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March 16, 2022

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on March 24-25, 2022 at the Holiday Inn, 1701 Sheridan Ave., Cody. The meeting will 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.

### Thursday, March 24, 2022

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 2022 Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:30 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. 9:30-9:45 a.m.
2. **Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the January 2022 Commission meeting. 5 min. 9:45-9:50 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. 9:50-10:05 a.m.

#### 4. **Awards, Recognition, Donations**

Dan Smith, Interim Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division will be presented with his 20-year service award.

The Industry Wildlife Stewardship Award will be presented to Rocky Mountain Power.

5. **Presenter: Millissa Raner, General Accounting Manager, Fiscal Division. Preliminary Approval of the Commission's FY 2023 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to provide preliminary approval of the FY 2023 budget. 45 min. 10:15-11:00 a.m.
6. **Presenter: Heather O'Brien, Nongame Mammal Biologist, Wildlife Division. Translocation of Swift Fox.** The Commission will be asked to approve the translocation of swift fox to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. 15 min. 11:00-11:15 a.m.
7. **Presenter: Andrea Orabona, Nongame Bird Biologist, Wildlife Division. Burrowing Owl Migration Project.** The Commission will be presented with an update on the full annual life-cycle information for Wyoming's Burrowing Owls. Informational presentation. 25 min. 11:15-11:40 a.m.
8. **Presenter: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve one new license selling agent Agri Tire Plus, LLC, Greybull, the renewal of two agents, Walmart 1485, Gillette and Loaf N Jug, Worland. 10 min. 11:40-11:50 a.m.

Tentative Lunch 11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

9. **Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. Fiscal Feasibility Project.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Department's Fiscal Feasibility work. Informational presentation. 15 min. 1:00-1:15 p.m.
10. **Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Department Website.** The Commission will be briefed on the work to improve the Department's website. Informational presentation. 30 min. 1:15-1:45 p.m.

- 11. Presenter: Brad Sorensen, Cody Habitat and Access Supervisor, Services Division. Overview of Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Public Access Areas in the Cody Region.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Department's Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and Public Access Areas in the Cody Region. 30 min. 1:45-2:15 p.m.
- 12. Presenters: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division and Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Elk Management.** The Commission will be provided with an update on statewide elk management. Informational presentation. 2 hrs. 2:15-4:15 p.m.
- 13. Call to the public.**

**Adjourn for the day.**

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

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

**Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.**

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- 14. Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Cody Regional Office Project.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Cody Regional Office project. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- 15. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Legislative Update.** The Commission will be briefed on the 2022 Legislative Session. Informational presentation. 20 min. 8:15-8:35 a.m.
- 16. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Wildlife Crossing Initiative Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Wildlife Crossing Initiative. Informational presentation. 20 min. 8:35-8:55 a.m.

**17. Presenter: Jason Burckhardt, Cody Regional Fisheries Biologist, Fish Division. Walleye Suppression Efforts on Buffalo Bill Reservoir.** The Commission will be provided with an overview of walleye suppression efforts on Buffalo Bill Reservoir. Informational presentation. 30 min. 8:55-9:25 p.m.

**18. Presenter: Joe Sandrini, Newcastle Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Division. Bighorn Sheep Management in the Black Hills.** The Commission will be briefed on the history of bighorn sheep in the Black Hills. Informational presentation. 20 min. 9:25-9:45 a.m.

Tentative Break 9:45-10:00 a.m.

**19. Presenters: Dr. Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Management Section Supervisor and Joe Kondelis, President, Western Bear Foundation. Western Bear Foundation Update.** The Commission will be presented with an update from the Western Bear Foundation. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:00-10:20 a.m.

**20. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Fred Williams, State Director, Wyoming Chapter of the First Hunt Foundation. First Hunt Foundation.** The Commission will be presented with information on the First Hunt Foundation. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:20-10:40 a.m.

**21. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Bryan Bedrosian, Director, Sporting Lead-Free. Sporting Lead-Free Initiative.** The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Sporting Lead-Free initiative. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:40-11:00 a.m.

**22. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Communications Director. Communications Program Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's Communications program. Informational presentation. 20 min. 11:00-11:20 a.m.

**23. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, President, The WYldlife Fund. Update from The WYldlife Fund.** The Commission will be provided with an update from The WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 min. 11:20-11:35 a.m.

**24. Call to the public.**

**Adjourn**

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