

**23-14-2 Wildlife Board -- Creation -- Membership -- Terms -- Quorum -- Meetings -- Per diem and expenses.**

- (1) There is created a Wildlife Board which shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate.
- (2)
  - (a) In addition to the requirements of Section 79-2-203, the members of the board shall have expertise or experience in at least one of the following areas:
    - (i) wildlife management or biology;
    - (ii) habitat management, including range or aquatic;
    - (iii) business, including knowledge of private land issues; and
    - (iv) economics, including knowledge of recreational wildlife uses.
  - (b) Each of the areas of expertise under Subsection (2)(a) shall be represented by at least one member of the Wildlife Board.
- (3)
  - (a) The governor shall select each board member from a list of nominees submitted by the nominating committee pursuant to Section 23-14-2.5.
  - (b) No more than two members shall be from a single wildlife region described in Subsection 23-14-2.6(1).
  - (c) The governor may request an additional list of at least two nominees from the nominating committee if the initial list of nominees for a given position is unacceptable.
  - (d)
    - (i) If the governor fails to appoint a board member within 60 days after receipt of the initial or additional list, the nominating committee shall make an interim appointment by majority vote.
    - (ii) The interim board member shall serve until the matter is resolved by the committee and the governor or until the board member is replaced pursuant to this chapter.
- (4)
  - (a) Except as required by Subsection (4)(b), as terms of current board members expire, the governor shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a six-year term.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (4)(a), the governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that:
    - (i) the terms of board members are staggered so that approximately one-third of the board is appointed every two years; and
    - (ii) members serving from the same region have staggered terms.
  - (c) If a vacancy occurs, the nominating committee shall submit two names, as provided in Subsection 23-14-2.5(4), to the governor and the governor shall appoint a replacement for the unexpired term.
  - (d) Board members may serve only one term unless:
    - (i) the member is among the first board members appointed to serve four years or less; or
    - (ii) the member filled a vacancy under Subsection (4)(c) for four years or less.
- (5)
  - (a) The board shall elect a chair and a vice chair from its membership.
  - (b) Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
  - (c) The director of the Division of Wildlife Resources shall act as secretary to the board but is not a voting member of the board.
- (6)
  - (a) The Wildlife Board shall hold a sufficient number of public meetings each year to expeditiously conduct its business.

- (b) Meetings may be called by the chair upon five days notice or upon shorter notice in emergency situations.
  - (c) Meetings may be held at the Salt Lake City office of the Division of Wildlife Resources or elsewhere as determined by the Wildlife Board.
- (7) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
- (a) Section 63A-3-106;
  - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
  - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
- (8)
- (a) The members of the Wildlife Board shall complete an orientation course to assist them in the performance of the duties of their office.
  - (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide the course required under Subsection (8)
    - (a).

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