The Utah Wildlife Board did not adopt the nonresident recommendation and approved the following motion:

*I move that we ask the Shed Antler Gathering Committee to reconvene and to recommend shed antler gathering season dates for residents that matches the non-resident dates. The division should report back with a new recommendation from the committee during the December 2024 RAC meetings/January 2025 Wildlife Board meeting. This is to be placed on the Action Log.*

In response to this action log item, the Shed Antler Gathering Committee met in July to discuss resident and nonresident shed hunting season structure and strategies, among other topics.

The committee voted unanimously to maintain the current structure of no shed hunting season dates for Utah residents.

Consensus could not be reached on a nonresident season strategy.

### DWR recommendations

- The DWR recommends **no season dates for shed antler gathering at this time.**
- The DWR will continue to track resident and nonresident shed hunting participation and evaluate trends.
- The DWR will follow emergency shed closure protocols during extreme winter weather conditions.

