

STATEMENT OF REASONS

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 4

FURBEARING ANIMAL HUNTING OR TRAPPING SEASONS

W.S. § 23-1-302(a)(i) directs and empowers the Commission to fix seasons and bag limits, open, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds.

W.S. § 23-2-303 provides for the trapping of furbearing animals, license requirements to trap, tagging requirements for traps, types of traps and time periods for checking traps.

Section 2, Definitions. The definitions of “Drainage” and “Trapping or Trap” are being modified to add clarity.

Section 3, Hunting or Trapping Seasons. Edits have been made to remove limited quota beaver trapping in trapping areas 101, 102, 103 and 104. Trapping area 605 has been added to the list of trapping areas closed to take of beaver.

Section 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Areas. Trapping areas 101, 102, 103 and 104 have been removed. Trapping Area 605, Green Mountain, has been added to the beaver trapping areas. Two additional areas (subsections (j) and (k)) have been added to the list of areas closed to the taking of all furbearing animals.

Section 6, Limited Quota Furbearing Animal Trapping Area Permits. Subsection (c) indicates a new application date for limited quota trapping permits which will begin in 2020.

Section 10, Mandatory Bobcat Registration. The “method of take” is being added as required information for mandatory bobcat registration.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of these rules.