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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on November 14-15, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Rock Springs, 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.

Monday, November 14, 2022

Open Session begins at 1:00 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.

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1. Awards, Recognition, Donations

Albert Sommers will be presented with the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies 2022 National Private Lands Fish & Wildlife Stewardship Award. 10 min. 1:00-1:10 p.m.

2. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the September 2022 Commission meeting. 5 min. 1:10-1:15 p.m.

3. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report. The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges and opportunities. Informational presentation. 15 min. 1:15-1:30 p.m.

4. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Commission Meeting Dates and Locations. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve dates and locations for Commission meetings in 2023 and January 2024. 15 min. 1:30-1:45 p.m.

5. **Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal #22153.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's denial recommendation for Damage Claim #22153. 30 min. 1:45-2:15 p.m.
6. **Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal #22154.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's denial recommendation for Damage Claim #22154. 30 min. 2:15-2:45 p.m.
7. **Presenter: Brad Sorensen, Cody Region Habitat and Access Supervisor, Services Division. Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area Farming Plan.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's proposal for farming on the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, Big Horn County. 20 min. 2:45-3:05 p.m.

Tentative Break 3:05-3:20 p.m.

8. **Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Chapter 44, Regulation for Issuance of Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Preference Points and Competitive Raffle Chances.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 44, Regulation for Issuance of Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Preference Points and Competitive Raffle Chances. 30 min. 3:05-3:35 p.m.
9. **Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 60, Regulation Governing Greater Sage-grouse Raised on Private Game Bird Farms.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 60 Regulation Governing Greater Sage-grouse Raised on Private Game Bird Farms. 20 min. 3:35-3:55 p.m.
10. **Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Special License Allocation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve allocation of 2023 antelope licenses. 30 min. 3:55-4:25 p.m.
11. **Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Nonresident Elk License Allocation Proposal.** The Commission will be provided with a draft proposal identifying nonresident general elk license regions and proposed quotas. Informational presentation. 30 min. 4:25-4:55 p.m.
12. **Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Cody Regional Office.** The Commission will be updated on the status of the Cody Regional Office project. Informational presentation. 10 min. 4:55-5:05 p.m.
13. **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 and will be asked to approve spending money to complete the project. 15 min. 5:05-5:20 p.m.

14. **Call to the Public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Executive Session begins at 8:00 a.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 September 2022 Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:00 a.m.

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15. Awards, Recognition, Donations

Recognition:

The Department will recognize Hunter Education Instructors for their accomplishments in 2021. 10 min. 9:00-9:10 a.m.

16. Presenter: Roy Weber, Lands Branch Chief, Services Division. Acquisition of Fee Title Property Rights. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the acquisition of the Ellis Property in Johnson and Washakie Counties. 20 min. 9:10-9:30 a.m.

17. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Hunter Education Policy. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to the Hunter Education Policy. 15 min. 9:30-9:45 a.m.

18. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Volunteer Policy. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to the Volunteer Policy. 15 min. 9:45-10:00 a.m.

19. Presenter: Chris Martin, Visual Communications Supervisor, Communications and Education Division. Department Website Update. The Commission will be briefed on the work to improve the Department's website. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:00-10:20 a.m.

- 20. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Legislative Update.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the Department's work during the Legislative Interim Session. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:20-10:40 a.m.
- 21. Presenter: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division. Glendo and Keyhole Reservoir Update.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Department's efforts to protect Glendo and Keyhole Reservoirs from Aquatic Invasive Species. Informational presentation. 15 min. 10:40-10:55 a.m.
- 22. Presenter: John Walrath, Regional Fisheries Biologist, Green River Region, Fish Division. Flaming Gorge Reservoir Management.** The Commission will be presented with information regarding management to address the abundance of Lake Trout less than 28 inches in the reservoir. Informational presentation. 15 min. 10:55-11:10 a.m.
- 23. Presenters: Jill Randall, Big Game Migration Coordinator, Wildlife Division and Nick Scribner, Fish Passage Coordinator, Fish Division. Fish and Wildlife Migration Update.** The Commission will be provided with information on Big Game Migration and Fish Passage. Informational presentation. 50 min. 11:10 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 24. Presenter: Wyoming Game Warden's Association. Update from the Game Warden's Association.** The Commission will be presented with information on the Wyoming Game Warden's Association. Informational presentation. 20 min. 12:00-12:20 p.m.
- 25. 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. 12:20-12:35 p.m.
- 26. Call to the Public.**

Adjourn

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