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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on September 13-14, 2022, at the Bomber Mountain Civic Center, 63 North Burritt Avenue, Buffalo, 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.

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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 July 2022 Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 2:30 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. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the July 2022 Commission meeting. 5 min. 2:30-2:35 p.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. 2:35-2:50 p.m.

3. **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. 15 min. 2:50-3:05 p.m.
4. **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. 3:05-3:20 p.m.
5. **Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Wildlife Crossing Initiative Update.** The Commission will be presented with information on the Wildlife Crossing Initiative. Informational presentation. 20 min. 3:20-3:40 p.m.
6. **Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Division. Budget Request for the Facilities Maintenance Program.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a budget request for the Department's Facilities Maintenance Program. 10 min. 3:40-3:50 p.m.
7. **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: Bow River Crossing in Elk Mountain; Fireside Buffalo Valley in Moran; and Maverik #235 in Kemmerer. 10 min. 3:50-4:00 p.m.
8. **Call to the public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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9. Awards, Recognition, Donations

Donation:

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will present the Commission with a \$15,000 donation to the Access Yes program.

Recognition:

The Department will recognize hunter education instructors for their 2021 accomplishments.

10. Presenter: Roy Weber, Lands Branch Chief. 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) Acquisition of 120 acre inholding in the Spence and Moriarity WMA, Fremont County; and b) Acquisition of a Game Warden Station in Saratoga, Carbon County. 15 min. 8:20-8:35 a.m.

11. Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. NX Bar Ranch Expansion Reques – Game Farm Permit. The Commission will be provided with an update on the NX Bar Ranch's request to expand acreage at their ranch. 30 min. 8:35-9:05 a.m.

12. Presenter: Dan Smith, Interim Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 28, Regulation Governing Big or Trophy Game Animal or Game Bird or Gray Wolf Damage Claims. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 28, Regulation Governing Big or Trophy Game Animal or Game Bird or Gray Wolf Damage Claims. 30 min. 9:05-9:35 a.m.

13. Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 34, Auxiliary Management Hunting Seasons. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 34, Auxiliary Management Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 9:35-10:05 a.m.

Tentative Break 10:05-10:20 a.m.

14. Presenter: Dan Smith, Interim Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 35, Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 35, Hunting Permit Regulations for Persons with Disabilities. 15 min. 10:20-10:35 a.m.

15. Presenter: Dan Smith, Interim Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 62, Regulation for Aquatic Invasive Species. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 62, Regulation for Aquatic Invasive Species. 15 min. 10:35-10:50 a.m.

16. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Elk License Allocation History and Proposed Regulation Timeline. The Commission will be presented with a history of allocating elk licenses in Wyoming and provided with a timeline for regulatory changes and public outreach. Informational presentation. 30 min. 10:50-11:20 a.m.

- 17. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Big Game Herd Unit Objective Revisions.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve revising the management objectives for the Upper Green and Piney elk herd units. 15 min. 11:20-11:35 a.m.
- 18. Presenters: Sam Allen, State Wildlife Veterinarian and Peach Van Wick, Assistant State Wildlife Veterinarian, Wildlife Division. Chronic Wasting Disease Update.** The Commission will be presented with an update on Chronic Wasting Disease. Informational presentation. 30 min. 11:35 a.m.-12:05 p.m.
- 19. Presenter: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division. Zebra Mussel Situation in South Dakota.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the zebra mussel situation in South Dakota. Informational presentation. 15 min. 12:05-12:20 p.m.
- 20. Presenter: Sara DiRienzo, Public Information Officer, Director's Office. Email Communications Program.** The Commission will be presented with information about the Department's email communications program. Informational presentation. 15 min. 12:20-12:35 p.m.
- 21. 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. 12:35-12:50 p.m.
- 22. Call to the Public.**

Adjourn

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