

**Utah Wildlife Board Meeting**  
**September 28, 2017, DNR Auditorium**  
**1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah**

The meeting can be viewed live at <https://youtu.be/Zb2YAO7ORBk>  
REVISED September 26, 2017

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 28, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair<br>– Early Rifle Deer Hunt<br>– LE Deer Hunts on GS units<br>– Velvet only deer hunts<br>– Mt. Goats on Deep Creeks<br>– Mt. Goat Transplants<br>– End cow elk hunts by December 31<br>– Shed Antler Gathering | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director   | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. Conservation Permit Annual Report<br>– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. Conservation Permit Audit<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. 2018 RAC/Board Dates<br>– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group<br>– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Program Coordinator  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Other Business<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman<br>• Winter WAFWA   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

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**Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.**

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting with corrections.**

3) Old Business/Action Log (**Contingent**)

**7 Action Log Items were addressed:**

**Early Rifle Deer Hunt**

**Limited Entry Deer Hunts on General Season units**

**Velvet only deer hunts**

**End cow elk hunt by December 31**

**Shed Antler Gathering**

**Mt. Goats on Deep Creek**

**Mt. Goat Transplants**

4) Conservation Permit Annual Report (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Annual Report as presented by the Division.**

5) Conservation Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Audit as presented.**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a review of the conservation permit audit process that could include a rule change.**

6) 2018 RAC/Board Dates (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the 2018 RAC/Board Dates as presented by the Division.**

7) Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group as presented by the Division.**

Approved

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Attendance

**Wildlife Board**

Kirk Woodward – Chair  
Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair  
Mike Fowlks – Exec Sec  
Kevin Albrecht  
Calvin Crandall  
Donnie Hunter  
Karl Hirst  
Steve Dalton

**Division Personnel**

Mike Canning	J Shirley
Rick Olson	Lindy Varney
Darren DeBloois	Rusty Robinson
Kent Hersey	Martin Bushman
Teresa Griffin	Greg Hansen
Covy Jones	Mike Christensen
Drew Cushing	Paul Gedge
Chris Wood	Staci Coons
Justin Shannon	Thu Vo-Wood
Kenny Johnson	

**Public Present**

Miles Moretti – MDF	Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau
Lee Howard	Troy Justensen – SFW
Melissa Whitaker	Kyle Witherspoon – SCI
Allison Jones	Al Robb – UT Trappers Assoc.
Aaron Johnson	Bailey Bannon
Nile Wilkey	
Greg Bird	

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- 00:00:23** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order and welcomed the audience. Board members introduced themselves.
- 00:02:34** 1) **Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Steve Dalton, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**
- 00:03:15** 2) **Approval of Minutes (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.  
**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting with corrections.**
- 00:04:01** 3) **Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**  
**Seven Action Log Items were addressed. Justin Shannon addressed the first four items. Covy Jones addressed shed antler gathering and Rusty Robinson addressed the last two items.**
- 00:05:08** **Early Rifle Deer Hunt Action Log Item**  
To reduce crowding and lower buck-to-doe ratios on units that are consistently over objective the Division plans to recommend early rifle deer hunts this November on nine units with season dates overlapping general season spike/any bull hunts and include a weekend.
- 00:09:40** **Limited Entry Deer Hunts on General Season Units Action Log Item**  
This November DWR plans to recommend limited entry hunts on all general season units that are meeting the minimum buck-to-doe ratio objectives.
- 00:16:13** **Velvet Only Deer Hunts Action Log Item**  
The DWR plans to recommend a cactus buck hunt on the Paunsaugunt unit this November. Cactus buck will be defined under R657-5. This will provide additional limited entry deer hunting opportunities and reduce cactus bucks on the unit. The proposed season dates would be early to mid-November 2018.
- 00:22:00** **End Cow Elk Hunts by December 31 Action Log Item**  
Late season elk hunts serve a management purpose: population objectives, proper distribution, reduce depredation and conflicts. The

hunts also allow for more public harvest and reduce the need for removals from DWR. The Division will commit to remove or reduce late season hunts that are not fulfilling a management purpose.

**00:31:41 Shed Antler Gathering Action Log Item**

The severe winter conditions in 2017 led to emergency feedings and closure of shed antler gathering. The closure was to protect the mule deer population and their winter habitat.

DWR recommends continuing to allow shed antler gathering along with the Antler Gathering Ethics course certificate, and closing affected areas during severe winters to protect deer and their habitat.

**00:50:58 Mountain Goat on Deep Creeks Action Log Item**

A committee was formed to consider the transplanting of sheep and/or goats. They supported the transplanting of goats and drafted a unit management plan. The Division will continue to work with stakeholders, gather and compile data, and refine the plan. A field trip is planned for this fall. DWR will report to the board with options.

**00:53:40 Mountain Goat Transplants Action Log Item**

After evaluating the viability of proposed areas and considering the social issues, habitat availability, and ability for populations to establish on their own, DWR created a list of potential transplant sites and areas where goats could establish naturally. Some transplant sites may require changes to statewide plan.

**01:00:20 4) DWR Update (Informational)**

Mike Fowlks talked about the AFWA Conference, the NRCC tour – Brian Head fire, the Pacific Flyway, staff changes, hunting season, and furbearer.

**01:05:20 5) Conservation Permit Annual Report (Action)**

Justin Shannon presented the annual report.

**01:13:12 Board Questions**

The board asked about documentation for funds used, 5% rule, limitations of projects without funds.

**01:16:28 Public Questions**

Public questions were taken at this time.

**01:21:14 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Annual Report as presented by the Division.**

**01:22:05**      **6) Conservation Permit Audit (Action)**

Kenny Johnson presented the audit.

Byron Bateman expressed concern about the discrepancies presented in the audit. Karl Hirst pushed the issue on documentation of funds.

**01:43:40**      **Board Questions**

The board continued to express and address concerns about discrepancies and documentation.

**01:50:20**      **Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**01:57:18**      **Board Discussion**

The board expressed concern about the discrepancies presented in the audit. Karl Hirst pushed the issue on documentation of funds.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the findings of the Conservation Permit Audit as presented.**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a review of the Conservation Permit Audit process that could include a rule change.**

**02:04:36**      **7) 2018 RAC/Board Dates (Action)**

Staci Coons presented the 2018 RAC/Board dates.

**02:05:54**      **Board Questions/Discussion**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the RAC/Board Dates as presented by the Division.**

**02:06:40**      **8) Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group (Action)**

Darren DeBloois presented the working group proposal.

**02:07:42**      **Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**02:10:14**      **Board Discussion**

The board mentioned many people expressed concerns about this issue. They discussed details of the working group.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie

Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group as presented by the Division.**

**02:15:24**      **9) Other Business** (Contingent)

The Board discussed the upcoming winter WAFWA in San Diego, CA and decided that Byron Bateman should attend. The conference runs January 3-8, 2018.

**02:21:05**      Meeting adjourned.

Approved