

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 21, 2023, Eccles Wildlife Education Center

1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington, Utah

The meeting can be viewed live at <https://youtube.com/live/0nnGmMWGNwE>

Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 9:00 am

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| 1. Approval of Agenda
– Randy Dearth, Chairman | ACTION |
| 2. Approval of Minutes
– Randy Dearth, Chairman | ACTION |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Gary Nielson, Vice-Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– Justin Shirley, DWR Director | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. 2023-25 Fishing Recommendations
– Randy Oplinger, Asst. Aquatic Section Chief | ACTION |
| 6. Private Pond Rule Amendments
– Randy Oplinger, Asst. Aquatic Section Chief | ACTION |
| 7. Conservation Permit Audit
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 8. Conservation Permit Annual Report
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 9. 2024 RAC/Board Meeting Dates
– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator | ACTION |
| 10. Other Business
– Randy Dearth, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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 – 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). This is to be placed on the Action Log.

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 – Non-consumptive 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 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

Fall 2024 – Target Date – Mandatory Tooth Reporting

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: Dax Mangus

Action: Under study

Placed on Action Log: May 4, 2023

Fall 2024 – Target Date – CWMU Recommendations Committee

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to form a CWMU Recommendations 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 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: Chad Wilson

Action: Under study

Placed on Action Log: May 4, 2023

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

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AGENDA

Thursday, August 17, 2023, Board Meeting 9:00 am

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– Randy Dearth, Chairman | ACTION |
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| 3. Old Business/Action Log
– Gary Nielson, Vice-Chairman | CONTINGENT |
| 4. DWR Update
– J. Shirley, DWR Director | INFORMATIONAL |
| 5. Expo Permit Audit
– Sarah Scott, Financial Manager | ACTION |
| 6. Expo Permit Allocation
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 7. Proposed Fee Schedule
– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief | ACTION |
| 8. Expo Permit Audit
– Sarah Scott, Financial Manager | ACTION |
| 9. Expo Permit Allocation
– Covy Jones, Wildlife Section Chief | ACTION |
| 12. Other Business
– Kevin Albrecht, Chairman | CONTINGENT |

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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 – Establish a Technology Effectiveness Committee

MOTION: I move that we ask the division to establish a Technology Effectiveness Committee to form a structural process to address and outline issues relating to the use of hunting technologies. This committee should set a long term plan to address issues such as weapon success and restrictions, use of guides/scouts, use of range- finders and other technology, and any other issues that the committee deems necessary. This is to be placed on the action log.

Motion made by: Wade Heaton
Assigned to: Derrick Ewell and Gabe Patterson
Action: Under Study
Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

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

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Motion made by: Karl Hirst
Assigned to: Lindy Varney and Covy Jones
Action: Under Study

Placed on Action Log: January 4, 2022

Target Date –

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:

Action: Under Study

Placed on Action Log: June 2, 2022

Target Date -

MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into Guides and Outfitters obtaining special use permits on WMAs, and 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:

Action: Under Study

Placed on Action Log: August 25, 2022

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Summary of Motions

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

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.

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

The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 Wildlife Board Meeting as submitted.

3) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton, seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously, with Paula Richmond recusing herself from the vote

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

4) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Kent Johnson and passed unanimously, with Paula Richmond recusing herself from the vote.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

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Attendance

Wildlife Board

Randy Dearth – Chair	Kent Johnson
Gary Nielson – Vice-Chair	Bret Selman (virtual)
J. Shirley – Executive Secretary	Wade Heaton
	Paula Richardson
	Bryce Thurgood

RAC Chairs

Division Personnel

Mike Canning	Mark Martinez
Ashley Green	Riley Peck
Justin Shannon	Sarah Scott
Kenny Johnson	Kevin Bunnell
Chris Wood	Lindy Varney
Kevin Bunnell	Jim Christensen
Covy Jones	Chad Wilson
Wyatt Bubak	Seth? Sean?
Mike Christensen	
Staci Coons	
Paige Wiren	

Public Present

Troy Justensen
Angie Wonnacott
Chris Carling

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- 00:00:01** Chairman Dearth opened the meeting and noted that the meeting is livestreamed. He welcomed Paula Richmond and Kent Johnson, the two newly appointed and confirmed board members. All board members introduced themselves.
- Bret Selman attended virtually
- 00:03:33** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**
- The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
- MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**
- 00:04:05** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
- The following motion was made by Gary Nielson, seconded by Wade Heaton and passed unanimously.
- MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 Wildlife Board Meeting.**
- 00:04:42** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**
- Public Wildlife/Private Lands Coordinator Chad Wilson gave an update on the CWMU recommendation committee.
- 00:06:29** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**
- Director J. Shirley gave Administrative Services, Habitat, Law Enforcement Outreach, Wildlife and Aquatic section updates.
- The Board asked Director Shirley for an update on the winter's emergency shed antler closing. Law Enforcement Section Chief Wyatt Bubak fielded the question.
- 00:30:07** **5) Expo Permit Audit (Action)**
- Financial Manager Sarah Scott gave a presentation titled, "Expo Audit for 2023."
- 00:38:39** **Board Questions**
- There were no questions from the Board. Chairman Dearth commented on the value of the program. The Board voiced appreciation for positive changes made to the program.
- 00:40:15** **Public Comments**
- Public comments were accepted at this time.
- 00:42:15** **Board Discussion**

The Board commented on the value of Expo Permit funding, and noted the transparency and clarity of the report.

Paula Richmond recused herself from voting.

The following motion was made by Wade Heaton seconded by Bryce Thurgood and passed unanimously, with Paula Richmond

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented by the Division.

00:44:12 6) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)

Wildlife Section Chief Covy Jones gave a presentation titled, “2023 Expo Permit Allocation.”

00:51:31 Board Questions

The Board asked about the number of mountain goat permits.

00:48:05 Public Comments

Public comments were accepted at this time.

00:48:29 Board Discussion/Questions

Covy Jones commented that the expo permits are a public draw.

The following motion was made by Bryce Thurgood, seconded by Kent Johnson and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation as presented by the Division.

00:50:28 7) Other Business (Contingent)

There was no other business.

00:51:08 Meeting adjourned.

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Approved Motions**

Central Region Advisory Council did not have a quorum present
and any motions made are not reflected in the Summary of Motions.

2023-2025 Fishing Recommendations (Action)

NR SR SER NER

MOTION: I move that we accept the Fishing Recommendations as presented.
PASSES: Unanimous

Private Pond Rule Amendments (Action)

NR

MOTION: I move we accept the Private Pond Rule Amendments as presented.
PASSES: 8 in favor with 1 abstention

SR

MOTION: I move we accept the Private Pond Rule Amendments as presented.
PASSES: 8 in favor with 1 opposed

SER

MOTION: I move we accept the Private Pond Rule Amendments as presented.
PASSES: 7 in favor with 2 opposed

NER

MOTION: I move we accept the Private Pond Rule Amendments as presented.
PASSES: Unanimous

Central Region RAC AGENDA – August 2023

1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair **ACTION**
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. 2024 Fishing Recommendations
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**
6. Private Pond Rule Amendments
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**

Regional Presentations Only

- NER Big Sand Wash reservoir Fisheries Management Plan Regional Update
- Trina Hendrick, NER Aquatics Manager **INFORMATIONAL**
- NER Flaming Gorge Fisheries Update
- Trina Hendrick, NER Aquatics Manager **INFORMATIONAL**

Central Region RAC Meeting
Summary of Motions
August 29, 2023
Springville, Utah

1) Approval of Agenda

The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Mike Christensen and passes unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

2) Approval of May 16, 2023 RAC Meeting Minutes

The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Mike Christensen and passes unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 Central Region RAC meeting as transcribed.

3) 2024 Fishing Recommendations

The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by John Ziegler and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the DWR recommendations as presented

4) Private Pond Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Bryce Castagnetto and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the DWR recommendations as presented

The following motion was made by Mike Christensen, seconded by Bryce Castagnetto and passed unanimously.

MOTION: Request the DWR to make presentations for all of the RAC's on "destination" water bodies

Central Region RAC Meeting

Attendance
August 29, 2023
Springville, Utah

RAC Members

Attending

Brock McMillan
Eric Reid
Josh Lenart – online
Mike Christensen
John Ziegler
Bryce Castagnetto
Kellen Hyer

Absent

Steve Lund
Luke Decker
Scott Jensen
Jim Shuler
Amos Murphy
Joshua Greenhalgh

Wildlife Board

Paula Richmond -- online
Gary Nielson

DWR Personnel

Jason Vernon
Sean Spencer
Chris Crockett

Randy Oplinger
Scott Root
Mike Christensen

Total members of the public in attendance: 6

Central Region RAC Meeting

August 29, 2023

Springville, Utah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIgw-lkv8mo>

06:06:22	RAC Chair Brock McMillan called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and indicated which UDWR personnel were present on the broadcast. He explained the process that there will be no live presentations and public comments will be taken during the meeting.
06:10:04	1) Approval of Agenda (Action) The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Mike Christensen and passed unanimously. MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
06:10:04	2) Approval of Minutes (Action) The following motion was made by Eric Reed, seconded by Mike Christensen and passed unanimously. MOTION: To approve the May 15th Central Region RAC minutes as transcribed.
06:10:45	3) Wildlife Board Meeting (Informational) RAC Chair Brock McMillan updated the RAC.
06:14:39	4) DWR Update (Informational) Jason Vernon updated the RAC on all regional activities.
06:24:41	5) 2024 Fishing Recommendations A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://youtu.be/N-uAZC92wKA
06:27:40	RAC Questions RAC members asked questions about the regulations of spearfishing in regards to bag limits, species identification, if additional licenses are required, and about the survey that was sent out to the public. Questions were also asked about crawdad regulations, Kokanee Regulations at Strawberry, Kokanee population size and stocking rate, The possibility of planting golden trout were also brought up. Public Questions None
06:51:31	Public Comments Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation. Public Comments Jeff Salt-Utah Anglers Coalition-Provided a letter of support of the proposed changes. Also support the changes to spearfishing. Encouraged the committee to vote in favor

	and pass it on to the wildlife board. Ken Strong- Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife- Agree with the changes and think they will be beneficial to those who spearfish. The group is in favor of the proposal.
06:54:27	RAC Discussion RAC members discussed the current regulations on spearfishing in regards to locations and the bag limits. Identification of fish while spearfishing was also discussed
07:16:00	2024 Fishing Recommendations MOTIONS The following motion was made by Eric Reid , seconded by John Ziegler. Passed unanimously MOTION: To accept the 2024 DWR recommendations as presented. Passed Unanimously
06:59:45	7) Private Ponds Rule Amendments A pre-recorded presentation was provided online on the Division website prior to the meeting: https://youtu.be/tx4SMOzllcQ
06:59:55	RAC Questions None Public Questions None
07:00:56	Public Comments Jason Vernon summarized public comments received from the online presentation. Public Comments Robert Judd- In the past when changes have been brought, the DWR goes to the private stockers with the new rules. That process did not take place this year. Would like to know the rules that were being proposed so they know what is happening in the community. Ken Strong- Sportsmen of Fishing and Wildlife- Support the changes. The DWR has tried to make it easier for fish producers to supply fish. Support the set up that is being proposed. Fully support the change. Jeff Salt- Utah Anglers Coalition- Support the rule change. Appreciates that the main thing changing is the wording to make the rule more clear. Supports the improvements and the language in regards to laws.
07:06:56	RAC Discussion RAC members discussed their concern that the private stockers weren't notified of the changes. Discussion to add regional presentations to all RAC meetings when

	destination waterbodies undergo changes.
07:10:08	Private Ponds Rule Amendments MOTIONS The following motion was made by Eric Reid, seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. Passed unanimously. MOTION: To accept the DWR recommendations as presented. The following motion was made by Mike Christensen. Seconded by Bryce Castagnetto. Passed unanimously. Motion: To request the DWR to make presentations for all of the RAC's on "destination" water bodies
07:15:33	Meeting adjourned.

Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 30, 2023

The meeting will stream live at, <https://youtube.com/live/4d79V5eoul0>

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- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
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3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
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- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. 2024 Fishing Recommendations
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**
6. Private Pond Rule Amendments
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**

Regional Presentations Only

Big Sand Wash Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan – NER Only **INFORMATIONAL**
– Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager

Flaming Gorge Fisheries Update – NER Only **INFORMATIONAL**
– Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager

Presentations can be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>

Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.

CR RAC – Aug 29, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtube.com/live/Rlgw-Ikv8mo>

NR RAC – Aug 30, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden
<https://youtube.com/live/4d79V5eoul0>

SR RAC – Sept 5, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield
<https://youtube.com/live/Gxw3Laum8Z0>

SER RAC – Sept 6, 6:00 PM
John Wesley Powel Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River
<https://youtube.com/live/FsqYKAQTBU>

NER RAC – Sept 7, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Room
318 North Vernal Ave., Vernal
<https://youtube.com/live/Un7-TT7IGfg>

Board Meeting – Sept 21st, 9:00 AM
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1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington
<https://youtube.com/live/0nnGmMWGNwE>

**Regional Advisory Council Meeting
Summary of Motions**

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

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Jaimi Butler and passed unanimous. (Jessica Wade was not present for the voting).

MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.

2) 2024 Fishing Recommendations (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Ross Worthington and passed unanimous.

MOTION: I move that we approve 2024 Fishing Recommendations as presented.

3) Private Pond Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison, seconded by Marshall Alford and passed FOR: 8 Against: 0 Abstain:1. Marshall Alfrod, No intersection with Forest Lands.

MOTION: I move that we Private Pond Rule Amendments as presented.

Northern Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 30, 2023

Attendance

Brad Buchanan – Chair
Ryan Brown Vice-Chair
Ben Nadolski- Exec Secretary

RAC Members

Marshall Alford
Jaimi Butler
James Carlson
Robert Dale

Randy Hutchison
Nikki Wayment-Online
Jessica Wade
Ross Worthington

Board Member

RAC Excused

David Earl
Junior Goring
Darren Parry
Casey Snider
Steve Sorensen

Division Personnel

Jodie Anderson
Randy Oplinger
Chris Penne
David Beveridge

Mike Christensen
Jim Christensen- Online
Daniel Olson-Online

Advisory Council Meeting

Aug 31, 2022

Minutes

- 00:03:49** **1)** Chairman Brad Buchanan called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience and reviewed the meeting procedures.
- 00:10:00** **2) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison seconded by Jaimi Butler and passed unanimous.
- MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes.**
- 00:10:50** **3) Update from past Wildlife Board Meetings by Brad Buchanan**
Links on website to view.
- 00:14:47** **4) Regional Update - Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor (Informational)**
Ben Nadolski updated the RAC on all regional activities.
RAC member Jaimi Butler added additional info regarding the Pelicans disappearing from Gunnison Island.
- 00:26:11** **Questions from RAC Members**
Cinnamon Creek WMA Management Plan.
- 00:27:59** **5) 2024 Fishing Recommendations (Action)**
Presentations were available at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>
Randy Oplinger addressed a few items that had been left out of the RAC Packet and proposed the addition of New Community Fishing waters in the state.
- 00:29:20** **Questions from RAC/Public**
Scuba gear putting disease into the waters. Purpose of spearfishing.

Questions from the Public

None

00:31:56 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

Ben Nadolski summarized the public comments received from the online presentation.

Public Comment

Jeff Salt- Utah Anglers Coalition-Support the rule change for spearfishing. Increased spearfishing opportunities. Believe that helping spearfishing communities, will address the problem of introduction of illegal species.

Ken Strong-Sportsman for Fish and Wildlife- Thanked the RAC for their service. SFW is in full support of the new proposal.

00:37:06 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

Randy Hutchison-More people that fish than hunt. Appreciate the efforts of the DWR.

Ross Worthington-Invasive species and being problematic. Stopping at Quagga stations with kayaks and paddle boards versus scuba equipment.

Ben Nadolski commented about the regulations for the use of equipment. Scuba gear doesn't tend to pull water. Lower risk.

Jaimi Butler- Complemented the DWR for their efforts.

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison seconded by Ross Worthington and Passes: Unanimous

MOTION: I move we approve 2024 Fishing Recommendations as presented.

00:43:46 6) Private Pond Rule Amendments (Action)

Presentations were available at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/agendas-materials-minutes.html>

Randy Oplinger made clarification of the agenda item.

Questions from RAC/Public

Species of fish in the Virgin River and not being native fish. Introducing fish that aren't native. Most non-native fish introductions aren't successful. Moving fish illegally. Regulating and possession limits on private ponds. DWR does not stock on private land. Private ponds go through an invasive species inspection every year. Being comfortable with stocking. Invasive species being treated.

Public Question

None

00:54:18 Electronic/Public Comment Report by Ben Nadolski, Regional Supervisor

No Electronic comments.

Public Comment

Jeff Salt- Utah Anglers Coalition- Support the rule change but are also being cautious. Triploid testing protocol. Support efforts to protect and the addition of language at the end of the rule that clarifies and reinforces what is already in statute. Protection of sport fish.

Ken Strong- Sportsman for Fish Wildlife- SFW is supportive of the rule. Utah is one of the best places to fish.

01:00:21 RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions

None

The following motion was made by Randy Hutchison seconded by Marshall Alford and Passes. For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 1- Marshall Alford- No intersection with Forest Lands.

MOTION: I move that we accept the recommendation Private Pond Recommendations as presented.

01:02: 04 Meeting adjourned.

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Southern Regional RAC Meeting

September 05, 2023

RAC Members

Attending

Austin Atkinson
Chuck Chamberlain
Dan Fletcher
Russell Gardner
Mike Grant
Bryant Johnson
Verland King
Tammy Pearson (Online)
Riley Roberts (Online)
Chad Utley (Online)

Absent

Travis Duran
Bart Battista

Wildlife Board

Paula Richmond

DWR Personnel

Kevin Bunnell	Craig Walker (Online)
Adam Kavalunas	Michael Christiansen
Paul Washburn	Terron Roberts
Nic Braithwaite	Sherry Gilge (Online)
Denise Gilgen (Online)	

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Public invited to join online: <https://youtube.com/live/RIqw-lkv8mo>

Southern Region RAC Meeting

September 05, 2023

Richfield, Utah

06:06:53	1) Rac Chairman Austin Atkinson called the meeting to order. He called the roll of RAC members and introduced new SRO RAC members.
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	<u>New Members:</u> • Russell Gardner, Agriculture • Mike Grant, Sportsment • Bryan Johnson, Public At Large There will be no live presentations during the meeting.
06:12:43	2) Approval Of Agenda and Minutes (Action) The following motion was made by Verland King, seconded by Dan Fletcher. MOTION: I move that we approve the Agenda and Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
06:13:16	3) Wildlife Board Meeting Update (Informational) RAC Chairman Austin Atkinson. • Motion to approve the Wild Turkey plan, passed unanimously. • Motion to accept the Upland Game recommendation as present, passed unanimously. • Under the Waterfowl Rule, in Swan recommendations, a motion was made to approve the amended recommendation to make the take of a Trumpeter Swan legal, the possession of a Trumpeter Swan illegal. That motion failed. • There was a follow-up motion stating that if the quota reaches 10 Trumpeter Swans taken on public shooting grounds then the Bear River Bird Refuge would close. That motion also failed. • A motion was made to approve the Division's original recommendations on Swans and this passed unanimously. • Motion to accept the Live Game Birds as presented and that passed. • Motion to approve the Collection, Importation and Possession Rule Amendments and that passed unanimously. • Motion to deny the CWMU variance request until the CWMU Committee makes their recommendation and then the variance can go through that process. That passed with a tiebreaker by the Chairman. • Motion made to accept the Translocation Management Plan for Desert Tortoise as presented by the Division, passed unanimously. • Just for information, the election of the Board Chairman was completed with Randy Dearth as Chairman and Gary Nielson as Vice-Chairman. • Follow-up meeting, after the orientation for the new members in August: Motion to accept the Expo permit audit as presented by the Division and that passed unanimously.

	• Motion to approve the Expo permit allocation for the following years and that passed as well.
06:16:06	RAC Questions: • Chuck Chamberlain: What was the original Swan recommendation made by the Division? • Austin Atkinson: Basically, take out the Trumpeter Swan and change everything to a Tundra Swan in the Rules and Regulations; therefore, making it illegal to harvest a Trumpeter Swan. So you could be cited for taking a Trumpeter Swan as I understand it. • Kevin Bunnell: That will be approached from an educational standpoint. At least initially from a Law Enforcement standpoint. • Paul Washburn: Officer discretion will be used heavily, depending on the circumstance. • Russell Gardner: As a new member, asked what the Wild Turkey plan entailed. • Austin Atkinson: Update to everything from how we conduct Spring and Fall hunts, how permits were allocated, how depredation issues were addressed. • Kevin Bunnell: There wasn't a huge change, just tweaked a little bit. Overall, it's very similar to how we've managed turkeys in the past. That plan is available online; however, he can get a copy to Russell if needed.
06:17:54	4) DWR Update (Informational) SRO Regional Supervisor Kevin Bunnell updated the RAC and audience on all regional activities and answered questions and concerns.
06:28:14	RAC Questions: • None.
06:28:40	5) 2024 Fishing Recommendations (Action) Craig Walker, Assistant Aquatic Section Chief over Sportfish Presented recommendations and answered questions. <u>Clarification and updates:</u> • Spearfish regulations changes. The division is recommending the suggested regulation changes be amended to include the

	addition of two new community fishing waters: The Pond at Poulter Preserve in West Haven and the new Roosevelt Community Fishery. These ponds aren't scheduled to open until 2024; however, we are proposing their addition to the list of community waters now. This will prevent us from having to go back to the RACs and the Wildlife Board for emergency regulation changes after they open.
06:30:09	RAC Questions: • Chuck Chamberlain: It is my understanding we didn't make any other changes to the Guidebook other than the Spearfishing and the addition of those two bodies of water. Is that correct? • Craig Walker: That is correct.
06:30:41	Public Questions: None.
06:30:48	Public Comments: Kevin Bunnell: (online comments): Question #1: Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the Utah Fishing Guidebook? • Strongly agree: 1 (50%) • Somewhat agree: 0 (0%) • Neither agree nor disagree: 1 (50%) • Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%) • Strongly disagree: 0 (0%) • Total votes: 2 • Weighted average: $[(0 * 1) + (0 * 2) + (1 * 3) + (0 * 4) + (1 * 5)] / 2 = 4$ • Chad Utley: Supports all recommendations, they seem like good changes. No comment cards received.
06:31:35	RAC Comments: • Chuck Chamberlain: I support the changes, they are good changes.
06:31:55	MOTIONS The following motion was made by Chad Utley, seconded by Mike Grant.

	MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendations as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
06:33:03	6) Private Pond Rule Amendments (Action) Craig Walker, Assistant Aquatic Section Chief over Sportfish Presented recommendations and answered questions. <u>Clarification and Updates:</u> Stocking of fish and private ponds in the Virgin River Drainage. In the original presentation we mentioned that we were working with the Virgin River Recovery program to identify additional species for stocking in the Virgin River Drainage. The recovery program consists of several federal and state partners working toward recovery of endangered fishes in the Virgin River Drainage. Since recording the presentation, DWR has formalized a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with that recovery program. We mentioned in our presentation that once that agreement was completed, it was likely the DWR would propose allowing the stocking of two to four additional species of fish into private ponds in the Virgin River Drainage. In our revised agreement with the recovery program, DWR would now like to formally propose allowing the stocking of Wiper, Black Crappie, Triploid Grass Carp, and Tiger Trout in the Virgin River Drainage in addition to Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass and Bluegill that are already allowed private ponds in the drainage. Clarification regarding Utah's private Aquaculture industries opportunity to review the Private Pond Rule. During the review process, DWR introduce the proposed rule to the private Aquaculture industry before the RAC and Wildlife Board meetings and provided the industry with the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed changes. We did this by providing the rule change as an informational item at a Fish Health Policy Board public meeting. These meetings are the primary forum for Utah's private Aquaculture industry to gather and discuss issues within the State; therefore, DWR felt presenting at a board meeting provided the best opportunity to discuss the rule with the industry members. Additionally, representatives from two of the three established private Aquaculture facilities in Utah attended the meeting when the proposed rule changes were presented. Both expressed

	support for the modifications at that time. Neither of those industry representatives have expressed concerns since that meeting.
06:35:49	RAC Questions: • Chuck Chamberlain: Yes, Craig, will you please repeat those four species? • Craig Walker: Wiper, Black Crappie, Triploid Grass Carp, and Tiger Trout and that's in addition to Rainbow Trout, Largemouth Bass and Bluegill. • Verland King: Did I hear you say that two out of the three, does that mean that there are three private Trout producers in the State? • Craig Walker: That's correct. • Verland King: Do you know, historically, how many there used to be in the late 1990's early 2000's? • Craig Walker: Off the top of my head I think there were upwards of four or five. Due to Whirling Disease we ended up with a lesser amount. • Verland King: Are these producers required to raise sterile Trout? • Craig Walker: No, in fact they are not required to raise sterile Trout at all. There's ample opportunities to stock fertile Trout across the state. We do encourage and require sterile fish to be stocked in areas where we've invested upward of tens of millions of dollars in Cutthroat conservation over the past 30-40 years, but there are plenty of areas across the state where fertile Trout can be stocked. • Verland King: By a private producer? • Craig Walker: In a private pond by a private producer. Yes. • Verland King: You are wanting to change this from a what to a Class A Misdemeanor? If you're fish get away? • Craig Walker: We are in a situation now where it's a little ambiguous to what the enforceability of the law is. We added clarification regarding what we would do in the way of prosecution. Right now, the code language actually is of benefit to the growers. The DWR has to charge growers with a Class A Misdemeanor or a Class B Misdemeanor for any violation. The inclusion of the code language in the rule provides DWR law enforcement the latitude to apply lesser charges due to earlier warnings and infractions. Before it was pretty much mandated that they received either a Class A Misdemeanor or Class B Misdemeanor.

	• Verland King: How long have you been in this position and over this area? Have you been in Utah all of your life? Give me some history on you. • Craig Walker: I've been in Utah for 23 years. As a Fish Biologist, then Fisheries Manager, then a Fish Coordinator and now as the Assistant Chief of Fisheries. I started off working in Price in the Southeastern Region working with Cutthroat Trout and Native Species and worked through Habitat issues and Fish issues as a Coordinator in Salt Lake and now I'm the Assistant Chief over Sportfish.
06:40:07	Public Questions: None.
06::00	Public Comments: Kevin Bunnell: (online comments): One from the Utah Angler's Coalition: Question #2: Which best describes your position regarding the proposed changes to the private pond rule? • Strongly agree: 1 (100%) • Somewhat agree: 0 (0%) • Neither agree nor disagree: 0 (0%) • Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%) • Strongly disagree: 0 (0%) • Total votes: 1 • Weighted average: $[(0 * 1) + (0 * 2) + (0 * 3) + (0 * 4) + (1 * 5)] / 1 = 5$ Question #3: Which best describes your position regarding the Big Sand Wash Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan? • Strongly agree: 0 (0%) • Somewhat agree: 0 (0%) • Neither agree nor disagree: 0 (0%) • Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%) • Strongly disagree: 0 (0%) • Total votes: 0

	• Weighted average: $[(0 * 1) + (0 * 2) + (0 * 3) + (0 * 4) + (0 * 5)] / 0 = \text{N/A}$ Question #4: Which best describes your position regarding the Flaming Gorge Reservoir fishery update? • Strongly agree: 0 (0%) • Somewhat agree: 0 (0%) • Neither agree nor disagree: 0 (0%) • Somewhat disagree: 0 (0%) • Strongly disagree: 0 (0%) • Total votes: 0 • Weighted average: $[(0 * 1) + (0 * 2) + (0 * 3) + (0 * 4) + (0 * 5)] / 0 = \text{N/A}$ • Austin Atkinson: There are no comment cards from the public.
06:40:38	RAC Comments: • Verland King: The reason I asked how long you were in your position is that when I moved back to Utah from Colorado in the 1980's, in 1988, there were at least six private pond producers in Wayne County. And, that does count a couple that used to be in Sevier County. Through the years, this Whirling Disease – or non-disease, has given you guys, the Division of Ag and Food, the opportunity to push these guys out of business. My father and brother-in-law was one of them. Their Trout business was very lucrative. And, they've never tested positive for Whirling Disease in a private lab. The State of Utah, DWR, and Department of Ag have shut down all six of these producers for Whirling Disease; however, both hatcheries, Freemont and the hatchery in the Bicknell Bottoms have never tested positive for Whirling Disease. • Where you've whittled them down to three, they're probably pretty sensitive on what they talk to you about because you've put everybody else out of business. Now, you're wanting to put a Class A Misdemeanor, which bumps it up from I don't know what, whatever a Class A Misdemeanor is – I don't understand, I haven't studied all of that, but the history of private producer in Utah has been regulated out of business. Sore spot for me as my family was put a lot of money into it and were regulated out of business. Hates to see more regulations imposed. We've talked about it before on this RAC, we are getting more and more regulations. A few of us on the RAC have tried to keep regulations at a minimum. And you guys have a hard time enforcing all of these regulations in my opinion.

- We were producing fish and hauling them to Colorado and California and a few to ponds here.
- PCR test – experience with this in the livestock industry. We were told we could test Bulls any more for Tric, so we went to the PCR test. I sent in a Bull that I observed with Tric, I sent in a sample and it came back negative. I have a hard time trusting the PCR test. I called them and told them the sample had Tric in it, so they back off and ultimately found it. Hopefully, the PCR test has come a long way, but I still have a hard time testing it.
- It common knowledge the private producers can produce fish cheaper than the DWR.
- Hates to see more regulation and higher classes of fine when a flood comes through and fish get washed away.
- **Chuck Chamberlain:** Thought it was already a Class A Misdemeanor. Did I miss something?
- **Craig Walker:** It was already a Class A Misdemeanor. The way things were written in Code and Rule did not jive. This was an effort to make sure those two things did jive. These were written to put language in there to have some flexibility for first time offenders, such as warnings, infractions, rather than automatically jumping into a Class A Misdemeanor type of situation. Allowing And to make sure it was enforceable from a law enforcement standpoint.
- **Kevin Bunnell:** This rule change is actually reducing regulations and adding species. This is a move to remove restrictions and move in the direction Verland would like to see. Identifying when private pond owners don't need a permit or COR. Understands the industry is a lot different now than it was 30 years ago. Knows the history and appreciates Verland's comments and concerns.
- **Craig Walker:** We are not in an adversarial role with our relationship with the growers in the State. In the long game we're going to probably need to partner with our growers in the State on some fronts to provide the fish that we need. Right now, pour private growers for cold water species, Trout specifically, are providing those to private pond owners. This rule is designed is designed to make it easier for private pond owners to discern what they can and cannot stock in their ponds. Better for eas of

	use when they're going out and securing a permit for their ponds. It gives our partners in the private growers greater ability to sell fish as Kevin mentioned. There isn't a requirement for sterility; however, there are areas where we do require sterile fish. Areas where we've invested millions of dollars in Cutthroat conservation. We have greater enforceability that we feel will provide greater protection against introduction of fertile fish where we have Cutthroat fish concerns. • Tammy Pearson: To Verland's point. Is there going to be room for growth and adding new growers in the private sector in the future. Partial to the little guy and the Ag side of things. • Craig Walker: Yes. What species are going to be possible is probably going to change. DWR is struggling internally and having some tough conversations about what our hatchery system is going to be producing in the next 5, 10, 20 years as groundwater dwindles, water temperatures warm and our ability to stock Trout, specifically, in certain waters is going by the wayside. • Similarly, we are looking to partner with private growers. Moving forward to stock warm and cool water species, species that the DWR resources needs. • Tammy Pearson: What would be the process and timeline in looking into that kind of thing. Where would someone start with that kind of thing. I realize that Wayne County and one in Beaver County years ago that did very well until they didn't. What's the process for them possibly coming back into business. • Craig Walker: Any one of the fish producers we're going to work with will need to adhere to the same standards as we do. • We aren't going to jeopardize the management, conservation and recovery of fish in Utah, that's not the game we are in. However, we do recognize that we have a valuable partner in private growers, specifically, because they have water and they have space. That's something that is a limited commodity in Utah. Something the DWR has a limited opportunity to produce with our 12-13 facilities across the state. • The process would look like us getting together, coming up with a list of species we are looking to produce, and sitting down with growers and talking through that. What do they have in the way of water temperatures? Cubic feet per second? How much flow
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	they have, how many pounds can they raise, how many fish can they raise? We are in a conversation with Ryan Christensen in Newcastle who has been growing Wiper for us for almost 10 years. We are now producing Wiper ourselves. We are looking to pivot and move forward with him rearing alternative species. So yes, there is room for us to partner with private growers as long as we're working together to address the management, conservation and recovery needs of the State.
06:53:40	MOTIONS: The following motion was made by Chuck Chamberlain, seconded by Russell Gardner. MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's private pond rule amendments as presented. Motion passed 8-1 (Verland King – does not agree with more regulations and what DWR has done historically to put people out of business)
06:58:05	Meeting adjourned. Tammy Pearson made motion to adjourn, seconded by Verland King. Passed unanimously.

RAC AGENDA – September 2023



1. Welcome, RAC Introductions and RAC Procedure
- RAC Chair
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
- RAC Chair
3. Wildlife Board Meeting Update
- RAC Chair **INFORMATIONAL**
4. Regional Update
- DWR Regional Supervisor **INFORMATIONAL**
5. 2024 Fishing Recommendations
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**
6. Private Pond Rule Amendments
- Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator **ACTION**

Regional Presentations Only

Big Sand Wash Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan – NER Only **INFORMATIONAL**
– Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager

Flaming Gorge Fisheries Update – NER Only **INFORMATIONAL**
– Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager

Presentations can be viewed at <https://wildlife.utah.gov/feedback.html>
Public Comment can be provided by clicking the link under the presentation.

CR RAC – August 29th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resource Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville
<https://youtube.com/live/Rlgw-lkv8mo>

SER RAC – September 6th, 6:00 PM
John Wesley Powell Museum 1765
E. Main St., Green River
https://youtube.com/live/FsqY_KAQTBU

NR RAC – August 30th, 6:00 PM
Weber County Commission Chambers 2380
Washington Blvd. #240, Ogden
<https://youtube.com/live/4d79V5eoul0>

NER RAC – September 7th, 6:00 PM
Wildlife Resources Conference Rm
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal
<https://youtube.com/live/Un7-TT7IGfg>

SR RAC – September 5th, 6:00 PM
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield
<https://youtube.com/live/Gxw3Laum8Z0>

Board Meeting – September 21st, 9:00 AM Eccles
Wildlife Education Center 1157 S.
Waterfowl Way, Farmington
<https://youtube.com/live/0nnGmMWGNwE>

The meeting was streamed live at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FsqY_KAQTBU

Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 6, 2023
Summary of Motions

1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Action)

The following motion was made by Brad Richman, seconded by Kirk Player and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda and minutes from the last meeting.

2) 2024 Fishing Recommendations

The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Dana Truman and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I'll make a motion to accept the recommendations as proposed.

3) Private Pond Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by Kirk Player, seconded by Cash Stallings and passed 7-2 (Sunshine and Charles opposed).

MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendations as outlined.

**Southeastern Regional Advisory Council Meeting
September 6, 2023
Attendance**

RAC Members

Eric Luke – Chair
Dana Truman – Vice-Chair
Chris Wood – Exec Secretary

Darren Olsen
Charles Fischer
Brad Richman
Cash Stallings

Sunshine Brosi
Scoot Flannery
Tyler Gilson
Kirk Player

Board Member

Kent Johnson

RAC Excused

Steve Duke
Joe Sacco

Lynn Sitterud
Justin Ivins

Jack Cantsee

Division Personnel

JD Abbott

Brandon Behling

Mike Christensen

**Regional Advisory County Meeting
September 6, 2023
Minutes**

- 00:00:00** **1)** Chairman Eric Luke called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and had Chris Wood introduce the new RAC Members.
- 00:05:15** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**
The following motion was made by Brad Richman, seconded by Kirk Player and passed unanimously.

MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda and minutes from the last meeting.
- 00:05:50** **3) Wildlife Board Meeting update by Eric Luke (Informational)**
- 00:10:55** **4) Regional Update – Chris Wood (Informational)**
Chris Wood updated the RAC on all regional activities.
- 00:21:36** **5) 2024 Fishing Recommendations (Action)**
Craig Walker
- 00:24:16** **RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

The following motion was made by Charles Fischer, seconded by Dana Truman and passed unanimously.
- 00:30:07** MOTION: I'll make a motion to accept the recommendations as proposed.
- 00:31:00** **6) Private Pond Rule Amendments (Action)**
Craig Walker
- 00:34:00** **Questions from the RAC**
Sunshine and Charles had questions
- 00:37:30** **RAC discussion/Division Clarification and Motions**

The following motion was made by Kirk Player, seconded by Cash Stallings and passed 7-2 (Sunshine and Charles opposed).
- 00:42:12** MOTION: I move that we accept the Division's recommendations as outlined.
- 00:47:05** **Meeting adjourned**

Northeastern Region RAC Meeting

September 7, 2023

RAC Members

Attending

Eric Major- Acting Chair
Grizz Oleen
Nathan Crapo
Jake Huber

Natasha Hadden
Richard Buhler
Dusty Carpenter

Absent

Brad Horrocks
Mark Chynoweth
Ritchie Anderson
Rebekah Jones

Malarik Harrison

Ute Tribe Not Present

Tim Ignacio

Wildlife Board Members Present

Randy Dearth

DWR Personnel Present

Miles Hanberg
Torrey Christophersen
Tonya Kieffer-Selby
Trina Hedrick
Ryan Mosley
Jordon Detlor
Randy Oplinger
Mike Christensen
Rose Fedelleck-remote

Northeast Region RAC Meeting
September 7, 2023
Vernal, Utah
Summary of Motions

Approval of Minutes

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Jake Huber, and passed unanimously:

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

2024 Fishing Recommendations

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Grizz Oleen, and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.

Private Pond Rule Amendments

The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden seconded by Jake Huber and passed unanimously.

MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.

Election of RAC and Co-Chairman

The following motion was made by Dusty Carpenter. No vote was taken at this time Miles Hanberg will send an email to RAC members for a vote.

MOTION: To elect Grizz Oleen as RAC Chair and Eric Major as Co-Chair.

Eric Major will continue as the temporary RAC Chair

06:03:00	RAC Chair Brett Prevedel called the meeting to order. RAC Members introduced themselves. Welcomed DWR employees.
06:11:52	1) <u>Approval of Minutes</u> The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Jake Huber. MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
6:12:25	3) <u>Wildlife Board Meeting Update</u> (Informational) Miles Hanberg updated the RAC.
6:14:38	4) <u>DWR Regional update</u> (Informational) Miles Hanberg updated the RAC on all regional activities.
6:25:46	5) <u>2024 Fishing Recommendations</u> Presented by Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator
6:30:00	RAC Questions & Comments Goals of Roosevelt Community Fishery-Trina Hedrick & Tonya Selby Elaborated on species of fish introduced. Is spearfishing popular in the Basin? Randy Oplinger elaborated –about 1% Service opportunities at community fisheries.
6:33:40	Public Questions and Comments: No public comments. Online comments are mostly in support. SFW-Kent Strong congratulates the region on youth hunts and supports the Division's recommendations.
06:34:51	The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden, seconded by Grizz Oleen, and passed unanimously. MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.
06:35:12	6) <u>Private Lands Pond Amendments</u> Presented by Randy Oplinger, Sportfish Coordinator

06:37:01	RAC Questions and comments: Are the fish sterile, what size of fish are stocked? Randy Oplinger elaborates that only Black crappies are sterile.
06:38:00	Public Questions and Comments: Public comments in support. Kent Strong representing- SFW is behind the Division's recommendations.
06:42:33	The following motion was made by Natasha Hadden seconded by Jake Huber and passed unanimously. 6) MOTION: To accept as presented by the Division.
06:43:15	Big Sand Wash Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan – NER Only INFORMATIONAL – Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager
06:45:15	RAC discussion concerning access at Big Sand Wash.
06:49:02	Flaming Gorge Fisheries Update – NER Only INFORMATIONAL – Trina Hedrick, NER Aquatics Manager
06:50:00	RAC discussion concerning fishing conditions at Flaming Gorge.
06:56:20	<u>Election of RAC and Co-Chairman</u> RAC discussion on duties of RAC Chair. The following motion was made by Dusty Carpenter. No vote was taken at this time Miles Hanberg will send an email to RAC members for a vote. MOTION: To elect Grizz Oleen as RAC Chair and Eric Major as Co-Chair. Eric Major will continue as the temporary RAC Chair.
7:09:00	The following motion was made by Grizz Oleen and seconded by Dusty Carpenter and passed unanimously. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

2023 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Carry Over Project Revenue	New Project Revenue 2023	Interest & Donations	Total Project Revenue Available	Project Expenditures	Remaining Project Funds/ Adjusted Bank Balance
MDF	\$ 931,295.77	\$ 1,257,390.00	\$ 4,425.11	\$ 2,193,110.88	\$ 1,044,513.32	\$ 1,148,597.56
NWTF	\$ 217,046.75	\$ 232,170.00	\$ -	\$ 449,216.75	\$ 127,088.09	\$ 322,128.66
RMEF	\$ 29,201.12	\$ 399,750.00	\$ -	\$ 428,951.12	\$ 349,660.30	\$ 79,290.82
SCI	\$ 210,455.19	\$ 195,630.00	\$ 35,080.32	\$ 441,165.51	\$ 406,839.29	\$ 34,326.22
SFW	\$ 1,517,747.31	\$ 1,731,570.00	\$ 32.01	\$ 3,249,349.32	\$ 1,688,389.14	\$ 1,560,960.18
UAA	\$ 91,320.00	\$ 106,605.00	\$ -	\$ 197,925.00	\$ 79,236.00	\$ 118,689.00
UHA	\$ 22,203.40	\$ 19,230.00	\$ 15.04	\$ 41,448.44	\$ -	\$ 41,448.44
UWSF	\$ 809,983.76	\$ 624,420.00	\$ 4.97	\$ 1,434,408.73	\$ 378,782.00	\$ 1,055,626.73
WCF	\$ 34,695.00	\$ 34,980.00	\$ -	\$ 69,675.00	\$ -	\$ 69,675.00
<i>Total</i>	\$ 3,863,948.30	\$ 4,601,745.00	\$ 39,557.45	\$ 8,505,250.75	\$ 4,074,508.14	\$ 4,430,742.61

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$1,096,320.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$1,887.44
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$26,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$33,500.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2022	\$37,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2023	\$33,500.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2023	\$20,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2023	\$15,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2023	\$18,850.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2023	\$10,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2023	\$2,250.00
5634 Mount Pleasant Twin Creek Habitat Improvement Project	2023	\$8,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$26,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2023	\$25,000.00
5658 South Manti Big Game Summer Range Restoration	2023	\$50,000.00
5685 Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2023	\$10,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2023	\$5,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2023	\$15,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2023	\$10,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2023	\$4,550.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2023	\$6,500.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,411.50
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2023	\$15,589.50
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2023	\$15,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2023	\$30,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2023	\$40,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2023	\$30,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$350,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$4,000.00
6175 FY23 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Managem	2023	\$17,152.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$16,129.56
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$1,096,320.00

	2022 Revenue	\$1,241,190.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$63,870.44
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$200,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$625.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$23,184.29

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5901 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project	2023	\$70,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$180,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$15,460.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$11,500.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$13,850.50
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$70,000.00
6738 MDF Stewardship Position FY24	2024	\$80,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$35,625.00
6206 Coldwater Canyon WMA Boundary Fence	2024	\$10,000.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$7,500.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$36,440.00
6506 North Zone Aspen Restoration- Surveys	2024	\$100,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$10,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$20,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$80,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$60,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$35,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$25,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$2,926.77

All 2022 Funds Expended	\$1,241,190.00
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	2023 Revenue	\$1,257,390.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$12,073.23
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$47,500.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$20,000.00
6511 Yellowjacket Monument Knoll	2024	\$13,019.21
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$10,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$6,200.00

2023 Funds Expended	\$108,792.44
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Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$1,148,597.56
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Remaining Balance	\$1,148,597.56
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National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$120,006.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$2,273.72
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$3,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$3,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$4,000.00
5204 Deer Springs wildlife habitat and fuels reduction	2022	\$4,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2022	\$3,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$2,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$2,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$3,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$5,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$6,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$25,500.00
5910 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$10,000.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5955 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-23	2023	\$2,500.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$1,732.28
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$120,006.00

	2022 Revenue	\$189,525.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,267.72
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$10,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$1,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpnickle Habitat Restoration Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$2,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$5,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$2,500.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$3,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$20,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5938 Mill Creek (Moab) Restoration Partnership 3	2023	\$3,000.00
5971 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$5,000.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$2,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$4,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$1,298.62
2022 Funds Expended		\$99,566.34

Remaining 2022 Revenue \$89,958.66

2023 Revenue \$232,170.00

Remaining Balance \$322,128.66

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$380,040.00
5631 Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$5,656.65
5455 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$7,500.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$10,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,254.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stew	2022	\$6,809.28
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2022	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2022	\$5,000.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2022	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$10,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5722 Sevier plateau guzzlers	2022	\$7,500.00
5781 Kiln and Smith Springs Development project	2022	\$5,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$217,320.07
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$380,040.00

	2022 Revenue	\$409,200.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$292,721.05
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$1,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$10,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$13,339.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$10,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$16,439.90
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$2,500.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$2,300.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$900.05
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$409,200.00

	2023 Revenue	\$399,750.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$10,000.00
5952 Valley Mountains (South Valley)	2023	\$4,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$2,700.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$10,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$30,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$10,750.00

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,500.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$15,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$5,000.00
6520 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	\$2,500.00
6545 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$10,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$20,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$7,500.00
6535 Levan WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY24	2024	\$7,500.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$25,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$8,500.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$30,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$10,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$5,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$7,009.18
2023 Funds Expended		\$320,459.18
Remaining 2023 Revenue		\$79,290.82
Remaining Balance		\$79,290.82

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$213,960.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$3,797.99
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$10,000.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2021	\$5,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00
5270 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$10,000.00
5278 Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,500.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$3,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$16,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$5,000.00
5325 Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$3,000.00
5367 South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$10,000.00
5379 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$3,000.00
5406 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$13,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$5,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2021	\$4,000.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2021	\$2,500.00
5300 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2021	\$5,000.00
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2021	\$4,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2021	\$2,500.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2021	\$3,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$330.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$2,170.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2021	\$5,000.00
5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5555 Montes Creek WMA Improvements Phase II	2021	\$13,121.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2021	\$2,500.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2021	\$4,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2021	\$2,500.00
5581 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 6	2021	\$5,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2021	\$2,500.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2021	\$1,541.01
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$213,960.00

	2022 Revenue	\$210,450.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,000.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$5,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$5,000.00

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$40,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$10,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$500.00
5957 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project FY-23	2023	\$8,200.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$5,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpnickle Habitat Restoration Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$5,000.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$10,000.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$5,000.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$5,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$1,750.00
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$210,450.00

	2023 Revenue	\$195,630.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$15,550.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5920 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	\$5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$15,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$1,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$55,000.00
6533 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration FY-24	2024	\$15,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$29,753.78
2023 Funds Expended		\$161,303.78

Remaining 2023 Revenue \$34,326.22

Remaining Balance \$34,326.22

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$1,359,635.40
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$19,301.04
5806 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator	2022	\$18,400.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$1,000,000.00
6185 Book Cliffs Stray Livestock Management Phase II	2022	\$170,200.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$73,570.24
6199 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY23	2023	\$18,400.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$30,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$7,549.62
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$1,359,635.40

	2022 Revenue	\$1,648,306.80
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$12,450.38
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$46,036.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$77,897.00
5891 Vernal Municipal Watershed Restoration Project Phase 1	2023	\$10,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$75,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$10,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$8,350.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$25,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$30,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$20,000.00
5890 Ott's Canyon Habitat Project	2023	\$4,500.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$35,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$50,000.00
5955 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-23	2023	\$5,950.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$15,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$40,800.50
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$3,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$10,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$10,051.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$20,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$6,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$50,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$25,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$18,323.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$8,100.00
5982 Fifty-Mile Bench Catchment Maintenance/Improvement	2023	\$3,550.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$15,000.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$25,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$15,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$3,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$25,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$50,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$200,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$10,000.00

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6080 South Bookcliffs Phase 10 (San Arroyo Bullhog)	2023	\$30,000.00
6115 Mechanical Shrub Transplanter	2023	\$20,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$181,609.00
6211 Desert bighorn sheep nursery facility upgrades and maintenance	2023	\$50,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6754 Utah SFW partnering with WAFWA Deer & Elk Workshop	2023	\$7,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$25,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$13,850.50
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$61,750.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$35,625.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$21,250.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$25,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$10,000.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$17,017.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$5,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$30,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$10,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$4,381.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$4,497.92
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$1,648,306.80

	2023 Revenue	\$1,731,570.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24		\$5,502.08
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3		\$20,620.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24		\$5,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24		\$10,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24		\$25,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24		\$5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)		\$25,000.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24		\$5,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248		\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa		\$15,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II		\$42,500.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2		\$1,987.74
2023 Funds Expended		\$170,609.82

Remaining 2023 Revenue \$1,560,960.18

Remaining Balance \$1,560,960.18

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,000.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$3,114.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$2,500.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$5,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepecreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$1,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$2,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$2,500.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$4,622.00
	2022 Funds Expended	\$79,236.00
	Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$12,084.00
	2023 Revenue	\$106,605.00
	Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$106,605.00
	Remaining Balance	\$118,689.00

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
Remaining Balance	\$41,448.44

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$512,040.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$39,426.03
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$18,584.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$75,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$100,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$10,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$10,052.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$25,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5982 Fifty-Mile Bench Catchment Maintenance/Improvement	2023	\$15,000.00
6105 South Hans Pumpnickel Arch Survey Project	2023	\$350.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$10,000.00
5827 Price Slashing	2023	\$9,059.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$10,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6202 Nevada Bighorn Sheep Capture	2023	\$32,327.00
6211 Desert bighorn sheep nursery facility upgrades and maintenance	2023	\$50,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6804 Interagency Bighorn Outreach Coordinator	2023	\$19,741.97
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$512,040.00
	2022 Revenue	\$594,000.00
6804 Interagency Bighorn Outreach Coordinator	2023	\$45,258.03
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool (RADD Tool), A tool for Industry, Develop	2024	\$20,000.00
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$10,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$5,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$21,250.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$2,500.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$2,500.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$34,460.24
2022 Funds Expended		\$162,793.27
Remaining 2022 Revenue		\$431,206.73
	2023 Revenue	\$624,420.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue		\$624,420.00
Remaining Balance		\$1,055,626.73

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
2023 Revenue	\$34,980.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$34,980.00
Remaining Balance	\$69,675.00



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September 8, 2023

To: Randy Dearth, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
Gary Nielson, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Mule Deer Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for MDF was Jeremy Snitker. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was allocated 78 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 30 permits sold, which were later reconciled against MDF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$2,095,650.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$209,565.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$628,695.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,257,390.00
• Carry-over funds	\$931,295.77
• Interest	\$4,425.11
Subtotal	\$2,193,110.88
• Less FY23/24 WRI project payments	(\$1,044,513.32)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$1,148,597.56



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,362,877.56
• Adjustment(s)	(\$214,280.00)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,148,597.56

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$209,565.00)
Available to be removed (over deposit from 2023)	(\$4,715.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$214,280.00)

We sincerely thank MDF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the National Wild Turkey Federation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for NWTf was Tara Moon. All information requested was promptly provided. NWTf was allocated 32 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 3 permits sold, which were later reconciled against NWTf permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$386,950.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$38,695.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$116,085.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$232,170.00
• Carry-over funds	\$217,046.75
• Interest	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$449,216.75
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$127,088.09)
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$322,128.66



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$593,880.75
Adjustment(s)	(\$271,752.09)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$322,128.66

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were five adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1037 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$116,085.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$38,695.00)
Overpayment of 2022 funds and bank fees to be deposited	\$116.00
Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period (will be verified in 2024 Audit)	\$10,000.00
Check #1039 to DWR (FY24 WRI project payments)	(\$127,088.09)
Total Adjustment(s)	\$271,752.09

We sincerely thank NWTf for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contacts for RMEF was Katelynn Presser. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was allocated 29 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 11 permits sold, which were later reconciled against RMEF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$666,250.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$66,625.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$199,875.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$399,750.00
• Carry-over funds	\$29,201.12
Subtotal	\$428,951.12
• Less Emergency Deer Feeding	(\$50,000.00)
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$299,660.30)
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$79,290.82



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$79,290.82
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$79,290.82

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account.

We sincerely thank RMEF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Safari Club International (SCI)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Safari Club International has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for SCI was Isaac Erickson. All information requested was promptly provided. SCI was allocated 27 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 19 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SCI permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$326,050.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$32,605.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$97,815.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$195,630.00
• Carry-over funds	\$210,455.19
• Interest	\$5.32
• 2021 10% to be donated to projects	35,075.00
Subtotal	\$441,165.51
• Less FY23/FY24 WRI project payments	(\$406,839.29)
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$34,326.22



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$57,149.72
Adjustment(s)	(\$22,823.50)
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$34,326.22

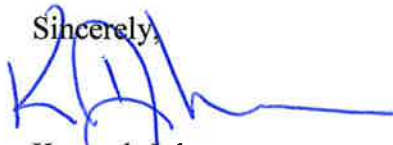
Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There was one adjustment identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$22,823.50)
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$22,823.50)

We sincerely thank SCI for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for SFW was Angie Wonnacott. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was allocated 96 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 58 permits sold, which were later reconciled against SFW permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$2,885,950.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$288,595.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$865,785.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$1,731,570.00
• Carry-over funds	\$1,517,747.31
• Interest donated to projects	\$32.01
Subtotal	\$3,249,349.32
• Less FY22 WRI project payments	(\$1,014,485.88)
• Less FY23 WRI project payments	(\$131,609.00)
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$542,294.26)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$1,560,960.18



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,465,675.18
• Adjustment(s)	\$95,285.00
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,560,960.18

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Permit proceeds deposited outside of audit period (will verify in 2024 Audit)	\$94,025.00
Overpayment of 2023 30% (Donated to projects)	\$1,260.00
Total Adjustment(s)	\$95,285.00

We sincerely thank SFW for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Archery Association (UAA)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Archery Association has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contacts for UAA was Kris Marble. All information requested was promptly provided. UAA was allocated 9 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 9 permits, which were later reconciled against UAA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$177,675.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$17,767.50)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$53,302.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$106,605.00
• Carry-over funds	\$91,320.00
Subtotal	\$197,925.00
• Less FY23 project payments	(\$79,236.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$118,689.00



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$189,759.00
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$71,070.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$118,689.00

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #0004 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$53,302.50)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$17,767.50)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$71,070.00)

We sincerely thank UAA for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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To: Randy Dearth, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Houndsmen Association has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contacts for UHA was Jared Dearth. All information requested was promptly provided. UHA was allocated 4 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 4 permits sold, which were later reconciled against UHA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$32,050.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$3,205.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$9,615.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$19,230.00
• Carry-over funds	\$22,203.40
• Interest	\$15.04
Subtotal	\$41,448.44
• Less project payments	\$0.00
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$41,448.44



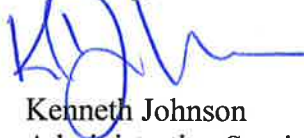
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$41,448.44
• Adjustment(s)	\$0.00
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$41,448.44

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were no adjustments identified through the reconciliation process.

We sincerely thank UHA for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for UWSF was Travis Jenson. All information requested was promptly provided. UWSF was allocated 20 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 14 permits, which were later reconciled against UAA permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$1,040,700.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$104,070.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$312,210.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$624,420.00
• Carry-over funds	\$809,983.76
• Interest	\$4.97
Subtotal	\$1,434,408.73
• Less FY24 WRI project payments	(\$378,782.00)
Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$1,055,626.73



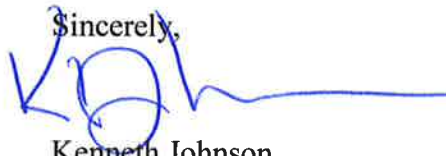
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,367,836.73
• Adjustment(s)	<u>(\$312,210.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$1,055,626.73

Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There was one adjustment identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1032 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	<u>(\$312,210.00)</u>
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$312,210.00)

We sincerely thank UWSF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2023 Conservation Permit Internal Audit
Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF)

Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation has been conducted. This audit was not performed using generally accepted auditing standards, but is an internal audit designed by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our audit focused on verifying that permit revenues were accurately reported to the Division, collected funds were promptly deposited into a separate and secure bank account, project expenditures were approved prior to performance, and permit revenues were allocated to projects within two years of being collected.

Overview

The contact for WCF was Kevin Richens. All information requested was promptly provided. WCF was allocated 17 of the 312 permits for 2023. At the time of sale, Division staff independently verified auction prices of 8 permits, which were later reconciled against WCF permit sales reporting. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue	\$58,300.00
• Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$5,830.00)
• Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$17,490.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$34,980.00
• Carry-over funds	\$34,695.00
• Subtotal	\$69,675.00
Less project payments	\$0.00
• Total Funds Remaining for Projects	\$69,675.00



Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$93,925.00
Adjustment(s)	(\$24,250.00)
• Adjusted Bank Balance	\$69,675.00

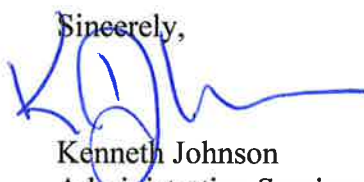
Findings and Recommendations

All 2023 projects were properly approved, and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1003 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds)	(\$17,490.00)
Available to be removed (10% of permit proceeds)	(\$5,830.00)
Bank fees (to be covered by WCF)	\$70.00
Initial account deposit (can be removed from account)	(\$1,000.00)
Total Adjustment(s)	(\$24,250.00)

We sincerely thank WCF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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UTAH'S CONSERVATION PERMIT PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT



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Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Annual Report — Fiscal Year 2023

Utah's Conservation Permit Program benefits all Utah hunters. What started in the early 1980s as a creative approach to raise needed funds for wildlife conservation has blossomed into a well-regulated program that raises millions of dollars each year. Those dollars are then invested back into wildlife conservation. This novel approach to funding conservation has allowed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to seize opportunities, grow the state's wildlife populations and improve wildlife management.

Origins of Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Historical accounts and archeological evidence indicate that bighorn sheep were once abundant across much of Utah, but in the early 1970s, many of Utah's bighorn sheep populations were struggling or had altogether disappeared. There was a very limited distribution of desert bighorn across southern Utah. Biologists observed large tracts of unoccupied desert bighorn sheep habitat and, at the same time, became concerned about the many desert bighorn concentrated in Canyonlands National Park. Wildlife managers recognized that the high bighorn densities in Canyonlands were not sustainable. Those excess bighorn presented wildlife managers with both an opportunity and a dilemma.



The excess bighorn in Canyonlands provided an opportunity to establish new populations and augment other struggling herds, but how could a large-scale, expensive translocation project fit within the tight constraints of the DWR's budget? At about the same time, a group of avid hunters founded the Utah Bighorn Sheep Society. They made a proposal to generate funding to reestablish bighorn sheep in the state. They asked for one permit that could be sold at auction, with the proceeds dedicated to bighorn sheep management. In 1980, the first

permit sold for \$20,000, and Utah's Conservation Permit Program was born. The program allowed generous hunters to help cover the costs of conserving, transplanting and managing this highly sought-after species.

The conservation permit strategy was effective, and over several years the DWR used the proceeds of auctioned desert bighorn sheep conservation permits to fund a successful translocation program. That program led to the establishment and/or supplementation of new desert bighorn sheep herds in several hunting units, including San Rafael-North, San Rafael-South, Henry Mountains, Kaiparowits-East and Kaiparowits-Escalante, as well as herds within Arches National Park and Capitol Reef National Park.

The early success of the Conservation Permit Program led to its expansion. The program now includes and benefits the following species: bear, bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain), bison, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, pronghorn and turkey.

How the program works

Conservation permits represent only a small percentage of total hunting permits issued, but they can produce big results. The number of conservation permits allocated for a given species is based on how well a population is doing (e.g., population size, increasing trends and long-term health) and the number of hunting permits available to public hunters. As public hunting opportunities increase, conservation permits may also increase, with a maximum of eight conservation permits per hunting unit. After the Utah Wildlife Board approves specific permits and numbers, the DWR partners with wildlife conservation organizations to sell the permits.



Conservation organizations that participated in the program in fiscal year 2023 included the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Safari Club International (SCI), Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW), Utah Archery Association (UAA), Utah Houndsmen Association (UHA), Utah Wild Sheep Foundation (UWSF) and Wildlife Conservation Foundation (WCF). Other conservation groups can also apply to participate by following the procedures listed in Utah Administrative Rule R657-41, which is the rule that regulates the Conservation Permit Program.

The conservation organizations market, promote and auction the permits. These auctions typically coincide with chapter banquets, expos or other fundraising events. The goal is to maximize revenue to fund wildlife conservation activities. After the auction, the conservation organization returns 30% of the money raised directly to the DWR. The conservation organizations may keep up to 10% of the proceeds to cover administrative costs, and the remaining 60% is held by the conservation organizations for a short time as they work cooperatively with the DWR to choose approved conservation projects to fund. As a result, hunters can identify and prioritize projects that matter to them and then direct conservation permit funding to those projects. It gives conservation-minded hunters a strong voice and encourages cooperation and collaboration between the DWR and participating organizations.

Seizing opportunities

The funds raised through the Conservation Permit Program are reinvested back into Utah's wildlife. Conservation projects are wide ranging and provide diverse benefits. With these projects, wildlife managers can establish new populations, augment existing populations, improve wildlife habitat, monitor for disease and conduct essential research. The program provides resources and tools that let wildlife biologists and hunters accomplish remarkable things for wildlife and habitat conservation.

Having a source of funding available to wildlife managers in a timely manner can make all the difference when it comes to managing wildlife. Wildlife and their habitats are dynamic, and changes can happen rapidly. The desert bighorn sheep source population in Canyonlands National Park experienced a die-off shortly after the translocations in the 1980s occurred. Had wildlife managers been forced to pursue traditional funding, which is typically limited in availability and takes much longer to obtain, that opportunity might have been lost. Whether it is capturing source animals when they are abundant, or striking while the iron (or ground) is hot to get a wildfire reseeded, timing is essential in effective wildlife management. Utah's Conservation Permit Program allows wildlife managers to adapt to challenges and allocate resources where and when they are needed.



Improving wildlife management in FY 2023

Having adequate funding is often a source of concern and a limitation for state fish and wildlife agencies. While many western states struggle with increasingly stretched budgets, Utah leads the way with habitat work, wildlife transplants, wildlife research and monitoring.

The Conservation Permit Program is key to providing funding for needed research and management of Utah's big game populations. Below are examples of work completed this past year that wouldn't have been possible without funding from conservation groups and the Conservation Permit Program.

La Sal and San Juan neonate study

On the La Sal Mountains, mule deer fawn production from birth to six months of age (the neonate stage) has been significantly lower the past 20 years than production observed in earlier decades. Recent extreme drought conditions have played a role in poor neonate survival and recruitment, but even during wet years with light to moderate winter conditions, fawn production has been lower than historical values. The historical values on the La Sal, La Sal Mtns unit were similar to those of the neighboring San Juan, Abajo Mtns unit; however, the La Sal values have decreased over the years. In the spring of 2023, a study on both units was implemented to improve understanding of mule deer doe condition and pregnancy rates, neonate birth timing, neonate survival rates and causes of mortality. This past March, 80 pregnant does, 40 on the La Sal Mtns and 40 on the San Juan, Abajo Mtns, were captured and fitted with GPS collars and vaginal implant transmitters (VITs). The VITs remain in the birth canal until the female gives birth, at which point the VIT is activated and links with the female's GPS collar. The GPS collar sends researchers a notification via satellite that birth has occurred. When birthing occurs, the team immediately responds to the site to locate the newborn fawn and place a collar.

In June, 45 fawns on the La Sal and 55 fawns on the San Juan were captured and collared. The survival of these collared newborns is then monitored, and if mortality is suspected, biologists investigate and determine the cause. Collared fawns and does will continue to be monitored for the remainder of the year, providing a better understanding of the timing and causes of neonate mortality and allowing biologists to implement management actions that will increase fawn survival. Although this research is expensive — and both time and labor intensive — the revenue generated from the Conservation Permit Program makes it possible to conduct these types of large-scale research projects. The project results will continue to directly inform Utah's wildlife-management strategies and on-the-ground efforts to improve deer populations in the La Sal Mountains.



Southern Utah elk movement

The southern Utah elk “complex” is comprised of six units — Boulder, Fishlake, Monroe, Mt Dutton, Paunsaugunt and Thousand Lakes. Although elk movement among the units certainly occurs, a thorough understanding of the timing, magnitude and predictability of that movement is unknown. It is also unknown if movement occurs beyond the complex and with what frequency. One area of particular interest is understanding how often movements occur across Interstate 70, between the Fishlake and South Manti units. Preliminary collaring efforts on the Mt Dutton unit have indicated that few of the winter-collared elk remained there during summer, with animals instead moving to the neighboring Boulder, Fishlake, Monroe and Paunsaugunt units. However, these data were from captures on only one unit and do not represent the range of all possible units.

To understand the full extent of elk movements across the complex, 125 cow elk were captured and GPS-collared in January 2023 on all six units to better comprehend migration patterns and travel among the units. These elk will continue to be monitored for the next three years, and the data will be used to evaluate the appropriateness of population objectives, as well as to improve hunt season dates and permit allocation.

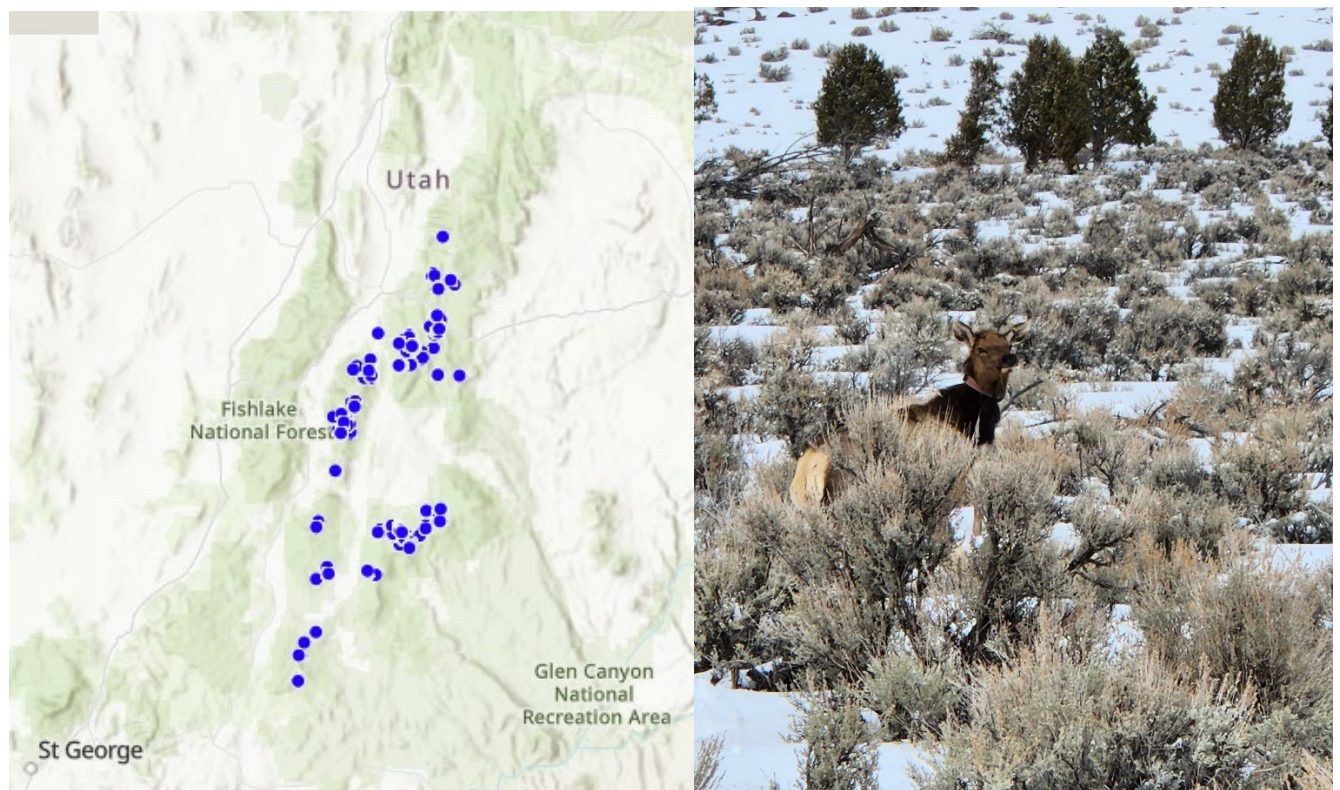


Figure 1. Map of collared elk in southern Utah

Big game captures

Utah’s biologists conduct regular aerial surveys to count bighorn sheep, bison, elk, moose, mountain goats and pronghorn. Conservation permits have also contributed to the ongoing monitoring of black bear and cougar survival, disease monitoring, turkey-trapping efforts and other components of wildlife management. In FY 2023, conservation permit sales helped fund the capture and/or collaring of more than 1,200 big game animals as part of translocations, research, monitoring and disease-testing activities (see Table 1). This work would not have been possible without the money generated through the Conservation Permit Program.

Table 1. Big game animals captured and/or collared using conservation permit funds in FY 2023

Species	No. animals	Unit	Purpose
Bighorn sheep	27	Morenci, AZ	Transplant to Antelope Island
	8	San Juan	Survival and migration
	28	Zion	Survival and migration
Total	63		

Bison	13	Book Cliffs	Survival and migration
	17	Henry Mtns	Survival and migration
Total	30		

Deer	129	Cache	Deer survival and migration
	87	La Sal	Deer survival, migration, neonate capture
	32	Manti	Deer survival and migration
	43	Monroe	Deer survival and migration
	89	Nebo	Deer survival and migration
	40	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Deer survival and migration
	45	Pine Valley	Deer survival and migration
	83	Range Creek	Deer survival and migration
	103	San Juan	Deer survival, migration, neonate capture
	45	South Slope	Deer survival and migration
	61	Wasatch East	Deer survival and migration
	30	Wasatch Wallsburg	Deer survival and migration
	30	Wasatch Manti	Deer survival and migration
Total	817		

Elk	20	Boulder	Survival and migration
	52	Fishlake	Survival and migration
	53	Hardware Ranch	Survival, migration and dispersal
	20	La Sal	Survival and migration
	83	Manti	Survival and migration
	40	Mt Dutton	Survival and migration
	32	Nebo	Survival and migration
	60	Wasatch Mtns	Survival and migration
Total	360		

Mountain goat	2	La Sal	Survival and migration
	4	Uinta Mtns	Survival and migration
Total	6		

Total animals	1,276
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Program results in FY 2023

The Utah Wildlife Board approved 312 conservation permits for FY 2023 (see Table 2). This represents less than 2% of the total number of permits issued for all these hunts combined. The permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than \$7.6 million. In contrast, if these permits had just been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised just over \$50,000. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than \$80 million for conservation work in Utah (see Appendix 2).

Table 2. Conservation permits authorized for FY 2023

Permit type	Number
Antlerless elk	20
Bear	41
Bison	8
Buck deer	38
Bull elk	76
Bull moose	6
Cougar	1
Desert bighorn sheep	8
Mountain goat	7
Pronghorn	58
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	8
Wild turkey	41
Total permits	312

The true value of conservation permit dollars often exceeds the balance listed on paper. The DWR frequently uses this money to serve as matching funds for grants and other funding mechanisms that result in much larger amounts being awarded and spent in Utah. For example, in projects permitted by the Pittman-Robertson Act, every dollar generated by the Conservation Permit Program can be matched by three dollars in federal aid.

In FY 2023, conservation permit funds covered the costs of numerous habitat, research and monitoring projects. The amount of revenue spent on approved projects or transferred to the DWR for each of the three previous fiscal years can be found in Appendix 1. The conservation-related project lists found in Appendix 1 are also included in the conservation permit audit for FY 2023.

Program oversight

The DWR understands the value of Utah's wildlife resources and takes many steps to ensure the Conservation Permit Program is transparent, complies with administrative rule and uses funds effectively for wildlife conservation purposes. In addition to an annual report, the DWR conducts an audit of the Conservation Permit Program each year. Both the annual report and the results of the audit are presented in a public meeting to the Utah Wildlife Board. Additionally, specific information about all funded conservation projects — including project details, budgets, wildlife benefits and summary reports — is available online at wri.utah.gov/wri/.

Successful wildlife conservation

In FY 2023, Utah's Conservation Permit Program raised millions of dollars that were directed back into productive and meaningful wildlife conservation projects. These projects help the DWR better fulfill its mission of serving as trustees and guardians of the state's wildlife. The program has a track record of success and creates unique opportunities for hunters to work with the DWR in expanding wildlife populations and conserving wildlife habitat. As a result of this program, Utahns have more wildlife species to enjoy, and hunters have a greater diversity of hunting opportunities. Translocations and population growth have also ensured the availability of more hunting permits. The DWR believes that wildlife is valuable to everyone, and the Conservation Permit Program protects and improves wildlife and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.



Appendix 1: Projects funded by conservation permit sales

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$1,096,320.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2022	\$1,887.44
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2022	\$20,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$20,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$25,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2022	\$25,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2022	\$26,000.00
5533 Government Creek Improvement Phase II	2022	\$30,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2022	\$30,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2022	\$33,500.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2022	\$37,000.00
5546 Burnt-Beaver Phase IV	2023	\$33,500.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2023	\$20,000.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2023	\$15,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2023	\$15,000.00
5618 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY-22	2023	\$18,850.00
5625 Stansbury Mountains Winter Range Improvement and Solar Farm Mitigation	2023	\$10,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2023	\$2,250.00
5634 Mount Pleasant Twin Creek Habitat Improvement Project	2023	\$8,000.00
5637 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$26,000.00
5639 Lower Fish Creek Forest Health Restoration	2023	\$25,000.00
5658 South Manti Big Game Summer Range Restoration	2023	\$50,000.00
5685 Six Mile WMA In-House Bullhog Project - Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2023	\$10,000.00
5735 Timpanogos WMA Fire Shrub Planting - FY22	2023	\$5,000.00
5751 Beaver WMA's Cheatgrass Control Project	2023	\$15,000.00
5756 East Bear Lake Range Improvements - Phase I	2023	\$10,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5772 Fountain Green WMA Cheatgrass Control	2023	\$4,550.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2023	\$6,500.00
5794 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,411.50
5799 FY22 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2023	\$15,589.50
5219 South Beaver and Little Dog Valley Watershed Imp, Phase I	2023	\$15,000.00
5624 Rabbit Gulch Lop and Scatter	2023	\$30,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2023	\$40,000.00
5761 Central Utah Chaining Maintenance Project Phase II	2023	\$30,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$350,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$4,000.00
6175 FY23 Deer Response to Summer Range Habitat Treatments the Nine Mile Managem	2023	\$17,152.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$16,129.56
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$1,096,320.00

	2022 Revenue	\$1,241,190.00
6013 MDF Stewardship Position FY23	2023	\$63,870.44
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$200,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$625.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$23,184.29

Mule Deer Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5901 Strawberry Ridge Watershed Restoration Project	2023	\$70,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$180,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$15,460.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$11,500.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$13,850.50
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$70,000.00
6738 MDF Stewardship Position FY24	2024	\$80,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$35,625.00
6206 Coldwater Canyon WMA Boundary Fence	2024	\$10,000.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$7,500.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$36,440.00
6506 North Zone Aspen Restoration- Surveys	2024	\$100,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$10,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$20,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$80,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$60,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$35,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$25,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$2,926.77
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$1,241,190.00
2023 Revenue		\$1,257,390.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$12,073.23
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$47,500.00
6497 Gooseberry East Phase 3	2024	\$20,000.00
6511 Yellowjacket Monument Knoll	2024	\$13,019.21
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$10,000.00
6514 Greater Fremont Plateau Habitat Restoration Phase V - Bear Valley	2024	\$6,200.00
2023 Funds Expended		\$108,792.44
Remaining 2023 Revenue		\$1,148,597.56
Remaining Balance		\$1,148,597.56

National Wild Turkey Federation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$120,006.00
5616 Colorado River Restoration 5.0	2022	\$2,273.72
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$3,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$3,000.00
5762 Boobe Hole Habitat Enhancement Project Phase II	2022	\$3,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$4,000.00
5204 Deer Springs wildlife habitat and fuels reduction	2022	\$4,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2022	\$3,000.00
5562 Santaquin and Mona Benches WMA Shrub Restoration	2022	\$2,000.00
5626 Tintic Mountains Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5734 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-22	2022	\$2,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5777 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY22	2022	\$3,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$5,000.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$6,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$25,500.00
5910 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$10,000.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5955 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-23	2023	\$2,500.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$1,732.28
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$120,006.00
	2022 Revenue	\$189,525.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,267.72
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$10,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$1,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpnickle Habitat Restoration Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$2,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$5,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$2,500.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$3,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$20,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5938 Mill Creek (Moab) Restoration Partnership 3	2023	\$3,000.00
5971 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$5,000.00
6713 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY24	2024	\$2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$2,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$4,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$1,298.62
2022 Funds Expended		\$99,566.34
Remaining 2022 Revenue		\$89,958.66
	2023 Revenue	\$232,170.00
Remaining Balance		\$322,128.66

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$380,040.00
5631 Hamlin Valley Wash Sage Steppe Habitat Improvement	2022	\$5,656.65
5455 Last Chance Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2022	\$10,000.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2022	\$20,000.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2022	\$7,500.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2022	\$15,000.00
5552 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 3	2022	\$10,000.00
5412 FY21 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2021	\$10,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,254.00
5224 Pinto Watershed and Defensible Fire Space Restoration Project Phase II and Shared Stew	2022	\$6,809.28
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2022	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2022	\$5,000.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2022	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5692 USFS Guzzlers	2022	\$5,000.00
5736 Northern Region Browse Scalping	2022	\$5,000.00
5798 FY22 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2022	\$10,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2022	\$10,000.00
5722 Sevier plateau guzzlers	2022	\$7,500.00
5781 Kiln and Smith Springs Development project	2022	\$5,000.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$217,320.07
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$380,040.00

	2022 Revenue	\$409,200.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$292,721.05
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$1,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$10,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$13,339.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$10,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$16,439.90
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$2,500.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$10,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$2,300.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$900.05
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$409,200.00

	2023 Revenue	\$399,750.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$2,500.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$10,000.00
5952 Valley Mountains (South Valley)	2023	\$4,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$2,700.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$10,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$15,000.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$30,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$10,750.00

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,500.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$15,000.00
6515 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 8	2024	\$5,000.00
6520 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 4	2024	\$2,500.00
6545 Weber River Watershed Restoration and Forest Resilience - FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$10,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$20,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$7,500.00
6535 Levan WMA Shrub Restoration Project - FY24	2024	\$7,500.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3	2024	\$25,000.00
6541 Wasatch (Sheepcreek) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6557 Central Region Riparian Restoration FY24	2024	\$5,000.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24	2024	\$8,500.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$30,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24	2024	\$5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)	2024	\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa	2024	\$10,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II	2024	\$5,000.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2	2024	\$7,009.18
2023 Funds Expended		\$320,459.18
Remaining 2023 Revenue		\$79,290.82
Remaining Balance		\$79,290.82

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$213,960.00
5251 Boulder Unit, Dark Valley Pond Maintenance Project	2021	\$3,797.99
5253 Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Aspen Restoration & Weed treatments	2021	\$10,000.00
5257 Uinta Mountain Meadow Restoration	2021	\$10,000.00
5260 Mill Creek (Moab) Watershed Restoration Partnership	2021	\$5,000.00
5262 East Willow BDAs and Guzzlers	2021	\$10,000.00
5270 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 1	2021	\$10,000.00
5278 Boobe Hole Water Enhancement Project Phase 1	2021	\$1,500.00
5279 Central Region Shrub Restoration Project FY 2021	2021	\$3,000.00
5304 Tabby Mountain WMA lop and scatter maintenance	2021	\$16,000.00
5322 Willow Creek BDAs and Wet Mowing Phase 2	2021	\$5,000.00
5324 Northern Region Browse and Water Enhancements	2021	\$5,000.00
5325 Ashley NF Aspen Restoration Project	2021	\$10,000.00
5363 Bookcliffs East Water Developments	2021	\$3,000.00
5367 South Monroe Mtn Kingston/Forshea Pond Enhancement Project	2021	\$3,000.00
5376 Book Cliffs West Water Developments and Spike Treatment	2021	\$10,000.00
5379 Indian Peaks WMA Mule Deer Habitat Improvement Project Phase II	2021	\$5,000.00
5386 Mineral Mountains Bighorn Sheep Guzzler	2021	\$5,000.00
5400 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY21	2021	\$3,000.00
5406 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2021	\$13,000.00
5413 FY21 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2021	\$5,000.00
5417 FY20 Book Cliffs deer and elk neonate survival	2021	\$5,000.00
4552 Boulder Mountain Landscape Health Improvement Project NEPA Request	2021	\$4,000.00
5146 West Desert Aspen Regeneration	2021	\$2,500.00
5300 Lower San Rafael & Price River Riparian Corridor Habitat Improvement, Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5446 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project Phase 3	2021	\$5,000.00
5447 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 6	2021	\$4,000.00
5507 La Sal Creek Watershed Restoration	2021	\$2,500.00
5527 La Sal/Abajo Rx and Mx FY22	2021	\$3,000.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$330.00
5543 Teasdale Front Fuels Reduction Treatment Phase I	2021	\$2,170.00
5545 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 2	2021	\$3,000.00
5548 UWC FS North Zone Watershed Improvements with Partners FY22	2021	\$5,000.00
5551 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5555 Montes Creek WMA Improvements Phase II	2021	\$13,121.00
5558 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5560 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 2022	2021	\$2,500.00
5561 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration Phase 2	2021	\$2,500.00
5568 Manti-La Sal Healthy Forest Restoration	2021	\$4,000.00
5580 Sanpete Face NEPA Analysis (Formerly Skyline West)	2021	\$2,500.00
5581 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration Phase 6	2021	\$5,000.00
5587 Raft River Mountains Restoration FY22	2021	\$2,500.00
5613 Richard Mountain Fire Seeding	2021	\$1,541.01
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$213,960.00

	2022 Revenue	\$210,450.00
6101 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,000.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$5,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$5,000.00
6014 Upper Provo Watershed Restoration phase 7	2023	\$5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$5,000.00

Safari Club International Conservation Permit Projects Funded

5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$40,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$10,000.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$500.00
5957 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration Project FY-23	2023	\$8,200.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$5,000.00
5238 Hans Pumpnickle Habitat Resortation Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$5,000.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$10,000.00
5906 Beaver River Watershed Improvement Phase 3 Shared Stewardship	2023	\$5,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$5,000.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$5,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
6072 Boulder Wetlands Restoration Project Phase III	2023	\$5,000.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$5,000.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$1,750.00
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$210,450.00

	2023 Revenue	\$195,630.00
5340 Muddy Creek riparian, wetland, and upland maintenance	2023	\$15,550.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5920 Salina Creek Ecosystem Restoration Phase 4	2023	\$5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$5,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$15,000.00
6762 FY24 Bison Captures	2024	\$1,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$55,000.00
6533 Wallsburg WMA Shrub Restoration FY-24	2024	\$15,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$15,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$29,753.78
2023 Funds Expended		\$161,303.78

Remaining 2023 Revenue \$34,326.22

Remaining Balance \$34,326.22

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$1,359,635.40
5800 FY22 DeerFawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2022	\$19,301.04
5806 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator	2022	\$18,400.00
5897 Cinnamon Creek Acquisition	2022	\$1,000,000.00
6185 Book Cliffs Stray Livestock Management Phase II	2022	\$170,200.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$73,570.24
6199 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY23	2023	\$18,400.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$15,000.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$7,214.50
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$30,000.00
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$7,549.62
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$1,359,635.40

	2022 Revenue	\$1,648,306.80
5894 Bear River Watershed Resilience Phase 3	2023	\$12,450.38
5899 Logan Canyon/Left hand fork Juniper Project - Phase 1	2023	\$46,036.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6042 I-15 Wildlife Exclusion Fence	2023	\$15,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$77,897.00
5891 Vernal Municipal Watershed Restoration Project Phase 1	2023	\$10,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$75,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$10,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$8,350.00
5974 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$25,000.00
5245 Sheep Creek RX Phase 2	2023	\$30,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$20,000.00
5890 Ott's Canyon Habitat Project	2023	\$4,500.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$35,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$50,000.00
5955 Levan WMA Shrub Planting Project FY-23	2023	\$5,950.00
5966 Nebo Unit 16A Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$15,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$40,800.50
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$3,000.00
6045 Ibapah Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement	2023	\$10,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$10,051.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$20,000.00
5900 Last Chance/Porcupine prescribed burn Phase II	2023	\$6,500.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$50,000.00
5923 Government Creek Improvement Phase III	2023	\$25,000.00
5948 Parowan Front Maple Hollow	2023	\$10,000.00
5972 Parker Mountain Spike Treatments Phase I	2023	\$18,323.00
5975 Buckskin Overlook Guzzler Enlargement/Replacement	2023	\$8,100.00
5982 Fifty-Mile Bench Catchment Maintenance/Improvement	2023	\$3,550.00
6031 Thousand Lakes Habitat Improvement Phase II	2023	\$15,000.00
6037 Paradise Spring Mastication and Water Improvement Project	2023	\$25,000.00
6048 Zion Migration Corridor Habitat Improvement Phase III	2023	\$15,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$3,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$25,000.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$50,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$200,000.00
6043 Upper Price River Watershed	2023	\$10,000.00

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Conservation Permit Projects Funded

6080 South Bookcliffs Phase 10 (San Arroyo Bullhog)	2023	\$30,000.00
6115 Mechanical Shrub Transplanter	2023	\$20,000.00
6740 Emergency Winter Deer Feeding	2023	\$181,609.00
6211 Desert bighorn sheep nursery facility upgrades and maintenance	2023	\$50,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6754 Utah SFW partnering with WAFWA Deer & Elk Workshop	2023	\$7,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool	2024	\$25,000.00
6758 FY24 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2024	\$12,993.50
6760 FY24 La Sal and San Juan Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2024	\$13,850.50
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$61,750.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$35,625.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$21,250.00
6208 Northern Region Riparian Restoration FY 24	2024	\$2,000.00
6474 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog Phase II	2024	\$25,000.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$10,000.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$10,000.00
6549 Cache Valley Upland Game Habitat Improvements	2024	\$17,017.00
6558 Tabby Mountain Habitat Improvements FY2024	2024	\$5,000.00
6585 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2024	2024	\$30,000.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$5,000.00
6694 Anthro/Avintaquin Lop and Scatter	2024	\$5,000.00
5942 Sanpitch Mountains Collaborative Phase I	2024	\$10,000.00
6534 Timpanogos WMA Shrub Restoration - FY24	2024	\$4,381.00
6536 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 24	2024	\$25,000.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24	2024	\$4,497.92
All 2022 Funds Expended		\$1,648,306.80

	2023 Revenue	\$1,731,570.00
6537 Central Mountains (Nebo) Big Game Winter Habitat Restoration FY24		\$5,502.08
6539 Thistle Creek Watershed Restoration - Phase 3		\$20,620.00
6564 Mill Creek (Wasatch) Watershed Restoration Project FY24		\$5,000.00
6565 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration Project FY 24		\$10,000.00
6566 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY 24		\$25,000.00
6568 North Sheeprocks Watershed Restoration FY 24		\$5,000.00
6584 Ephraim Watershed Restoration Phase 4 (FY24)		\$25,000.00
6598 Central Region Upland Game Project FY 24		\$5,000.00
6695 Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study: SR 248		\$10,000.00
6058 Mud Springs ponderosa		\$15,000.00
6491 US 89 Paunsaugunt Wildlife/Highway Crossings Phase II		\$42,500.00
6496 Lost Creek Collaborative Phase 2		\$1,987.74
2023 Funds Expended		\$170,609.82

Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$1,560,960.18
Remaining Balance	\$1,560,960.18

Utah Archery Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2022 Revenue	\$91,320.00
6171 FY23 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2023	\$5,000.00
6056 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2023	\$5,000.00
6173 FY23 Mt Nebo Mule Deer and Elk Study	2023	\$3,114.00
6174 FY23 La Sal Neonate Mule Deer Survival Study	2023	\$2,500.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$5,000.00
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$5,000.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$5,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5916 Twelve Mile Watershed Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$5,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$3,000.00
6011 Central Region Beaver Restoration Project FY 23	2023	\$1,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
6075 Cedar City Ranger District Guzzlers (Phase 1)	2023	\$2,500.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$2,500.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$5,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$4,622.00
	2022 Funds Expended	\$79,236.00
	Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$12,084.00
	2023 Revenue	\$106,605.00
	Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$106,605.00
	Remaining Balance	\$118,689.00

Utah Houndsmen Association Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$22,218.44
2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$19,230.00
Remaining Balance	\$41,448.44

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

	2021 Revenue	\$512,040.00
5893 Burnt Beaver Phase V	2023	\$39,426.03
6033 Echo Junction Infrastructure Project	2023	\$5,000.00
5898 Mahogany Ridge Bullhog phase 1	2023	\$18,584.00
5934 Willow Watershed Improvements FY2023	2023	\$15,000.00
5936 West Northwest D1 Wildlife Habitat Project- Phase 1	2023	\$75,000.00
5940 Right Fork Lake Canyon/Gray Head Restoration Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6053 Bookcliffs Spring Maintenance	2023	\$5,000.00
5885 Parley's Canyon Watershed Restoration FY23	2023	\$10,000.00
5939 Stansbury Mountains Big Game Habitat Improvement FY23	2023	\$100,000.00
5956 Timpanogos WMA Fire Rehabilitation and Access Management Project - FY-23	2023	\$5,000.00
5967 Sheepcreek (Wasatch Mtns Unit) Big Game Winter Habitat Improvement FY 23	2023	\$10,000.00
5754 East Fork Sevier brush removal	2023	\$10,052.00
5884 Yellowjacket (Rosy Canyon)	2023	\$25,000.00
5919 Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project (Phases 7-9)	2023	\$5,000.00
5982 Fifty-Mile Bench Catchment Maintenance/Improvement	2023	\$15,000.00
6105 South Hans Pumpnickel Arch Survey Project	2023	\$350.00
5921 Lost Creek Collaborative	2023	\$10,000.00
5827 Price Slashing	2023	\$9,059.00
5918 Eastern La Sals Watershed Restoration Phase II	2023	\$10,000.00
5959 Indian Springs Habitat improvement Project	2023	\$20,000.00
6202 Nevada Bighorn Sheep Capture	2023	\$32,327.00
6211 Desert bighorn sheep nursery facility upgrades and maintenance	2023	\$50,000.00
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6804 Interagency Bighorn Outreach Coordinator	2023	\$19,741.97
All 2021 Funds Expended		\$512,040.00
	2022 Revenue	\$594,000.00
6804 Interagency Bighorn Outreach Coordinator	2023	\$45,258.03
6028 North Hills Sagebrush Habitat Enhancement and Water System	2023	\$2,500.00
6626 Resource Analysis and Data Discovery Tool (RADD Tool), A tool for Industry, Develop	2024	\$20,000.00
6765 Once in a Lifetime Species Coordinator FY24	2024	\$19,325.00
6668 Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative	2024	\$10,000.00
6759 FY24 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival and Condition	2024	\$5,000.00
6764 FY24 Bighorn Sheep Captures	2024	\$21,250.00
6479 Cinnamon Creek WMA Wet Meadow/Stream Restoration	2024	\$2,500.00
6677 Little Creek Ridge WMA material stocking	2024	\$2,500.00
6527 Newfoundland Mountains Water Development FY24	2024	\$34,460.24
2022 Funds Expended		\$162,793.27
Remaining 2022 Revenue		\$431,206.73
	2023 Revenue	\$624,420.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue		\$624,420.00
Remaining Balance		\$1,055,626.73

Utah Wildlife Conservation Foundation Conservation Permit Projects Funded

2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
Remaining 2022 Revenue	\$34,695.00
2023 Revenue	\$34,980.00
Remaining 2023 Revenue	\$34,980.00
 Remaining Balance	 \$69,675.00

Appendix 2.

2001 - 2023 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization

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	Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife		Mule Deer Foundation		Utah Wild Sheep Foundation		Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Safari Club International		National Wild Turkey Federation	
YEAR	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$188,539	55	\$158,400	29	\$283,880	17	\$168,665	43	\$15,770	4	\$101,398	68
2002	\$429,038	97	\$90,964	63	\$252,950	8	\$119,915	61	\$28,700	8	\$120,112	57
2003	\$656,521	197	\$51,853	43	\$226,500	5	\$270,205	54	\$1,250	5	\$51,835	26
2004	\$848,790	135	\$252,310	41	\$291,320	9	\$300,770	97	\$0	0	\$46,312	14
2005	\$522,647	178	\$622,040	82	\$310,600	10	\$175,975	27	\$28,500	11	\$19,901	26
2006	\$710,875	109	\$932,400	113	\$258,650	14	\$306,445	47	\$710,875	22	\$91,035	56
2007	\$1,039,552	102	\$913,220	151	\$405,870	24	\$336,775	30	\$81,515	8	\$82,670	37
2008	\$1,079,055	102	\$976,510	152	\$382,650	24	\$288,390	30	\$83,760	8	\$89,425	37
2009	\$860,000	102	\$822,802	152	\$390,075	24	\$250,675	30	\$72,055	8	\$66,365	37
2010	\$948,400	116	\$900,020	95	\$502,090	43	\$262,095	39	\$148,850	7	\$68,085	32
2011	\$799,290	116	\$754,695	97	\$486,785	43	\$235,000	39	\$102,500	7	\$65,470	32
2012	\$876,600	104	\$968,715	92	\$494,400	41	\$247,740	38	\$93,500	6	\$70,210	31
2013	\$1,083,725	124	\$971,285	84	\$519,500	23	\$275,135	26	\$128,747	21	\$104,535	21
2014	\$1,273,679	124	\$975,530	84	\$516,200	23	\$334,995	26	\$172,950	21	\$99,335	21
2015	\$1,508,650	124	\$1,259,765	84	\$564,510	23	\$366,865	26	\$158,970	21	\$112,145	21
2016	\$1,429,825	145	\$1,186,400	63	\$550,800	14	\$354,190	31	\$205,200	24	\$141,675	26
2017	\$1,449,675	145	\$1,258,550	63	\$578,325	14	\$382,845	31	\$216,420	24	\$165,375	26
2018	\$1,592,895	145	\$1,390,270	63	\$654,675	14	\$456,425	31	\$212,750	24	\$179,350	26
2019	\$1,630,440	122	\$1,370,050	72	\$629,200	16	\$454,620	40	\$197,125	40	\$193,100	35
2020	\$1,853,550	121	\$1,592,850	68	\$742,600	16	\$525,996	40	\$265,012	38	\$208,648	35
2021	\$2,266,059	107	\$1,816,200	64	\$853,400	16	\$633,400	40	\$356,600	35	\$200,010	31
2022	\$2,679,525	97	\$2,068,650	79	\$990,000	20	\$682,000	33	\$350,750	27	\$315,875	32
2023	\$2,885,950	96	\$2,095,650	78	\$1,040,700	20	\$666,250	29	\$326,050	27	\$386,950	32
	\$28,613,280	2,763	\$23,429,129	1,912	\$11,925,680	461	\$8,095,371	888	\$3,957,849	396	\$2,979,816	759

	Utah Archery Association		California Deer Association		Boone & Crockett		Ducks Unlimited		Utah Houndsmen Association		Wildlife Conservation Foundation		Total	
YEAR	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$916,652	216
2002	\$0	0	\$14,010	5	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,055,689	299
2003	\$0	0	\$27,565	10	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,285,729	340
2004	\$0	0	\$3,270	8	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,742,772	304
2005	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$1,679,663	334
2006	\$0	0	\$10,500	20	\$11,500	1	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,032,280	382
2007	\$6,000	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$19,000	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,884,602	358
2008	\$10,250	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$14,625	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,924,665	359
2009	\$6,750	2	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$26,200	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,494,922	361
2010	\$15,400	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$18,300	6	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,863,240	342
2011	\$28,700	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,472,440	341
2012	\$37,500	7	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$9,215	3	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$2,797,880	322
2013	\$53,525	13	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$12,430	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,148,882	316
2014	\$64,875	14	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$23,075	4	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,460,639	317
2015	\$90,050	18	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,060,955	317
2016	\$77,500	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$3,945,590	314
2017	\$99,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,150,440	314
2018	\$103,250	11	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,589,615	314
2019	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$4,474,535	325
2020	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,188,656	318
2021	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$6,125,669	293
2022	\$152,200	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$37,000	4	\$57,825	17	\$7,333,825	318
2023	\$177,675	9	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$32,050	4	\$58,300	17	\$7,669,575	312
	\$922,925	120	\$55,345	43	\$11,500	1	\$122,845	31	\$69,050	8	\$116,125	34	\$80,298,915	7,416

2024 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

All information is subject to change and all agendas are tentative. Please check the DWR website often at wildlife.utah.gov or complete agendas and meeting locations posted prior to meetings. **Unless otherwise noted, all Wildlife Board meetings are on Thursdays at the Eccles Wildlife Education Center, 1157 South Waterfowl Way, Farmington.** Board meetings begin at 9 a.m, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary. RACs meet at the locations and times listed below unless otherwise noted. Scheduling changes will be posted on the DWR website. Please check it often.

CR RAC – 6 PM

Wildlife Resources Conference Room
1115 N. Main Street, Springville

SER RAC – 6 PM

John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St., Green River

NR RAC – 6 PM

Weber County Commission Chambers
2380 Washington Blvd. Suite #240, Ogden

NER RAC – 6 PM

Wildlife Resources NER Office
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

SR RAC – 6 PM

DNR Cedar City Complex
646 N. Main St., Cedar City or
DNR Richfield City Complex
2031 Industrial Park Rd., Richfield

Schedule & Tentative Agendas

January –

Board Meeting, January 4, 2024

- Dec. 2023 RAC agenda items.

February –

No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

March –

No RAC or Board meetings scheduled.

April –

Wildlife Board Work Session – April 9 - Tuesday

RAC meetings:

- Big game permit numbers.
- Antlerless permit numbers
- CWMU rule amendments
- CWMU management plans
- LOA management plans

April 10 – NR

April 11 - CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate WB Work Session

April 16 – SR

April 17 - SER

April 18 - NER

Board meeting May 2

- April 10-18 RAC agenda items.

May –

RAC meetings:

- Upland game and turkey recommendations
- Fishing informational – online survey

May 14 - CR

May 15 - NR

May 21 – SR

May 22 - SER

May 23 - NER

June –

Board meeting June 6

- May 14-23 RAC agenda items
- Conservation Permit List

July –

RAC meetings:

- Fee proposals

July 30 – CR

July 31 – NR

August 6 – SR

August 7 – SER

August 8 – NER

August –

Board meeting August 22

- July 30- Aug 8 RAC agenda items

September –

RAC meetings:

- Fishing recommendations and guidebook (contingent)
- Once-in-a-Lifetime Species Recommendations

August 27 – CR

August 28 – NR

September 3 – SR

September 4 – SER

September 5 – NER

Board meeting September 19

- Aug. 27- Sept. 5 RAC agenda items
- 2025 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr (scheduled for 2024)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

November –

RAC meetings:

- Big Game 2025 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations

November 6 –NR

November 7 – CR – moved to Thursday to accommodate Election Day

November 12 – SR

November 13 – SER

November 14 – NER

Board meeting December 5:

- Nov. 6-14 RAC agenda items

December –

RAC meetings:

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- 2025 Waterfowl Recommendations
- Falconry recommendations

December 10 – CR

December 11 – NR

December 17 – SR

December 18 – SER

December 19 –NER

January –

Board Meeting January 9, 2025

- Dec. 10-19 RAC agenda items

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RAC Meeting Month	Agenda Item	Rule 5 Year Lapse Date	Mngrs Mtg (TBA by program mngnr.)	Regional Recs Due to Program Coordinator (Mondays) - 2 wks to Brown Bag -	Review Program Recs with Director- no later than	Brown Bag Tuesday	Review Powerpoint with Outreach	Record Powerpoint Presentation - post 1 week prior to RAC	Final Draft Due to Rules Coord. Post 2 weeks prior to RAC	RAC Meetings	Board Meeting (Thursdays)	Comments
September	Fishing Recommendations & Guidebook - 2024 (2 yr cycle)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Big Game Management Plans			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Conservation Permit Audit - (Board Only)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Conservation Permit Allocation - 3yr Permits (Board Only) (happens in 2024)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Expo Permit Allocation (Board Only)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Expo Permits Audit (Board Only)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Conservation Permit Annual Report (Board Only)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
September	Board Approves 2025 Meeting Dates (Board Only)			07/16	07/26	07/30	08/9-15	08/05	08/12	08/27-09/05	09/19	
October	No meetings											
November	Big Game 2025 Hunt Tables and Dates			10/01	10/11	10/15	10/01-10/14	10/21	10/18	11/6-14	12/5	CR on Thursday to accommodate Election Day
November	Big Game Rule			10/01	10/11	10/15	10/01-10/14	10/21	10/18	11/6-14	12/5	
November	CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations			10/01	10/11	10/15	10/01-10/14	10/21	10/18	11/6-14	12/5	
November	CWMU advisory committee members - board only - (odd years only)			10/01	10/11	10/15	10/01-10/14	10/21	10/18	11/6-14	12/5	
November	LOA advisory committee members - board only - (odd years only)			10/01	10/11	10/15	10/01-10/14	10/21	10/18	11/6-14	12/5	
December	Waterfowl Recommendations			10/29	11/08	11/12	10/29-11/11	11/18	11/15	12/10-19	01/09/2025	
December	Falconry Recommendations			10/29	11/08	11/12	10/29-11/11	11/18	11/15	12/10-19	01/09/2025	
December	Bear hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook			10/29	11/08	11/12	10/29-11/11	11/18	11/15	12/10-19	01/09/2025	