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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on March 16-17, 2021, at the Holiday Inn at Buffalo Bill Village Resort, 1701 Sheridan Avenue, Cody, WY. The meeting will also be conducted in-person and via ZOOM video conferencing. 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, March 16, 2021

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 January 2021 Commission Meeting.

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

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- 1. Presenters: Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioners. Election of Officers.** The Commission will elect a new Commission President and Vice President. 15 min 9:45-10:00 a.m.

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2. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the minutes from the January 2021 Commission meetings. 5 min. 10:00-10:05 a.m.

3. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report. The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges and opportunities. Informational presentation. 15 min. 10:05-10:20 a.m.

4. Awards and Recognition

Director Nesvik will present the Industry Wildlife Stewardship Award. 10 min. 10:20-10:30 a.m.

5. New Commissioner Orientation. Informational presentations. 90 min. 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

1. Overview of the Department - Director's Office
2. Legal Overview - Jenny Staeben, Attorney General's Office
3. Damage Claim Process - Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division

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

6. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal #21031. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial payment recommendation for Damage Claim #21031. 45 min. 1:00-1:45 p.m.

7. Presenters: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Dr. Arthur Middleton, University of California, Berkeley and the Buffalo Bill Center of the West. Investigating Patterns of Predation on Elk and Livestock. The Commission will be presented with an update on research to investigate patterns of predation on elk and livestock in western Wyoming. Informational presentation. 30 min. 1:45-2:15 p.m.

8. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Lands Branch Chief, Services Division. Acquisition and/or Disposal of Fee Title and/or Less than Fee Title Property Rights. The Commission will be asked to vote and provide direction to the Department on the following project: Asbell Conservation Easement Donation, Fremont County. 10 min. 2:15-2:25 p.m.

Tentative Break 2:25-2:40 p.m.

9. **Presenter: Millissa Raner, General Accounting Manager, Fiscal Division. Preliminary Approval of the Commission's FY 2022 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to provide preliminary approval of the FY 2022 budget. 45 min. 2:40-3:25 p.m.

10. **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. 45 min. 3:25-4:10 p.m.

11. Call to the Public.

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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12. **Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Cody Regional Office Project.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the construction of the new Cody Regional Office. 20 min. 8:00-8:20 a.m.

13. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.

The Commission will be asked to vote to approve two new license selling agents, and the renewal of two agents. 10 min. 8:20-8:30 a.m.

14. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Legislative Update. The Commission will be briefed on the 2021 Legislative Session. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:30-8:45 a.m.

15. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Feedground Public Engagement Process. The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's feedground public engagement process. Informational presentation. 90 min. 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Tentative Break 10:15-10:30 a.m.

16. Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. One Shot Antelope Hunt Quotas. The Commission will be presented with information regarding the quotas for the One Shot Antelope Hunt. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:30-10:50 a.m.

17. Presenter: Nichole Bjornlie, Nongame Mammal Biologist, Wildlife Division. Black-footed Ferret. The Commission will be presented with an update on current status, monitoring, and management of black-footed ferrets in Wyoming, Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:50-11:10 a.m.

18. Presenter: Jordan Winter, Cody Region Access Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Access Yes Program and 2020 Landowner Survey. The Commission will be presented with information on the Access Yes Program and the associated 2020 landowner survey. Informational presentation. 20 min. 11:10-11:30 a.m.

19. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, Executive Director, The WYldlife Fund. Update from The WYldlife Fund. The Commission will be provided with an update from The WYldlife Fund and will be presented with a short video called "Kid's Corner". Informational presentation. 15 min. 11:30-11:45 a.m.

20. Call to the Public.

Adjourn.

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**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION MEETING
March 16-17, 2021**

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Please complete a separate comment form for each agenda item.

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NAME: _____

TITLE/ORGANIZATION: _____

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 - a. *Please remember that there are two different links. One for March 16th and one March 17th.*
2. You can join either using your computer or a phone, or both **
 - a. On the computer, you can watch and listen to the live video. If you have a microphone on your computer, you can also use your computer's microphone to speak to the Commission if you have a comment (and if you have submitted the appropriate *Advanced Comment Form*. Comment form instructions are below).
 - b. You can also join via phone using one of the phone numbers provided in the agenda.
 - c. If you wish to watch the meeting on your computer, but you do not have a microphone on your computer (and you plan to speak to the Commission), you can also use the phone number provided to listen in.
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 - b. During the meeting, at the end of each agenda item, we will allow those who submitted comment forms to speak to the Commission.
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