



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

5400 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY 82006

Phone: (307) 777-4600 Fax: (307) 777-4699

wgfd.wyo.gov

GOVERNOR
MARK GORDON

DIRECTOR
BRIAN R. NESVIK

COMMISSIONERS
KENNETH D. ROBERTS – President
RALPH BROKAW – Vice President
GAY LYNN BYRD
PETER J. DUBE
MARK JOLOVICH
RICHARD LADWIG
ASHLEE LUNDVALL

February 23, 2023

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on March 9-10, 2023 in Rock Springs at the Holiday Inn, 1675 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs. The meeting will be conducted in-person and via Zoom video conferencing. As authorized by W.S. § 23-1-301 through § 23-1-303, the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on several matters. For informational presentations, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Executive Session begins at 1:00 p.m.

A representative from the Attorney General's Office will update the Commission on matters concerning litigation. A representative from the Department may update the Commission on matters concerning the purchase or disposal of real estate. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the January 2023 Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 2:15 p.m.

This meeting will be conducted in-person and via Zoom video conferencing. To participate via Zoom please click on the link below. Please note there are different links for each day. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item via Zoom, you must submit an Advanced Agenda Item Comment Form. This form is attached to the agenda. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item in-person, please complete the blue comment form provided at the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86093804083>

Webinar ID: 860 9380 4083

You may also participate via telephone: 719-359-4580

- 1. Presenters: Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners. Election of Officers.** The Commission will elect a new Commission President and Vice President. 10 min. 2:15-2:25 p.m.
- 2. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the January 11-12, 2023 and January 31, 2023 Commission meetings. 5 min. 2:25-2:30 p.m.

3. **Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges and opportunities. 15 min. 2:30-2:45 p.m.
4. **Presenters: Director's Office; Attorney General's Office; and Wildlife Division. New Commissioner Orientation.** The Commission will be provided with general information regarding the Department, Legal Issues and the Season Setting Process. 90 min 2:45-4:15 p.m.
 1. Overview of the Department – Director's Office
 2. Legal Overview – Jenny Staeben, Attorney General's Office
 3. Season Setting Process – Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division
5. **Call to the Public.**

Adjourn for the day

Friday, March 10, 2023

Executive Session (if needed) begins at 7:00 a.m.

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted in-person and via Zoom video conferencing. To participate via Zoom please click on the link below. Please note there are different links for each day. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item via Zoom, you must submit an Advanced Agenda Item Comment Form. This form is attached to the agenda. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item in-person, please complete the blue comment form provided at the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87957616214>

Webinar ID: 879 5761 6214

You may also participate via telephone: 669-900-6833

6. Awards, Recognition, Donations

Presenters: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division and Susan Hayes, Shikar-Safari International. Shikar-Safari Club Wildlife Office of the Year Award. The Shikar-Safari Club Wildlife Officer of the Year Award will be presented to Jonathan Stephens, North Jackson Senior Game Warden. 10 min. 8:00-8:10 a.m.

7. **Presenters: Brian R. Nesvik and Shane Mahoney, President, Conservation Visions. Wild Harvest Initiative.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Wild Harvest Initiative. 60 min. Informational presentation. 8:10-9:10 a.m.
8. **Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. Preliminary Approval of the Commission's FY 2024 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to provide preliminary approval of the Commission's FY 2024 budget. 45 min. 9:10-9:55 a.m.

Tentative Break 9:55-10:15 a.m.

9. **Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Chief, Director's Office. Legislative Update.** The Commission will be provided with a summary of the 2023 Legislative Session. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:15-10:35 a.m.
10. **Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agents.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve three new license selling agents, the transfer of two agents and one bond renewal. 10 min. 10:35-10:45 a.m.
11. **Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. One Day Window for Resident Preference in the Leftover Draw.** The Commission will be briefed on the Wildlife Taskforce's recommendation for a one day window for resident preference in the leftover draw. Informational presentation. 15 min. 10:45-11:00 a.m.
12. **Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Employee Housing Project in Jackson.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Employee Housing Project in Jackson. 15 min. 11:00-11:15 a.m.
13. **Presenter: Roy Weber, Lands Branch Chief, Services Division. Acquisition and/or Disposal of Fee Title and/or Less than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission will be asked to vote and provide direction to the Department on the following project: Twenty-year extension to the Pitcher-Brokaw Public Access Easement, Carbon County, Wyoming. 15 min. 11:15-11:30 a.m.
14. **Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 10, Importation and Possession of Live Warm-Blooded Wildlife.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 10, Importation and Possession of Live Warm-Blooded Wildlife. 20 min. 11:30-11:50 a.m.

Lunch 11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- 15. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Nonresident Elk License Allocation.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's public outreach efforts regarding nonresident general elk licenses. Informational presentation. 20 min. 1:00-1:20 p.m.
- 16. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Landowner Licenses.** The Commission will be provided with a recommendation from the Wildlife Taskforce regarding landowner licenses. Informational presentation. 30 min. 1:20-1:50 p.m.
- 17. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Mule Deer Management.** The Commission will be presented with information on mule deer management in Wyoming. Informational presentation. 45 min. 1:50-2:35 p.m.
- 18. Presenters: Ian Tator, Statewide Terrestrial Habitat Manager, Wildlife Division and Paul Dey, Statewide Aquatic Habitat Program Manager, Fish Division. Winter Conditions.** The Commission will be provided with information on current statewide winter conditions and the impacts to terrestrial and aquatic habitats. Informational presentation. 30 min. 2:35-3:05 p.m.
- 19. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Communications Program Update.** The Commission will be presented with an update on the Department's Communications program. Informational presentation. 10 min. 3:05-3:15 p.m.
- 20. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, President, The WYldlife Fund. Update from The WYldlife Fund.** The Commission will be provided with an update from The WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 min. 3:15-3:30 p.m.
- 21. Call to the Public.**

Adjourn

The order of agenda items is subject to change. The State of Wyoming supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing auxiliary aids should contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307-777-4501. Every effort will be made for reasonable accommodations.



WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION MEETING March 2023

ADVANCED AGENDA ITEM COMMENT FORM – ZOOM ONLY

If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item in-person, please complete the blue comment form provided at the meeting.

To help facilitate your request to provide comments at the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Meeting via Zoom you must complete and submit the advanced agenda item comment form to amanda.roberts2@wyo.gov by **March 7, 2023**.

DATE: _____ AGENDA ITEM NO: _____ SUBJECT/CHAPTER: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE/ORGANIZATION: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Please provide the telephone number you will be using to join the Zoom meeting. If you are participating by phone please be aware your telephone number may be visible to other participants.

Please note the order of agenda items is subject to change. It is your responsibility to monitor the progression of the meeting to ensure you are available to comment during the proper agenda item. If you are not present on Zoom via computer or phone at the time we call your name, we will continue on to the next commenter or agenda item.

Zoom Instructions for the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Meeting

1. Click on the Zoom link provided in the agenda to join the meeting.
2. You can join either using your computer or a phone, or both **
 - a. On the computer, you can watch and listen to the live video. If you have a microphone on your computer, you can also use your computer's microphone to speak to the Commission if you have a comment (and if you have submitted the appropriate *Advanced Comment Form*. Comment form instructions are below).
 - b. You can also join via phone using one of the phone numbers provided in the agenda.
 - c. If you wish to watch the meeting on your computer, but you do not have a microphone on your computer (and you plan to speak to the Commission), you can also use the phone number provided to listen in.
 - d. Please note that all participants will be muted and their videos turned off, so as not to disturb the meeting.
3. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item via Zoom you must submit an **Advanced Comment Form to Sheridan.todd@wyo.gov**.
 - a. It is important that you provide your **full name** on this sheet. If you join the meeting on your computer, your name will show up as a participant. If you plan to join the meeting by telephone (and plan to speak to the Commission), it is also very important that you give us the **phone number you will be using to call in**. *Please note that your name and/or your phone number (whichever you use to join the meeting) may be visible to other participants.*
 - b. During the meeting, at the end of each agenda item, we will allow those who submitted comment forms to speak to the Commission.
 - i. When it is your turn to speak, we will promote you to a panelist in the meeting. You will briefly be removed from the meeting, but will rejoin automatically in a few seconds with the ability to turn on your video and unmute yourself.
 - ii. After your turn to speak, we will reassign you as an attendee in the meeting.
 - iii. **Please note it is your responsibility to monitor the progression of the meeting to ensure you are available to comment during the proper agenda item. If you are not present on Zoom via computer or phone at the time we call your name, we will continue on to the next commenter or agenda item.**

**If you plan to speak to the Commission at this meeting, please determine BEFORE the meeting if you need to utilize your computer's microphone or a telephone to do so.