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****Revised**

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on July 19-20, 2022, at the Evanston Roundhouse and Railyards, Portland Rose Room, 1200 Main Street, Evanston, Wyoming. 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, July 18, 2022

Tour of the Evanston Area 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The tour will cover the Evanston Aquatic Invasive Species check station, the Bear River Divide area and the Highway 189 Wildlife Crossing Project. The tour is open to the public. The public will need to provide their own transportation. We will meet in front of the Dunmar Inn, 1601 Harrison Drive, Evanston at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 19, 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 April and June 2022 Commission Meetings.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:30 a.m.

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1. **Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the April and June 2022 Commission meetings. 5 min. 9:30-9:35 a.m.
2. **Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges and opportunities. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:35-9:50 a.m.
3. **Presenter: Millissa Raner, General Accounting Manager, Fiscal Division. Final Approval of the Commission's FY 2023 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Commission's FY 2023 budget. 30 min. 9:50-10:20 a.m.
4. **Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Director. Wyoming Wildlife Task Force Recommendation on the Allocation of Nonresident Elk Licenses.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Task Force's recommendation on allocation of nonresident elk licenses. 30 min. 10:20-10:50 a.m.
5. **Awards, Recognition, Donations**

Service Awards:

Gary Fralick, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Division will be presented with his 35-year service award.

Department Awards:

- Services Division Employee of the Year
- Wildlife Division Employee of the Year
- Fiscal Division Employee of the Year
- Fish Division Employee of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Director's Office Employee of the Year
- Director's Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Lunch for Commissioners, Staff and Department Award Recipients 12:00-1:00 p.m.

6. **Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Deputy 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 projects: a) Chimney Draw Corridor Conservation Easement Donation, Teton County; b) Rock Springs Property Acquisition, Sweetwater County; c) Bear River Divide Access Easement, Uinta and Lincoln Counties. 20 min. 1:00-1:20 p.m.

7. **Presenter: Mark Nelson, Project Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Chapter 10, Importation, Possession, Confinement, Transportation, Sale and Disposition of Live Wildlife.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 10, Importation and Possession of Live Warm-blooded Wildlife (Chapter 10 title change). 20 min. 1:20-1:40 p.m.
8. **Presenter: Dirk Miller, Deputy Chief, Fish Division. Chapter 69, Importation and Possession of Live Cold-Blooded Wildlife.** The Commission will be asked to approve Chapter 69, Importation and Possession of Live Cold-Blooded Wildlife. 15 min. 1:40-1:55 p.m.
9. **Presenter: Dave Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 51, Private Fish Hatcheries.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 51, Private Fish Hatcheries. 30 min. 1:55-2:25 p.m.
10. **Presenter: Dave Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 49, Private Stocking of Cold-Blooded Wildlife.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 49, Private Stocking of Cold-Blooded Wildlife. 15 min. 2:25-2:40 p.m.
11. **Presenter: Mark Nelson, Project Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Chapter 33, Scientific Research, Educational or Special Purpose Permits.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 33, Scientific Research, Educational or Special Purpose Permits (Chapter 33 title change). 15 min. 2:40-2:55 p.m.

Tentative Break 2:55-3:15 p.m.

12. **Presenter: Mark Nelson, Project Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Chapter 52, Nongame Wildlife Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 52, Take of Nongame Wildlife from within Wyoming (Chapter 52 title change). 15 min. 3:15-3:30 p.m.
13. **Presenter: Dave Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 50, Fishing Preserves.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 50, Fishing Preserves. 5 min. 3:30-3:35 p.m.
14. **Presenter: Dave Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 53, Landowner Fishing Lakes or Ponds.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 53, Landowner Fishing Lakes or Ponds. 5 min. 3:35-3:40 p.m.
15. **Presenters: Dan Thompson, PhD., Large Carnivore Section Supervisor and Justin Clapp, Large Carnivore Biologist, Wildlife Division. Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 3:40-4:10 p.m.

- 16. Presenters: Dan Thompson, PhD., Large Carnivore Section Supervisor and Ken Mills, Large Carnivore Biologist, Wildlife Division. Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 4:10-4:40 p.m.
- 17. 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. 4:40-4:55 p.m.
- 18. Call to the public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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- 19. 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. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- 20. Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Cody Regional Office Project.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the construction of the new Cody Regional Office. Informational presentation. 20 min. 8:15-8:35 a.m.
- 21. Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve three new license selling agents and the transfer of ownership for two license selling agents. 10 min. 8:35-8:45 a.m.

- 22. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Director of Communication, Education and Public Relations, Director's Office. Inspire a Kid Update.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Inspire a Kid program. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:45-9:00 a.m.
- 23. Presenter: Sara DiRienzo, Public Information Officer, Director's Office. Wild Harvest Initiative.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Wild Harvest Initiative. 15 min. 9:00-9:15 a.m.
- 24. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Jerry Johnson, Predator Management Coordinator, Department of Agriculture. Animal Damage Management Board Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the projects listed for funding by the Animal Damage Management Board. 15 min. 9:15-9:30 a.m.
- 25. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Drought Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on drought conditions. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:30-9:45 a.m.
- 26. Presenters: Sean Bibbey, Deputy Chief, Services Division and Ray Bredehoft, Habitat and Access Branch Chief. Overview of Management on Commission-owned Lands.** The Commission will be presented with information on current management practices by the Department on Commission-owned lands. Informational presentation. 30 min. 9:45-10:15 a.m.
- 27. Call to the public.**

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TITLE/ORGANIZATION: _____

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