

STATEMENT OF REASONS

CHAPTER 61

COLLECTION OF SHED ANTLERS AND HORNS

Wyoming Statute § 23-1-302 (a)(xxxi) directs and empowers the Commission to regulate and control the collection of shed antlers and horns of big game animals for the purpose of minimizing the harassment or disturbance of big game populations on public lands.

Section 3. The Department is proposing to modify the closure time listed in regulation for the collection of shed antlers or horns on public lands within the area identified in Chapter 61. Currently, the closure period runs each calendar year from January 1 through May 1 at 12 p.m. The proposed change would close the season from 12 a.m. January 1 until 6:00 a.m. on May 1. This change is proposed to better align with other regulatory closures on Department owned or managed land, state land and public land.