## WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

## **CHAPTER 61**

## COLLECTION OF SHED ANTLERS AND HORNS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-103 and §23-1-302.

- Section 2. Definitions. Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:
- (a) "Antlers" mean the bony, deciduous appendages protruding from the heads of members of the deer family (Cervidae), including deer, elk or moose.
- (b) "Collect" means to search for, locate, stockpile, or possess shed antlers and horns of big game animals on public land or attempt to search for, locate, stockpile, or possess shed antlers and horns of big game animals on public land.
- (c) "Horns" mean the hard, permanent appendages protruding from the heads of bighorn sheep, mountain goats or pronghorn antelope.
- (d) "Public land" means federal lands and lands owned or administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.
  - (e) "Shed" means having become naturally separated from the skull.
- Section 3. Collection of Shed Antlers or Horns. No person shall collect shed antlers or horns from big game animals on public land west of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin, from January 1 through April 30 of each calendar year.
- Section 4. Exceptions. Department personnel and elk feeders under contract with the Department may take antlers on Department elk feedgrounds during the closed season dates specified in Section 3 only when the taking of such antlers is part of their official duties. All antlers taken by such personnel on Department elk feedgrounds are property of the Department and shall be disposed of in accordance with the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission policy VIIL "DISPOSITION OF ELK ANTLERS", dated December 7, 1999, and which does not include any later amendments or editions of the incorporated matter. This Commission policy can be viewed at regional offices and the Headquarters Office of the Department.

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