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Utah Division of Wildlife Resources C/O Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026 Main Office Box 146301 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Re: Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Shirley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026.

The proposed changes to the Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026 generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of furbearers while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including furbearers such as bobcats, 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 Furbearer Recommendations for 2025-2026. 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