

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

June 8, 2023, Eccles Wildlife Education Center

1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

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AGENDA

Thursday June 8, 2023, 9:00 am

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION**
 - Kevin Albrecht, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION**
 - Kevin Albrecht, Chairman
3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT**
 - Randy Dearth, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update **INFORMATIONAL**
 - J. Shirley, DWR Director
5. Legislative Status Update **INFORMATIONAL**
 - Kyle Maynard, Assistant Attorney General

Rules to be impacted by Legislative Actions

R657-5 – Taking Big Game

R657-10 – Taking Cougar

R657-11 – Taking Furbearer

R657-33 – Taking Bear

R657-37 – CWMU

R657-42 – Fees, Exchange, Surrenders, Refunds

R657-62 – Drawing Application Procedures

R657-67 – Utah Hunter Mentoring Program

R657-69 – Depredating Turkeys

6. Wild Turkey Plan Revision and Recommendations – R657-54 **ACTION**
 - Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator
7. Upland Game Recommendations – R657-6 **ACTION**
 - Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator
8. **Waterfowl Rule and Swan Hunt Recommendations** **ACTION**
 - **Heather Talley, Upland Game Coordinator**
9. Live Game Birds Rule Amendments – R657-4 **ACTION**
 - Dax Mangus, Big Game Coordinator
10. Collection, Importation and Possession Rule Amendments – R657-3 **ACTION**
 - Charles Lyons, Assistant Attorney General
11. CWMU Variance Requests **ACTION**
 - Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

- 12. Translocation Management Plan: Desert Tortoise **ACTION**
 - Ann McLuckie, Wildlife Biologist
- 13. ~~LOA Advisory Committee Recommendations~~ **ACTION**
 - ~~Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief~~
- 14. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair **ACTION**
 - Kevin Albrecht, Chairman
- 15. Other Business **CONTINGENT**
 - Kevin Albrecht, Chairman

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Wildlife Board Motions

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Progress on changes to statute for the poaching of a swan

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into changing statute to reflect a 7-year waiting period for poaching a swan and have the division report back. This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Wyatt Bubak
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: December 2, 2021

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Possibility of a 3-year season structure for Big Game seasons and hunter orange regulation reforms

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into a 3-year season structure for big game season dates and the possibilities of hunter orange regulation reforms (including amount required, what other states allow etc.) This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Bryce Thurgood
Assigned to: Covy Jones and Wyatt Bubak
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: December 2, 2021

Fall 2022 – Target Date – Possibility of issuing 2 pt. or smaller buck deer tags to youth hunters

MOTION: I move that we direct the division through the action log, to look at issuing 2pt. or smaller buck deer tags to youth hunters. That in the four-year period, between 14-18, they would have the potential to be guaranteed at least one hunt for a 2pt. buck and that those tags would not take away from any of the other tag allotments but be in addition to the tags already issued. We would ask the division to look at the impact that it would have on licensing and the herds as well as future youth hunters. Kevin Albrecht included with the action log item that the addition of a survey be used to see what that need is.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Lindy Varney and Covy Jones
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

Fall 2023 - Target Date – Youth Only deer permit program

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into a Youth Only dedicated hunter type program for youth ages 12-17 that would allow yearly participation with a harvest restriction (2 deer in a 3-year period).

Motion made by: Bryce Thurgood
Assigned to: Lindy Varney, Covy Jones and Bryan Christensen
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: June 2, 2022

Fall 2023 – Target Date - Special Use Permits on WMA’s - Guides and Outfitters -Nonconsumptive user fee

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to look into Guides and Outfitters obtaining special use permits on WMA’s and to look at implementing a fee for non-consumptive users. This is to be placed on the Action Log

Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to: Blair Stringham
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: August 25, 2022

Fall 2023 – Target Date - Guiding Document for the Selection of Committees

MOTION: I move that the Division formulate a guiding document for the formation of committees that would include final approval coming from the Wildlife Board. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Wade Heaton
Assigned to: Ashley Green
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: September 29, 2022

Fall 2024 – Target Date – Increase Trapping Fee for Non-residents

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into a trap fee increase for non-residents for 2024. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Darren DeBloois
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: January 3, 2023

2024 – Target Date –

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into mandatory tooth reporting. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to:
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: May 4, 2023

2024 – Target Date –

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to form a CWMU Advisory Committee to review the rule and bring recommendations back to the board in June 2024. The committee should consider if the rule is equitable for both the public and the private parties. It needs to be an incentive based program to encourage CWMU’s to fulfill antlerless harvest. Tools need to be in place to encourage CWMU operators and the division to obtain necessary harvest for unit objectives. The rule needs to address non-contiguous lands and set requirements for trade lands – land traded needs to be comparable to be fair to

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both the public and the operator. Trade lands need to be posted with a common sign such that the public can easily recognize it as such. If public tags increase or decrease then CWMU tags should do the same. This is to be placed on the Action Log.

Motion made by: Randy Dearth
Assigned to:
Action: Under study
Placed on Action Log: May 4, 2023

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Wildlife Board Meeting as submitted.

3) Wild Turkey Plan Revision and Recommendations – R657-54 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Wild Turkey plan and recommendations as presented by the Division

4) Upland Game Recommendations – R657-6 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Upland Game recommendations as presented by the Division.

5) Waterfowl Rule and Swan Hunt Recommendations – R657-9 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, and dies for lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that we approve the amended recommendation making the take of a trumpeter swan legal, but the possession be illegal.

The following motion was made by, Bryce Thurgood, and dies for lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that if the quota reaches 10 trumpeter taken, then Public Shooting Grounds and Bear River Bird Refuge will be closed to hunting.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Division's original recommendations as presented.

6) Live Game Birds Rule Amendment – R657-4 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Live Game Birds Rule amendments as presented.

7) Collection, Importation and Possession Rule Amendments – R657-3 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously. Wade Heaton was absent from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve as presented by the Division, the Collection, Importation and Possession Rule amendments.

8) CWMU Variance Requests (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed with Chairman Albrecht breaking the tie. Bret Selman, Wade Heaton and Gary Nielson opposed.

MOTION: I move that we deny the CWMU Variance Request until after the committee makes a recommendation and it goes through the process.

9) Translocation Management Plan: Desert Tortoise (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Translocation Management Plan for Desert Tortoise as presented by the Division.

10) Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair (**Action**)

The Board elected Randy Dearth as Chairman, and Gary Nielson as the Vice-Chairman.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Kevin Albrecht – Chair
Randy Dearth – Vice-Chair
J. Shirley – Executive Secretary
Karl Hirst
Bret Selman (virtual)
Wade Heaton (virtual)
Gary Nielson
Bryce Thurgood (virtual)

RAC Chairs

Central – Brock McMillan
Southern – Brayden Richmond
Southeastern – Kent Johnson
Northeastern – Brett Prevedel (online)
Northern – Brad Buchanan

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Mike Christensen	Jim Christensen
Kenny Johnson	Staci Coons	Rusty Robinson
Chris Wood	Paige Wiren	Avery Cook
Miles Hanberg (online)	Kyle Maynard	Ann McLuckie
Ben Nadolski	Jason Jones	Craig Walker
Kevin Bunnell	Heather Talley	Devin Christensen
Covy Jones	Blair Stringham	Brandon Baron
Wyatt Bubak	Lindy Varney	Dale Lichty
Riley Peck	Chad Wilson	Dallon Christensen
Phil Tuttle	Dr. Virginia Stout	Hayley Pace

Public Present

Phil Crowther	Waylon Pritchett
Lynn Worwood	Jorden Mattinson
Gary Webb	Angie Wonnacott
Paula Richmond	Troy Justensen
Troy Burgess	Cody Bassett
Kirk Robinson	Lonnie Brown

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- 00:13:50** Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, reminded everyone that the meeting is broadcast live, and asked the board members and RAC chairs to introduce themselves. Wade Heaton, Bryce Thurgood and Bret Selman attended the meeting virtually.
- 00:15:17** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.
- 00:15:41** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.
MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the May 4, 2023 Wildlife Board Meeting.
- 00:16:17** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
There was no old business or action log items to report.
- 00:16:38** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
Director J. Shirley gave Administrative Services, Aquatic, Habitat, Law Enforcement Outreach and Wildlife section updates. Director Shirley thanked outgoing board members Kevin Albrecht and Karl Hirst for their service, and announced the two newly appointed board members, Kent Johnson and Paula Richmond.
- 00:29:14** **5) Legislative Statute Updates (Informational)**
Chairman Albrecht announced that the board would allow public comments on this informational agenda item. Assistant Attorney General Kyle Maynard gave a presentation titled, "2023 Legislative Update."
- 00:38:49** **Board Questions**
There were no questions from the Board.
Chairman Albrecht noted that no online public comments were collected for this agenda item, however he asked Director Shirley to speak to the updates.
- 00:40:35** **Public Comments**
Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:45:52 Division Clarification

Darren DeBloois provided Division clarification.

00:49:43 Board Discussion

The Board noted that, even given the legislative changes, there still are various rules and guidelines that cougar hunters must abide by.

Chairman Albrecht commented that the new cougar hunting rules were created and passed by the Utah legislatures were enacted by statute.

The Board agreed with the chairman that Utah's public process is superior to other western states'. Wade Heaton stated that the appointed Wildlife Board is preeminently qualified to make wildlife management decision, and urged the legislative body not to make wildlife management decisions, but to allow wildlife management decisions to move through the current public process.

00:54:47 6) Wild Turkey Plan Revision and Recommendations – R657-54 (Action)

Upland Game Coordinator Heather Talley gave an overview of the video presentation that was posted on the Division's website and provided clarification of the definition of an air gun as it applies to the house bill that passed legalizing air guns, and clarification on youth hunt permit allocation.

00:57:23 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RAC chairs.

00:57:49 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

00:59:13 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the plan revision and permit recommendations.

01:00:40 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

01:06:11 Division Clarification

Heather Talley clarified concerns that were voiced during the public comment period.

01:10:03 RAC Summaries

Chairman Albrecht gave a summary of all the RAC motions.

01:10:25 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board noted the primary issues that were discussed during turkey committee meetings, and voiced support for the Division's recommendations.

The Board asked about the success rate percentage, and further voiced support for

the presented change to the number of permits.

Chairman Albrecht asked the Board and the Division to monitor potential lethal disease outbreaks in the state's turkey populations.

The Board advocated for emergency and/or winter feeding efforts for turkey.

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Wild Turkey plan and recommendations as presented by the Division.

01:17:18 7) Upland Game Recommendations (Action)

Upland Game Coordinator Heather Talley gave clarification of the material presented in the video presentation that was posted on the Division's website

01:18:42 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked how many years it has been that efforts have been made to increase sharp-tailed grouse populations

01:19:34 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

01:21:13 RAC Recommendations

All RACs voted to accept the Division's recommendations.

01:22:12 Public Comments

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

01:22:13 RAC Summaries

Chairman Albrecht gave a summary of all the RAC motions.

01:22:30 Board Questions/Discussion

The Board acknowledged their support for youth hunts and permit allocation, and commented on the lethality of modern air gun technology

Chairman Albrecht asked if youth could be mentored during the recommended upland game.

The Board advocated for mentoring.

Chairman Albrecht voiced support for robust sharp-tailed grouse management.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Upland Game recommendations as presented by the Division.

01:30:06 8) Waterfowl Rule and Swan Hunt Recommendations – R657-9 (Action)

Migratory Bird Program Coordinator Jason Jones gave background information regarding swan harvest that supplemented the information in the prerecorded presentation that was posted on the Division's website. He also explained the reasons for the Division's recommendations.

01:39:03 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked if someone takes a trumpeter swan and the bird is released at the time of check-in, if the 5-year waiting period would still apply in the Division's recommendations; and also asked what the Division would do with seized swans.

The Board asked about the trumpeter swan quota, and asked the Division if they think that the updated recommendation would deter the targeting of trumpeter swans. They further asked that if the Board accepts the recommendations, but it is later determined that the changes were not effective against deterring the targeting trumpeter swans, could and would the Division make new recommendations?

The Board voiced support for the recommendations, however expressed doubt that the changes would be effective against targeting trumpeter swans.

Bryce Thurgood virtually joined the meeting.

01:45:43 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

01:47:32 RAC Recommendations

All RACs passed the permit recommendations with various stipulations.

01:50:38 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

02:00:47 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board voiced dissent for the revised Division recommendation.

Chairman Albrecht related a personal anecdote about a chance encounter with a member of the public, and voiced support for the Division's recommendation to criminalize the take of a trumpeter swan.

The Board suggested going back to the 2019 boundary.

The Board supported the Division's recommendation to make the take of a trumpeter swan illegal and advocated for hunter responsibility with regard to identifying targets, and also suggested setting quotas exclusively on some hunting units and not others. The Board also recognized that once a decision is made to make the take of trumpeter swan illegal, that decision would be hard to reverse, and also noted that the state's swan hunt is for tundra swans, not trumpeter.

The Board asked if analyzed feather isotope data could influence a change in the federally-determined quota of trumpeter swan take in Utah.

Jason Jones provided prepared additional information on this agenda item.

The Board commented that addressing the trumpeter swan targeting issue most

likely will happen in stages over time.

Karl Hirst clarified his suggestion of applying a quota only to the Bear River and Public Shooting Grounds WMA,

Chairman Albrecht asked Law Enforcement Chief Wyatt Bubak how the Division might approach the accidental take of a trumpeter swan should the Board vote to make that take illegal, and asked if a warning given to a hunter who has made contact with conservation officers could be escalated to an infraction should it be determined after the warning was issued that the hunter had targeted the trumpeter swan.

The Board discussed closing the swan hunt, after the quota is reached, only on properties where there historically has been the majority of trumpeter swan take.

The chairman asked Director Shirley to share his thoughts on this agenda item.

The Board asked Director Shirley if the Division's law enforcement would be capable of splitting the quota system, and asked why the Division has not enacted a boundary change.

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones acknowledged that making this decision is not easy, reiterated the reason why the Division designed the recommended actions, and cautioned the Board against making an overreaction.

The Board voiced support for boundary closures during the swan hunt in order to try and mitigate targeted take of trumpeter swan.

Law Enforcement Chief Wyatt Bubak clarified that if harvest of a trumpeter swan were made illegal, it would require a legislative change to allow law enforcement to seize the tag of the hunter who unlawfully took the trumpeter.

Vice-chairman Dearth objected to the modified definition of the word possession as interpreted in the Division's amended recommendation.

The Board asked Wildlife Chief Covy Jones to explain the Division's reasoning for the original recommendation.

The Board commented that the Division's initial recommendation was much cleaner than the revised recommendation.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, and failed for a lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that we approve the amended recommendation making the take of trumpeter swan legal, but the possession be illegal.

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood and failed for a lack of a second.

MOTION: I move that if the quota reaches 10 trumpeter taken then the Public Shooting Grounds and Bear River Bird Refuge will be closed to hunting.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Division's original recommendation as presented.

02:50:41 Lunch Break

03:43:55 9) Live Game Birds Rule Amendments – R657-4 (Action)

Upland Game Project Leader Avery Cook gave an overview of the video presentation that was posted on the Division's website

03:46:49 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RAC chairs.
Bret Selman joined the meeting electronically.
Wade Heaton left the meeting.

03:47:19 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

03:47:56 Public Comments

There were no public comments submitted at this time.

03:47:58 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the permit recommendations.

03:48:40 RAC Summaries

Chairman Albrecht gave a summary of all the RAC motions.

03:48:53 Board Discussion/Questions

The following motion was made by Randy Dearth, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Live Game Birds rule amendments as presented.

03:50:05 10) Collection, Importation and Possession Rule Amendments – R657-3 (Action)

Assistant Attorney General Kyle Maynard reviewed the suggested rule amendments.

03:51:13 Board/RAC Questions

There were no questions from the Board or RAC chairs.

03:51:28 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

03:53:40 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the rule amendments.

03:54:23 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

03:57:50 Division Clarification

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones clarified the Division's reasoning behind the proposed rule amendments. Covy invited a Utah Department of Agriculture representative who was in the audience to speak about the state's rules regarding reindeer importation and possession.

04:03:53 Board Discussion/Questions

Chairman Albrecht shared that he has talked to domestic elk producers in Utah, and voiced support for the Division's recommendations.

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously. Wade Heaton was absent for the vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve as presented by the Division, the Collection, Importation and Possession Rule amendments.

04:06:22 11) CWMU Variance Requests (Action)

Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator Chad Wilson gave some history of the variance requests, as well as the process through which the requests brought before the board underwent.

04:10:18 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked about the hunting access restrictions on the land in question. The Board referenced the fact that the Division will be reviewing the CWMU program next year.

04:12:07 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

04:13:10 RAC Recommendations

The Southern, Southeastern, Northern and RACs passed the permit recommendations with various stipulations. The Central and Northeastern RACs rejected both variance requests.

04:16:07 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

04:18:14 Division Clarification

Chad Wilson reiterated that the variance requests in question are for noncontiguous lands, not tradelands.

04:15:53 Board Discussion/Questions

The Board asked about the noncontiguous parcels and ownership of land included in the variance requests.

Wade Heaton stated that he sat on the CWMU Advisory Committee for several years, that the shared sentiment of the committee members was that if land in

question benefitted wildlife it should be considered, and that he believed that these two parcels of land benefit wildlife.

Chairman Albrecht cautioned that if the Board voted in favor of the variance request it could set a precedence for future requests, and suggested that the Board vote on these requests after the CWMU rule has been reviewed.

The Board asked what would be an acceptable distance, in miles, from the authorized CWMU for noncontiguous land in a variance request to be located.

Wade Heaton noted that the CWMU Committee is a standing ongoing committee for a Division program, and voiced confusion over having, as is anticipated, a second working committee, not the CWMU Advisory Committee, review the entirety of the program. Wade also encouraged the Board to vote in favor of the requests.

Chairman Albrecht explained the difference between the CWMU Advisory Committee and the proposed working committee.

Gary Nielson said that he too once sat on the CWMU committee, and that the advisors on that committee, when considering a variance request, heavily weighed if the land in question benefitted wildlife and the public. He further expressed support for granting the variances.

Bryce said that the CWMU rule is vague, and Wade said the role of the Board is to make decisions given, and within, vague situations.

Randy expressed hesitance about voting in favor of the variance requests

Chad offered the Division's perspective on these particular requests.

Wade reiterated that the CWMUs have already gone through a vetting process after which the Division concluded support for the variance requests.

The Board asked questions about the property ownership.

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Randy Dearth and passed with Chairman Albrecht breaking the tie. Bret Selman, Wade Heaton and Gary Nielson opposed.

MOTION: I move that we deny the CWMU Variance Request until after the committee makes a recommendation and it goes through the public process.

04:47:55 12) Translocation Management Plan: Desert Tortoise (Action)

Wildlife Biologist Ann McLuckie reviewed the purpose of the desert tortoise management plan.

04:49:56 Board/RAC Questions

The Board asked if desert tortoises respond well to translocation.

04:51:04 Public Comments

Director Shirley summarized the public comments received online.

04:51:39 RAC Recommendations

All RACs unanimously passed the permit recommendations.

04:51:57 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

04:52:04 Board Discussion/Questions

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Gary Nielson and passed unanimously. Wade Heaton was absent from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we approve the Translocation Management Plan for Desert Tortoise as presented by the Division.

~~**13) LOA Advisory Committee Recommendations (Action)**~~

14) Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Chairman Kevin Albrecht explained the process for voting for a new board chairman and vice-chairman.

Kevin Albrecht nominated Randy Dearth for board chairman. Wade Heaton was absent from the vote.

Randy Dearth nominated Bryce Thurgood and Gary Nielson for board vice-chairman.

Board members thanked Chairman Albrecht and Karl Hirst for their service.

Chairman Albrecht shared some advice to incoming board members.

Board members further thanked Kevin and Karl.

Chairman Albrecht and Karl Hirst shared their appreciation for having served on the Wildlife Board.

Wade Heaton rejoined the meeting and broke the vice-chairman vote tie by voting for Gary Nielson.

05:06:52 15) Other Business (Contingent)

There was no other business to discuss.

05:07:00 Meeting adjourned.