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**January 6, 2017**

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on January 18-19, 2017, at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Headquarters, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY. As authorized by W.S. § 23-1-301-303 and W.S. § 23-1-401, 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, January 18, 2017**

**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 of real estate. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the November 2016 meeting.

**Open Session begins at approximately 9:30 a.m.**

- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the November 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 2. Presenter: Scot Kofron, 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 may be asked to vote to authorize the Department to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights. Specific projects include: A. Easements at the South Park WHMA for WYDOT's Highway Widening Project (Teton County); B. South Park WHMA Teton County Fence Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (Teton County); and C. Ducks Unlimited Schamel Property Acquisition (Goshen County).
- 3. Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. Approval to Acquire or Dispose Fee Title and/or Less Than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission may be asked to vote to approve the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights. Specific projects include: A. Renewal of the Snake River Von Gontard Public Access Area Lease Renewal (Teton County); B. Dawson Keefer Conservation Easement (Natrona County); and C. Renewal of the Sinks Canyon Public Access Area Cooperative Agreement (Fremont County).

4. **Presenter: Scott Smith, Deputy Director. Effects of Predation, Nutrition, and Habitat on Survival of Mule Deer.** Samantha Dwinnell from the Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, will update the Commission on research regarding the effects of predation, nutrition, and habitat on survival of mule deer.
5. **Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. New Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office in Laramie.** The Commission will be updated on the progress and status of the new Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office building in Laramie. Informational presentation.
6. **Presenter: Jean Cole, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agents Appointment and Transfer of Ownership.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of ownership for Paradise Foods in Pine Haven, WY and the renewal of Grand Teton Association in Jackson, WY.
7. **Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons.
8. **Presenter: Brian DeBolt, Large Carnivore Conflict Coordinator, Wildlife Division. 2016 Large Carnivore Conflict Summary.** The Commission will be provided with an overview of the 2016 human-large carnivore conflicts.
9. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. The 2016 Wyoming Hunting Seasons – A Look Back.** The Commission will be provided with a summary of the 2016 hunting seasons.
10. **Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Resolution Supporting the Blue Ribbon Panel’s Recommendation to Congress for Funding the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a resolution that supports the Blue Ribbon Panel’s recommendation to Congress for Funding the Wildlife Conservation Restoration Program.
11. **Presenters: Mark Gordon, Wyoming State Treasurer, and John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Draft Legislation to Implement 2016 Constitutional Amendment A.** The State Treasurer will update the Commission on draft legislation to implement 2016 Constitutional Amendment A for certain non-permanent funds of the State.
12. **Call to the Public.**

**Adjourn for the day.**

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

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

13. **Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will provide an update to the Commission on his activities since the last Commission meeting. Informational presentation.
14. **Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director.** The Director will recognize outgoing Commissioners for their service.
15. **Awards and Recognition**

**Department Awards:**

Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division, will present Gary Fralick with 2015 Wildlife Division Employee of the Year Award and 30-year Service Award.

Mary Flanderka, Habitat Protection Program, will present the Industry Reclamation and Wildlife Stewardship Award to Cloud Peak Energy, Antelope Coal LLC and Marathon Oil Company.

Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division, will present SALECS dispatcher, Vernie "Jo" Tennant, the Excellence in Wildlife Conservation Award.

**Service Awards:**

Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division, will present Susan Salazar with her 35-year Service Award.

16. **Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp Renovation Project.** The Commission will be provided with cost estimates for the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp Renovation Project.
17. **Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director's Office. Eligible Volunteer Projects for 2017.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the list of eligible volunteer projects for 2017.
18. **Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director's Office. 2017 Wildlife, Hunting and Fishing Expo.** The Commission will be asked to vote on a proposed plan and budget for a Wildlife, Hunting and Fishing Expo in May of 2017.

**19. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. USDA-APHIS Cow Elk Brucellosis Research Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the USDA-APHIS *Brucella* vaccine research project.

**20. Call to the Public.**

**Adjourn.**

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