A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on March 14-15, 2018, at the Holiday Inn at the Buffalo Bill Village Resort, 1701 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, 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, March 14, 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 of real estate. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the January 2018 Commission Meeting.

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

1. **Presenter: Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners. Election of Officers.** The Commission will elect a new Commission President and Vice President.

2. **Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the January 2018 Commission Meeting Minutes.

3. **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.

4. **Presenters: Dan Thompson, Supervisor, Large Carnivore Section, Wildlife Division and Brian DeBolt, Conflict Coordinator, Large Carnivore Section, Wildlife Division. Large Carnivore Update.** The Commission will be presented with information on current research, monitoring, management and conflict activities of large carnivores within Wyoming. Informational presentation.
5. **Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep Herd. Informational presentation.

6. **Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Gros Ventre Elk Distribution.** The Commission will be provided with an update on elk distribution in the Gros Ventre. Informational presentation.

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 asked to vote to authorize the Department to proceed with negotiations for acquiring fee title and/or less than fee title property rights on one project.

8. **Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Chapter 31, Regulation Governing Authorized License Selling Agents.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 31, Regulation Governing Authorized License Selling Agents.

9. **Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Optional Use of Elk, Deer or Antelope Preference Points.** The Commission will be provided with information on a proposal to allow nonresident elk, deer or antelope applicants the option of utilizing their preference points in the initial draw. Informational presentation.

10. **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.

11. **Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director’s Office. Legislative Update.** The Commission will be presented with an update on legislation addressed during the 2018 legislative session. Informational presentation.

12. **Call to the public.**

**Adjourn for the day**

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

The public is invited to an open house with the Commission and Department staff to be held following the Commission meeting. Youth guests are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.
Thursday, March 15, 2018

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

13. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director, and Millissa Raner, General Accounting Manager, Fiscal Division. Preliminary Approval of the Commission’s FY 2019 Budget and the Budget for One-Time Projects. The Commission will be asked to vote to provide preliminary approval of the FY 2019 budget and the budget for one-time projects.

14. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Update on the Implementation of Chapter 60, Regulation Governing Greater Sage-Grouse Raised On Private Game Bird Farms. The Commission will be given an update on the status of the Department’s implementation of certifying game bird farm licensees to collect sage-grouse eggs from the wild and raise them within the certified game bird farm in accordance with Chapter 60. Informational presentation.

15. Presenter: Sam Hochhalter, Regional Fish Supervisor, Fish Division. Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Collaborative Working Group Update. The Commission will be provided with an update regarding the Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Collaborative Working Group. Informational presentation.

16. Presenter: Jason Burckhardt, Fish Biologist, Fish Division. Buffalo Bill Reservoir Research. The Commission will be provided with information on research that has been conducted on Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Informational presentation.

17. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve new applications for license selling agents Altitude Outdoors in Afton, Wyoming and Stateline Station in Beulah, Wyoming.

18. Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director’s Office. Wyoming Game and Fish Public Engagement and Strategic Planning Process. The Commission will be provided with an update on the Wyoming Game and Fish Public Engagement and Strategic Planning process. Informational presentation.

19. Presenter: DeeDee Hawk, Chief, Services Division. New Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office in Laramie and the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp Renovation Project Update. The Commission will be provided with an update on the new Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office in Laramie and the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp Renovation Project. Informational presentation.

20. Call to the public.
Optional Field Trip
The Commission and Department staff will tour the North Fork of the Shoshone River to observe the Absorka Bighorn Sheep Herd and learn how data is collected and analyzed. This tour is open to members of the public. The general public will need to provide their own transportation and meals for the tour.