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**July 2, 2019**

**A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on July 17-19, 2019, at the Holiday Inn, 1675 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs, WY. 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.**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2019**

**Tour of Flaming Gorge Reservoir 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

A tour will take place on July 17, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The tour will focus on Aquatic Invasive Species and fish management issues at Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The tour is open to the public. The public will need to provide their own transportation.

**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

**Executive Session begins at 7:30 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. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the April 2019 Commission Meeting.

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

- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the April 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes. 5 min. 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. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:05-9:20 a.m.
- 3. Presenter: Mike Schmid, Commissioner. Work to Support a Wildlife Foundation.** The Commission will discuss the status of efforts to support a new wildlife foundation. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:20-9:35 a.m.

#### 4. Awards and Recognition

##### Department Awards:

- Director's Office Employee of the Year
- Services Division Employee of the Year
- Wildlife Division Employee of the Year
- Fiscal Division Employee of the Year
- Fish Division Employee of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Special Recognition Award
- Director's Award

5. **Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director, and Rusty Bell, Campbell County Commissioner. Proposed Campbell County Visitor Center.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the proposed Campbell County Visitor Center. Informational presentation. 30 min. 11:05-11:35

Lunch 11:35 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

6. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons. 25 min. 1:00-1:25 p.m.
7. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 25, Falconry and Raptor Propagation Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 25, Falconry and Raptor Propagation Regulation. 10 min. 1:25-1:35 p.m.
8. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 32, Regulation Governing Firearm Cartridges and Archery Equipment.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 32, Regulation Governing Firearm Cartridges and Archery Equipment. 15 min. 1:35-1:50 p.m.
9. **Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Chapter 44, Regulation for Issuance of Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Preference Points and Competitive Raffle Chances.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 44, Regulation for Issuance of Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Preference Points and Competitive Raffle Chances. 25 min. 1:50-2:15 p.m.
10. **Presenters: Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Section Supervisor, Wildlife Division, and Justin Clapp, Large Carnivore Biologist, Wildlife Division. Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 2:15-2:45 p.m.

- 11. Presenters: Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Section Supervisor, Wildlife Division, and Ken Mills, Large Carnivore Biologist, Wildlife Division. Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 2:45-3:15 p.m.

Break 3:15-3:30 p.m.

- 12. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. Fiscal Feasibility Needs Assessment.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Fiscal Feasibility Needs Assessment. Informational presentation. 30 min 3:30-4:00 p.m.

- 13. Presenter: Dirk Miller, Deputy Chief, Fish Division. Boulder Rearing Station Renovation Project Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the consulting engineer's report for the Boulder Rearing Station Renovation Project. Informational presentation. 30 min. 4:00-4:30 p.m.

- 14. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Martin Grenier, Ducks Unlimited. Ducks Unlimited Work in Wyoming.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on Ducks Unlimited and cooperative projects in Wyoming. Informational presentation. 30 min. 4:30-5:00 p.m.

- 15. Call to the public.**

**Adjourn for the day.**

**Open House 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

The public is invited to an open house hosted by Ducks Unlimited, with the Commission and Department Staff at the Holiday Inn, 1675 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs, WY. Youth guests are encouraged to attend.

**Friday, July 19, 2019**

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

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

- 16. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director, and Meredith Wood, Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Division. Approval of the Commission's FY 2020 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Commission's FY 2020 budget. 45 min. 8:00-8:45 a.m.

**17. Presenter: Dr. Mary Wood, DVM, Wildlife Veterinarian, Wildlife Division. CWD Statewide Collaborative Process.** The Commission will be provided with an update on CWD Statewide Collaborative Process and CWD resident and nonresident hunter survey results. Informational presentation. 30 min. 8:45-9:15 a.m.

**18. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Kim Brown, Damage Claim Appeal #19070.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #19070. 45 min 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Break 10:00-10:15 a.m.

**19. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Lands Branch Chief, Services Division. Authorization to Proceed with Negotiations for Acquiring or Disposing of Fee Title and/or Less Than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission will be asked to vote to authorize the Department to proceed with negotiations for fee title and/or less than fee title property rights on one project in Goshen County. 15 min. 10:15-10:30 a.m.

**20. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Lands Branch Chief, Services Division. Approval to Acquire or Dispose of Fee Title and/or Less than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission will be presented with the following projects: A) Afton Game Warden Station Disposal, Lincoln County; B) Schamel Property Acquisition, Goshen County; and C) Tilden Property Acquisition, Park County. 30 min 10:30-11:00 a.m.

**21. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Pathfinder Ranch Conservation Easement.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the acquisition, through donation, of a conservation easement on the Pathfinder Ranch. 20 min. 11:00-11:20 a.m.

**22. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. WGFD Operations in Teton County.** The Commission will be provided with an update on options for addressing Department operations in Jackson. Informational presentation. 40 min. 11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**23. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director, and Jerry Johnson, Wyoming Board of Agriculture. Animal Damage Management Board Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the projects selected for funding by the Animal Damage Management Board. 15 min. 1:00-1:15 p.m.

**24. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Big Game Herd Unit Objectives Revisions.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve big game herd unit objectives. 20 min. 1:15-1:35 p.m.

**25. Presenter: Mark Nelson, Records Custodian, Wildlife Division. Policy VI A, Public Records.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Policy VI A, Public Records. 15 min 1:35-1:50 p.m.

**26. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Josh Longwell, Damage Claim Appeal #19114.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #19114. 45 min. 1:50-2:35 p.m.

Break 2:35-2:50 p.m.

**27. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Big Game Highway Crossing Project.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a big game highway crossing project. 30 min. 2:50-3:20 p.m.

**28. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve three new license selling agents and the transfer of ownership of four license selling agents. 15 min. 3:20-3:35 p.m.

**29. Presenter: Kathryn Boswell, Conservation Education Specialist, Director's Office. 2019 Expo Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the 2019 Expo. Informational presentation. 20 min. 3:35-3:50 p.m.

**30. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Petition to Adopt a Regulation Requiring Hunters in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem to Carry Bear Spray.** The Commission will vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, the petition to adopt a regulation. 20 min. 3:50-4:10

**31. Presenter: Justin Joiner, Communication and Outreach Supervisor, Director's Office. Putting a Face on the Agency.** The Commission will be shown a video that highlights a Department employee. Informational presentation. 15 min. 4:10-4:25 p.m.

**32. Call to the public.**

**Adjourn**

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