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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on November 17-18, 2020 at the Bomber Mountain Civic Center, 63 North Burritt Avenue, Buffalo, WY. The meeting will also be conducted 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, November 17, 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 September 2020 Commission Meeting.

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

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https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q0FmDw5FSJuB3eccmE1srA

- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the minutes from the September 2020 meeting. 5 min. 9:45-9:50 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. 9:50-10:05 a.m.
- 3. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. 2021 Commission Meeting Dates and Locations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve dates and locations for Commission meetings in 2021. 15 min. 10:05-10:20 a.m.

4. Awards and Recognition

Service Awards:

Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division, will be presented with his 20-year service award. 5 min. 10:20-10:25 a.m.

Matt Lentsch, Game Warden, Cody Region, Wildlife Division, will be presented with his 30-year service award. 5 min. 10:25-10:30 a.m.

Travis Trimble, Assistant Fish Culture Supervisor, will be presented with his 20-year service award. 5 min. 10:30-10:35 a.m.

Pete Feck, Assistant Statewide Spawning Coordinator will be presented with his 30-year service award. 5 min. 10:35-10:40 a.m.

Recognition:

The Commission will be presented with the 2019 WAFWA Commission of the Year Award. 5 min. 10:40-10:45 a.m.

Jill Tonn, Retired Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, will be presented with the Excellence in Wildlife Conservation Award. 5 min. 10:45-10:50 a.m.

The Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation will be presented with a plaque for their support of the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp remodel project. They will also provide the Commission with an overview of the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation's work. 15 min. 10:50-11:05 a.m.

5. **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 projects: Treasure Island Public Access Area Donation in Carbon County and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Raymond Mountain Public Access Easement Donation in Lincoln County. 15 min. 11:05-11:20 a.m.
6. **Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Beartooth Ranch Project.** The Commission will be provided with an update on a proposal for future management of the Beartooth Ranch. Informational presentation. 20 min. 11:20-11:40 a.m.
7. **Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Division. Fiscal Division Process Improvement Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's ongoing work to improve internal fiscal processes. Informational presentation. 20 min. 11:40 a.m-12:00 p.m.

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

8. **Presenter: Ashley Leonard, Conservation Education Coordinator, Director's Office. 2020 Camp Overview and 2021 Camps.** The Commission will be provided with information on the 2020 camp season and the plan for 2021 camps. Informational presentation. 15 min. 1:00-1:15 p.m.
9. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Damage Claim Appeal #21003.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #21003. 45 min. 1:15-2:00 p.m.
10. **Presenter: Rick King, 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. 15 min. 2:00-2:15 p.m.
11. **Presenters: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and John Lund, Pinedale Region Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Wyoming Elk Feedgrounds.** The Commission will be presented with information on elk feedgrounds in Wyoming in preparation for the Department's elk feedground public engagement process that will occur in November and December. Informational presentation. 30 min. 2:15-2:45 p.m.

Break 2:45-3:00 p.m.

12. **Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. One Shot Antelope Hunt and Water for Wildlife Foundation Update.** The One Shot Antelope Hunt will update the Commission on the One Shot Antelope Hunt and the Water for Wildlife Foundation. Informational presentation. 60 min. 3:00-4:00 p.m.
13. **Presenters: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division and Jason Hunter, Lander Region Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Trapping Regulations Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's efforts to review and evaluate trapping regulations. Specific recommendations will be presented to the Commission. 30 min. 4:00-4:30 p.m.
14. **Presenter: Dustin Shorma, Dayton Game Warden, Wildlife Division. Lambdin Deer Case.** The Commission will be presented with information on a law enforcement case involving the illegal killing of 36 deer. Informational presentation. 20 min. 4:30-4:50 p.m.
15. **Presenter: Chris McBarnes, Executive Director, The WYldlife Fund. The WYldlife Fund Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update from The WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 min. 4:50-5:15 p.m.

16. **Call to the Public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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

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- 17. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. 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.
- 18. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Employee Housing in Jackson.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the employee housing project in Jackson. Informational presentation. 20 min. 8:15-8:35 a.m.
- 19. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve three new license selling agents and the transfer of one license selling agent. 10 min. 8:35-8:45 a.m.
- 20. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. Conditional Renewal of License Selling Agents.** The Commission will be briefed on agents who have not met the \$1,000.00 minimum requirement in sales for 2020 as of October 15, 2020. The Commission will be asked to vote to conditionally renew these license selling agents. 10 min. 8:45-8:55 a.m.
- 21. Presenter: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division. Mussel Dog Pilot Project.** The Commission will be provided with information on the mussel dog pilot project. Informational presentation. 20 min. 8:55-9:15 a.m.
- 22. Presenter: Paul Dey, Aquatic Habitat Program Manager, Fish Division. Statewide Habitat Plan.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation of the Department's newly revised statewide habitat plan. Informational presentation. 30 min. 9:15-9:45 a.m.
- 23. Call to the Public.**

Tour 10:00 a.m. - The Commission and Department Staff will tour the Clear Creek rehabilitation and fish passage project. The tour is open to the public. We will meet at 207 South Bypass Road.

Adjourn

The order of agenda items is subject to change. The State of Wyoming supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing auxiliary aids should contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307-777-4501. Every effort will be made for reasonable accommodations.

Zoom Instructions for the September Commission Meeting

1. Click on the Zoom link provided in the agenda and register for the meeting. Please enter your **full name** when registering. You will also need to enter a valid email address when registering. You can register before the day of the meeting if you wish.
 - a. Please remember that there are two different links. One for November 17th and one for November 18th. You will need to register separately for each day.
2. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email at the email address you provided. This email will give you instructions on how to join the meeting on November 17th and 18th. This email will also contain a passcode that you will need to use to join the meeting.
3. 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. When you register, you will receive a phone number to call to join the meeting. You will also need the meeting pin code that is included in your confirmation email.
 - 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 in the confirmation email to listen in.
 - d. Please note that all participants will be muted and their videos turned off, so as not to disturb the meeting.
4. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item, you must submit an **Advanced Comment Form by November 12th to Sheridan.todd@wyo.gov**.
 - a. It is important that you provide your **full name** on this sheet. If you join the meeting on your computer, your name will show up as a participant. If you plan to join the meeting by telephone (and plan to speak to the Commission), it is also very important that you give us the **phone number you will be using to call in**. *Please note that your name and/or your phone number (whichever you use to join the meeting) may be visible to all participants.*
 - b. During the meeting, at the end of each agenda item, we will allow those who submitted comment forms to speak to the Commission.
 - i. When it is your turn to speak, we will unmute you, and let you know you can speak at that time.
 1. Please speak clearly so we can hear you.
 2. If we have difficulty hearing you we will let you know and work to find an alternative way for you to speak to the Commission.
 - ii. After your turn to speak, we will mute you again.
 - iii. **Please note it is your responsibility to monitor the progression of the meeting to ensure you are available to comment during the proper agenda item. If you are not present on Zoom via computer or phone at the time we call your name, we will continue on to the next commenter.**

**If you plan to speak to the Commission at this meeting, please determine BEFORE the meeting if you need to utilize your computer's microphone or a telephone to do so.



**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION MEETING
November 17th and 18th, 2020**

ADVANCED AGENDA ITEM COMMENT FORM

To help facilitate your request to provide comments at the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Meeting you must complete and submit the advanced agenda item comment form to sheridan.todd@wyo.gov by **November 12, 2020**.

Please complete a separate comment form for each agenda item.

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AGENDA ITEM NO: _____ SUBJECT: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE/ORGANIZATION: _____

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