



22 April 2025

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Taking Big Game Rule 2025, R657-5
Main Office
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Taking Big Game Rule 2025, R657-5

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Peck:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Taking Big Game Rule 2025, contained in R657-5.

The proposed Taking Big Game Rule 2025, contained in R657-5, generally demonstrates responsible and sustainable management of wildlife while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI supports the additional flexibility proposed in allowing youth hunters who obtain a restricted rifle permit to hunt in all applicable general seasons in their unit as well as allowing the importation of big game skulls from states with chronic wasting disease as the risk of CWD transmission through that method is low but the current restriction can be burdensome.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Taking Big Game Rule 2025, contained in R657-5. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin
Chief Executive Officer
Safari Club International