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Revised Agenda

July 6, 2021

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on July 13-15, 2021 at the Best Western Sheridan Center, 612 North Main Street, Sheridan, WY. 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.

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Tour of the Sheridan Area 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The tour will cover the Story Fish Hatchery, Sheridan Bird Farm and various locations to look at terrestrial invasive species. The tour is open to the public. The public will need to provide their own transportation and lunch. We will meet in front of the Best Western Sheridan Center, 612 North Main Street, Sheridan at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Executive Session begins at 7:00 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 April 2021 Commission Meeting.

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

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1. **Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the April, May and June 2021 Commission meetings. 5 min. 9:30-9:35 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. 9:35-9:50 a.m.
3. **Presenter: Millissa Raner, General Accounting Manager, Fiscal Division. Approval of the Commission’s FY 2022 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Commission’s FY 2022 budget. 45 min. 9:50-10:35
4. **Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Employee Housing Project in Jackson.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Employee Housing Project in Jackson. Informational presentation. 15 min. 10:35-10:50 a.m.
5. **Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Cody Regional Office Project.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the construction of the new Cody Regional Office. Informational presentation. 20 min. 10:50-11:10 a.m.
6. **Awards, Recognition, Donations**

Donations:

Presenter: Pete Kassab, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers will present a donation to the Commission.

Department Awards:

- Director’s Office Employee of the Year
- Services Division Employee of the Year
- Wildlife Division Employee of the Year
- Fiscal Division Employee of the Year
- Fish Division Employee of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Special Recognition Award
- Director’s Award

Lunch for Commission and Department Award Recipients 12:00-1:00 p.m.

7. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Meghan Lally, 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.

8. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Josh Longwell, HD Ranch, Damage Claim Appeal #21140.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial payment recommendation for Damage Claim #21140. 45 min. 1:45-2:30 p.m.

Tentative Break 2:30-2:45 p.m.

9. **Presenters: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division and Ryan Lance, President, Pathfinder Ranches, LLC. Reintroduction of Bighorn Sheep into the Sweetwater Rocks Area.** The Commission will be presented with a proposal to reintroduce Bighorn Sheep into the Sweetwater Rocks area. Informational presentation. 45 min. 2:45-3:30 p.m.
10. **Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Lands Branch Supervisor, 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/or provide direction to the Department on the following projects: South Laramie Game Warden Station Disposal, Albany County and Soda Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area Special Use Permit, Sublette County. 10 min. 3:30-3:40 p.m.
11. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 22, Watercraft Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 22, Watercraft Regulation. 10 min. 3:40-3:50 p.m.
12. **Presenter: Dan Thompson, Supervisor, Large Carnivore Section, Wildlife Division. Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 3:50-4:20 p.m.
13. **Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons. 45 min. 4:20-5:05 p.m.
14. **Call to the Public.**

Adjourn for the day

Thursday, July 15, 2021

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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- 15. Presenter: Jill Randall, Big Game Migration Coordinator, Wildlife Division. I-25 Kaycee to Buffalo Wildlife Crossing Project.** The Commission will be presented with information on the Wildlife Crossing Initiative and the I-25 Kaycee to Buffalo Wildlife Crossing Project. Informational presentation. 30 min 8:00-8:30 a.m.
- 16. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Douglas Meyer, WTR LLC, Damage Claim Appeal #21105.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial payment recommendation for Damage Claim #21105. 45 min. 8:30-9:15 a.m.
- 17. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Christian Peterson, Crandall Creek Ranch, Damage Claim Appeal #21137.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial payment recommendation for Damage Claim #21137. 45 min. 9:15-10:00 a.m.

Tentative Break 10:00-10:15 a.m.

- 18. Presenter: Ian Tator, Statewide Terrestrial Habitat Manager. Invasive Annual Grass Implementation Plan.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the Department's Invasive Annual Grass Implementation Plan. Informational presentation. 30 min. 10:15-10:45 a.m.
- 19. Presenter: Kevin Gelwicks, Assistant Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Wyoming Invasive Mussel Rapid Response Plans.** The Commission will be asked to approve invasive mussel rapid response plans for 22 Wyoming lakes and reservoirs. 30 min. 10:45-11:15 a.m.

20. **Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Uniform Policy V A.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Uniform Policy V A. 10 min. 11:15-11:25 a.m.
21. **Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve three new license selling agents, the transfer of six agents, and the bond renewal of one agent. 15 min. 11:25-11:40 a.m.
22. **Presenter: Jordan Winter, Cody Region Access Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Access Yes Program's 2020 Landowner Survey.** The Commission will be presented with information on the Access Yes Program's 2020 landowner survey. Informational presentation. 20 min. 11:40 a.m -12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00-12:45 p.m.

23. **Presenter: Seth Roseberry, Sheridan Habitat and Access Coordinator, Services Division. Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Informational presentation. 30 min. 12:45-1:15 p.m.
24. **Presenter: Sam Hochhalter, Cody Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Fish Division. Cody Region's Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Conservation Plan.** The Commission will be provided with an overview of the Cody Region's Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout conservation plan. Informational presentation. 15 min. 1:15-1:30 p.m.
25. **Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Jerry Johnson, Predator Management Coordinator, Department of Agriculture. Animal Damage Management Board Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the projects selected for funding by the Animal Damage Management Board. 15 min. 1:30-1:45 p.m.
26. **Presenter: David Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations. 20 min. 1:45-2:05 p.m.
27. **Presenters: Ian Tator, Terrestrial Habitat Supervisor, Wildlife Division and Dave Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Wyoming Water Supply Outlook.** The Commission will be provided with information on the State's current drought status. Informational presentation. 30 min. 2:05-2:35 p.m.

28. Call to the Public.

Adjourn

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July 14th and 15th, 2021**

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