

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the recommended changes to Administrative Rule R657-64?**

I appreciate that you're seeking to optimize coyote control to help mule deer using existing funds. It would have been easier to sit around and not do anything about it. Thank you for putting in the work to study this out, identify a solution, and a plan to implement it.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations?** Strongly agree

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**Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations?**

I completely agree with where the committee landed with regards to the shed hunting updates. It's a complex issue. I half-expected an outcome in which the honest resident is further taxed and restricted, but I so appreciate that this isn't the case. I'm in favor of the board approving emergency closures if/where needed, but otherwise educating people and requiring the antler gathering certificate should be sufficient. Unfortunately, I know we have legislators (e.g. Casey Snider) who seem to like to take these matters into their own hands and push legislation of their own liking & preference through a legislative body that knows next to nothing about wildlife & shed hunting. He did this with trail cameras. I expect him to do more of the same during the next legislative session. This begs the question... why even have a Wildlife Board? Why do all these studies that back proposals if we have legislators imposing their will? My two cents. Thanks for the chance to give feedback.

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules?**

Strongly agree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?**

Could the Utah DWR network partner with Ducks Unlimited or Delta Waterfowl to raise funds and construct a permanent ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting blind on Utah Lake's shores? The Utah Lake hunting blind entrance should be at least 48 inches wide to allow off-road wheelchairs and power chairs to enter. Near Provo Airport or Mud Lake, perhaps? I want this Utah Lake ADA handicapped waterfowl hunting blind to have a concrete base so the mud and weather don't ruin it. A gravel road to the ADA waterfowl hunting blind with a flat unloading area for handicapped accessible vehicles would be great at Utah Lake. I'm paralyzed from the chest down and permanently use a wheelchair. I want these ADA hunting topics discussed at every RAC meeting throughout Utah in the next few months. Furthermore, I suggest the Utah DWR paves the road leading to Fish Springs Wildlife Refuge. Several disabled hunters I know have been stranded on that road leading out to Fish Springs with flat tires and no cell phone service.

Utah's state and federal wildlife refuges suffer from seriously inadequate ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting blinds and opportunities, which is an insult to disabled hunters. The lack of waterfowl hunting opportunities for disabled hunters in Utah is shameful, and DWR director Shirley and his staff should be held accountable. I've repeatedly called Utah DWR director Shirley and his staff about ADA issues, but they never return my calls. The lack of accessible hunting areas makes me feel discriminated against as a wheelchair user. Unless the Utah DWR takes action to build more ADA-accessible waterfowl hunting facilities within the next two years, I'll be pursuing a class-action ADA lawsuit. etc. Please fix these ADA issues and build an ADA accessible waterfowl hunting blind on Utah Lake.

Thank you, Tom Vinson

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**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed West Desert Complex deer and elk unit plans?**

Somewhat disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed unit plans? (Please specify each plan you are commenting on.)**

these plans are ok however, as a 100% disabled Vet you close or cut off access for myself a few of my wheelchair bound friends. I know of the pass 18 years I've been disabled, DWR, BLM, FS have closed or blocked off access for us to get to an area to hunt or even fish. this year i hd the muzzle Elk hunt for nebo. my friend and I drove up Nebo Creek area only to find that all new roads where cut in for the power lines and Now have gates and locks on every road and atv trail. Pretty disgusting on your part.

what i am saying you make new changes/WMA is great but allow access for Disabled people. Cause it would be nice to enjoy a hunt or fishing spot too

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Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?**

Allow swan hunting statewide in utah! with all trumpeters illegal, no resident swan populations native to utah and mandatory harvest check in, there is no reason why it should not be state wide.

utah county needs a sandhill crane hunt. there are more than enough cranes for a hunt.

**Which best describes your position regarding the black bear proposals?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any comments about the black bear proposals?**

H/O should be open in august for the archery big game hunters

**Which best describes your position regarding the recommended cougar rule amendments?**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Do you have any comments about the cougar rule amendments?**

lion harvest should be allowed with .17 HMR and .22 Mag, regardless if its in a trap or not

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lions need an incentive

**Which best describes your position regarding the Shed Antler Gathering Committee's recommendations?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the committee's recommendations?**

wyoming banned non res shed hunters for a week. our non res shed season should mirror theirs

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed West Desert Complex deer and elk unit plans?**

Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed unit plans? (Please specify each plan you are commenting on.)**

maybe quit allowing cattle on public lands on the stansburys if feed for wildlife is a concern.

kill every feral horse on public lands in the west desert units! they are a non-native species and should be treated like carp.

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November 29, 2024 8:51 pm

**Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting rules?**

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Strongly disagree

**Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to waterfowl and migratory game bird hunting?**

Yes I do.

PLEASE help us out and change border of the Wasatch Front Goose Zone to ONLY the Front.

It is extremely confusing.

We respectfully ask you to take the Wasatch Back area out of the Front zone and include it in to the regular Northern zone please.

Sincerely, Shane Bennett

Thank you for all you do.

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Somewhat agree

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I agree with the recommendations presented with one MAJOR exception. The proposed change to the scaup season is only being proposed for the southern duck zone. We have been requesting this change for the entire state for some time and are disappointed that it is only being proposed for the Southern duck zone.

I have been an avid duck hunter for 43+ years, hunting 30+ days per season, I can count on one hand the number of scaup I have seen in the Northern duck zone in the early part of the season. Yet in the last months of the season see hundreds a day. Rather than having more confusing regulations about which zone hunts early or late lets change the entire state to hunt scaup in the latter part of the season. We are not requesting more days just make the allowable days at the end of the season for both duck zones

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I like the direction this is going, but if the goal here is to increase the hunting pressure on key areas, what's being proposed isn't doing enough.

I joke that the yellow areas on the map should be called, "areas where it's easy to kill a coyote". (that being a relative term of course)

The major issues I see here are as follows:

- 1) The areas we really need the coyotes hunted are difficult to get to during the times we need them hunted.
- 2) During the prime timeframe to benefit mule deer (April and May), the coyote hides are worthless as a furbearer, so there's little incentive outside of the bounty during that timeframe.

When you combine those two factors, what's being proposed won't be enough to achieve the goals of the program.

While there's still ancillary benefit to killing coyotes in non-mule deer areas, unless more is done, we won't see any changes in the heatmap.

I suggest a much more aggressive approach, maybe \$25 for coyotes killed in non-mule deer areas, and \$125-150 for coyotes killed in critical habitat.

I don't have the data, but I'd bet it would back up my assumption that the vast majority of coyotes are killed in the non-mule deer areas between December and February with it falling off dramatically during the months that it really matters. (March-May).

During that Dec-Feb time frame, coyote hunters still can get prime bounty for the furs which would help supplement the smaller \$25 bounty.

The higher bounty would not only incentivize people to hunt coyotes in much more difficult terrain, but it would also offset the worthlessness of the hide.

I'll speak to this in person at the Northern RAC, but I'd love to see it discussed in the Central RAC as well.

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