December 30, 2019

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on January 15, 2020, at the Wyoming Game and Fish Headquarters (Elk Room) 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82006. 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.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

The public is invited to an open house, hosted by the Pine Bluffs High Plains Chapter of Pheasants Forever, with the Commission and Department staff at the Wyoming Game and Fish Headquarters, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY. Youth guests are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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 or disposal of real estate. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the November 2019 Commission 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 2019 Commission Meeting Minutes. 5 min. 9:30-9:35 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. 9:35-9:50 a.m.

3. **Presenter: Mike Schmid, Commissioner. Work to Support a new Wildlife Foundation.** The Commission will discuss the status of efforts to support a new wildlife foundation. Informational presentation. 10 min. 9:50-10:00 a.m.
4. **Presenter:** John Kennedy, Deputy Director. *WGFD Housing and Operations in Teton County.* The Commission will be provided with an update on options for addressing Department housing and operations in Jackson. Informational presentation. 45 min. 10:00-10:45 a.m.

5. **Presenter:** DeeDee Hawk, Chief, Services Division. *Cody Regional Office Update.* The Commission will be provided with an update on the new Cody Regional Office project. Informational presentation. 10 min. 10:45-10:55 a.m.

6. **Presenter:** Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. *Department’s Strategic Plan - 2019-2020 Implementation Plan Update.* The Commission will be provided with an update on the status of projects in the current implementation plan. In addition, the 2020-2022 implementation plan will be introduced. Informational presentation. 30 min. 10:55-11:25 a.m.

7. **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 presented with the following project: A.) Munger Mountain Conservation Easement, Teton County. 10 min. 11:25-11:35 a.m.

8. **Presenter:** Meredith Wood, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. *Employee Insurance.* The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an increase to the FY20 Commission budget to cover health insurance premiums. 10 min. 11:35-11:45 a.m.

9. **Presenter:** Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. *License Selling Agent Appointments.* The Commission will be asked to vote to approve one new license selling agent, the transfer of one license selling agent and the renewal of one license selling agent. 10 min. 11:45 a.m.-11:55 a.m

   Tentative Lunch 11:55 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

10. **Presenter:** Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. *Electronic Payment Capability for License Selling Agents.* The Commission will be briefed on the process and milestones for electronic payment capability for license selling agents. Informational presentation. 20 min. 1:00-1:20 p.m.

11. **Presenter:** Dan Bjornlie, Large Carnivore Biologist, Wildlife Division. *Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons.* The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 1:20-1:50 p.m.

12. **Presenter:** Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. *Chapter 61, Collection of Shed Antlers and Horns.* The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 61, Collection of Shed Antlers and Horns. 20 min. 1:50-2:10 p.m.
13. **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. 10 min. 2:10-2:20 p.m.

14. **Presenter:** Leslie Schreiber, Statewide Sagebrush/Sage-Grouse Biologist, Wildlife Division. **Sage-Grouse Translocations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the request from North Dakota for hens and broods for supplemental release. 20 min. 2:20-2:40 p.m.

15. **Presenters:** Nichole Bjornlie, Nongame Mammal Biologist, Wildlife Division and Zack Walker, Statewide Nongame Bird and Mammal Program Supervisor, Wildlife Division. **Pygmy Rabbit Translocations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the translocation of pygmy rabbits to Washington. 15 min. 2:40-2:55 p.m.

Tentative Break 2:55-3:15 p.m.

16. **Presenters:** Ian Tator, Statewide Terrestrial Habitat Manager, Wildlife Division and Ray Bredehoft, Chief, Habitat and Access Branch, Services Division. **Annual Invasive Grass: An Imminent Threat to Wyoming’s Future.** The Commission will be provided with information on the annual invasive grasses Cheatgrass, Medusahead, and Ventenata. Informational presentation. 30 min. 3:15-3:45 p.m.

17. **Presenter:** Rebekah Fitzgerald, Communications Director, Director’s Office. **Volunteer Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the list of eligible volunteer projects for 2020. 5 min. 3:45-3:50 p.m.

18. **Presenter:** Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. **The 2019 Wyoming Hunting Seasons – A Look Back.** The Commission will be provided with a summary of hunter harvest success and participation during the Wyoming’s 2019 hunting seasons. Informational presentation. 10 min. 3:50-4:00 p.m.

19. **Presenter:** Rebekah Fitzgerald, Communications Director, Director’s Office. **Wyoming Wildlife Photos.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation showing photos of Wyoming’s Wildlife. Informational presentation. 10 min. 4:00-4:10 p.m.

20. **Call to the public.**

Adjourn

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