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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on November 13-14, 2018, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1150 North Poplar Street, Casper, 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.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

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 September 2018 Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.

- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the September 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 2. Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will provide an update to the Commission on his activities since the last Commission meeting and other items of importance. Informational presentation.
- 3. Awards and Recognition**

Service Awards:

Matthew Pollock, Habitat and Access Biologist, Services Division, will be presented with his 20-year service award.

Jeff Stafford, Superintendent of Wigwam Rearing Station, Fish Division, will be presented with his 20-year service award.

Deb Vincent, Office Manager, Wildlife Division, will be presented with her 25-year service award.

Brian Olsen, Casper Regional Wildlife Supervisor, Wildlife Division, will be presented with his 30-year service award.

Rod Lebert, Casper Region Game Warden, Wildlife Division, will be presented with his 30-year service award.

4. **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 asked to vote to approve the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights on the following projects: A) Sunlight Basin Wildlife Habitat Management Area Land Exchange in Park County, and B) Medicine Lodge Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Big Horn County.
5. **Presenters: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division and Phil Nicholas, Chairman, Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Task Force. Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Task Force Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update from the Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Task Force. Informational presentation.
6. **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 the revised Chapter 44, Regulation for Issuance of Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Preference Points and Competitive Raffle Chances.
7. **Presenters: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division and Josh Coursey and Joey Faigle, Co-Founders of Muley Fanatic Foundation. Putting the “U” in Hunt.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Muley Fanatic Foundation’s program for youths with life threatening illnesses. Informational presentation.
8. **Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division. Update on New Technologies for Hunting.** The Commission will be provided with public feedback and a series of recommendations related to potential regulation changes for new and emerging technologies used in hunting. Informational presentation.
9. **Presenters: Scott Smith, Deputy Director, and Hall Sawyer, Research Biologist, Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. Mule Deer and Energy Development.** The Commission will be provided with the results of a study that monitored mule deer response on winter range to energy development over a 17-year period. Informational presentation.

- 10. Presenters: Scott Smith, Deputy Director, and Hall Sawyer, Research Biologist, Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc. The Science Behind Migration Corridors.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the science used to analyze GPS telemetry data to conserve migration corridors. Informational presentation.
- 11. Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division, and Angi Bruce, Supervisor, Habitat Protection Program, Director's Office. Migration Corridor Update and BLM Fourth Quarter Lease Sale.** The Commission will be updated on the migration corridor and the BLM fourth quarter lease sale. Informational presentation.
- 12. Presenter: Ian Tator, Statewide Terrestrial Habitat Manager, Wildlife Division. Mule Deer Initiative Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve habitat and migration project applications for the Statewide Mule Deer Initiative Program.
- 13. Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director's Office. 2019 Commission Meeting Dates and Locations.** The Commission will be asked to approve dates and a location for the January 2019 meeting as well as giving input for locations for other 2019 meetings.

14. 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 the Muley Fanatic Foundation, with the Commission and Department staff at the Casper Regional Office, 3030 Energy Lane. Youth guests are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

- 15. Presenters: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Nichole Bjornlie, Nongame Mammal Biologist, Wildlife Division. Wyoming Black-footed Ferret Management Plan.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Wyoming Black-footed Ferret Management Plan as proposed by the Department.
- 16. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. Antelope Hunt Event Licenses.** The Commission will be presented with information regarding a process for the Commission to use for the review and approval of organizations to receive antelope licenses for two antelope hunt events authorized in Chapter 44 Section 5(e) (i) (A). Informational presentation.
- 17. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. Conditional Renewal of License Selling Agents.** The Commission will be asked to vote to conditionally renew license selling agents who have not met the \$1,000.00 minimum requirement in sales for 2018 and allow them to continue selling licenses on behalf of the Department until the total sales for the calendar year can be evaluated.
- 18. Presenter: Jim Wasseen, Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative Coordinator, Fish Division. Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative Habitat Enhancement Projects.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative's habitat enhancement projects. Informational presentation.
- 19. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Lenard Seeley, Damage Claim Appeal #18134.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #18134.
- 20. Presenters: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division, and Dr. Annika Walters, Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, University of Wyoming. Fisheries Research in Wyoming.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding fisheries research conducted by the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Informational presentation.

21. Presenters: Greg Anderson, North Lander Wildlife Biologist and Daryl Lutz, Lander Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep – A Path Forward. The Commission will be presented with information on the history of the Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep herd and the results of the public collaboration initiative process. Informational presentation.

22. Presenter: Mike Schmid, Commissioner. Update on Work to Support a Wildlife Foundation. The Commission will discuss recent efforts to support a new wildlife foundation. Informational presentation.

23. Call to the public.

Adjourn

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