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November 2, 2023

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on November 14-15, 2023 in Cody at the Game and Fish Department Cody Regional Office, 2 Tilden Trail. 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, November 14, 2023

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.

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

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- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Open Session and Executive Session minutes from the September 12-13, 2023 Commission meeting. 5 minutes. 9:00-9:05 a.m.
- 2. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges, and opportunities. 15 minutes. 9:05-9:20 a.m.
- 3. 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 2024. 15 min. 9:20-9:35 a.m.

#### 4. Awards, Recognition, Donations

##### **Service Awards:**

- Paul Dey - 30 years
- Darren Rhea - 20 years

##### **Recognition:**

- **Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Habitat Improvement Work at the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area.** The Department will recognize habitat improvement work at the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area. 10 minutes. 9:35-9:45 a.m.
5. **Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Website Update.** The Commission will be presented with an update on the Department's website project. Informational presentation. 15 minutes. 9:45-10:00 a.m.
  6. **Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division and Rhiannon Jakopak, Fellowship Program Coordinator, University of Wyoming. Fellowship Program Update.** The Commission will be presented with an update on the WGFD-UW Fellowship Program. Informational presentation. 45 minutes. 10:00-10:45 a.m.
  7. **Presenters: Corey Johnson, HR Manager, and Rick King, Wildlife Division Chief. Employee Benefits and Retention.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Department's employee benefit programs and retention efforts. This presentation will include information from the Wildlife Division regarding action taken to address challenges with Game Warden positions. Informational presentation. 45 minutes. 10:45-11:30 a.m.
  8. **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 three projects. 20 minutes. 11:30-11:50 a.m.
    - A. Acquisition of 459.71 acre Hansen Property for expansion of the Jelm Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA), Albany County.
    - B. Ten-year renewal of a public access lease at the Rawhide Wildlife Habitat Management Area (WHMA), Goshen County.
    - C. Acquisition of a Game Warden Station at 959 Lane 8 1/2, Powell, Park County.
  9. **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 minutes. 11:50 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

***Lunch 12:05 p.m.***

- 10. Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Cancellation.** The Commission will be briefed on the cancellation of license selling agent, Howshar Hardware, in Guernsey. 20 minutes. 1:30-1:50 p.m.
- 11. Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of one license selling agent: Maverik 422, Guernsey. 5 minutes. 1:50-1:55 p.m.
- 12. Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Conditional Renewal of License Selling Agents – Total sales under \$1,000.00 in 2023.** The Commission will be briefed on agents who have not met the \$1,000.00 minimum requirement in sales for 2023 as of October 18, 2023 per W.S. § 23-1-701. The Commission will be asked to vote to conditionally renew these license selling agents and allow them to continue selling licenses on behalf of the Department. 10 minutes. 1:55-2:05 p.m.
- 13. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. 45 minutes. 2:05-2:50 p.m.
- 14. Presenters: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager. Landowner Licenses.** The Commission will be provided with additional information on landowner licenses based on the discussion that took place at the September Commission meeting. This is an informational presentation; however, the Commission may provide direction to develop draft regulations. 1 hour. 2:50-3:50 p.m.
- 15. Presenter: Nathan Lindsey, Sheridan Region Habitat and Access Coordinator, Services Division. Ellis Wildlife Habitat Management Area Grazing Plan.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's proposal for livestock grazing for 5 years with the option to renew for an additional 5 years on the Ellis Wildlife Habitat Management Area to improve wildlife habitat. 20 minutes. 3:50-4:10 p.m.

**16. Call to the Public.**

**Adjourn for the day**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

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

**Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.**

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- 17. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, President, The WYldlife Fund. WYldlife Fund Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update from the WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 minutes. 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- 18. Presenter: Dan Smith, Regional Wildlife Supervisor, Cody Region. Cody Region Beaver Holding Facility.** The Commission will look at the new beaver holding facility at the Cody Regional Office. Informational presentation. 30 minutes. 8:15-8:45 a.m.
- 19. Presenter: Del Lobb, Instream Flow Biologist, Fish Division. Instream Flow Overview and Update.** The Commission will be provided with an overview and update on the Department's instream flow work. Informational presentation. 20 minutes. 8:45-9:05 a.m.
- 20. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal #23192.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial payment recommendation for Damage Claim #23192. 3 hours. 9:05 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
- 21. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Big Game Herd Unit Objective Revisions.** The Commission will be provided with an overview of managing big game herds by objective and asked to vote to approve the management objectives for the Paintrock mule deer, Pumpkin Buttes mule deer, Upper Powder River mule deer, and Cooper Lake pronghorn herd units. 15 minutes. 12:05-12:20 p.m.

**22. Call to the public**

**Adjourn**



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