

STATEMENT OF REASONS

CHAPTER 1

REGULATION GOVERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS

During the 2020 Budget Session, the Wyoming Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Enrolled Act No. 48 (HEA 48) requiring the Commission to promulgate rules limiting release of personally identifiable information and geographic information related to the legal taking of wildlife.

W.S. § 23-1-302(r) requires that personally identifiable and geographic information associated with the legal taking of wildlife, which is collected by the Commission or the Department, is solely for the use of the Commission, Department or appropriate law enforcement office and is not a public record for purposes of W.S. § 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.

A new Section 3 “Definitions” has been added to provide definitions for the terms “Geographic Information” and “Personally Identifiable Information” as used in the enabling legislation.