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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on September 9, 2020 at the Days Inn, 115 East Park Street, Thermopolis, 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.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted in-person and via ZOOM video conferencing. To participate via ZOOM you must register at the link provided below. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting. To provide public comments via ZOOM please complete the advanced agenda item comment form.

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- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the minutes from the July 2020 meeting. 5 min. 8:00-8:05 a.m.
- 2. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Lands Branch Chief, Services Division. Disposal and Acquisition of Warden Stations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the disposal of the Elk Mountain Warden Station and the acquisition of a Warden Station in Gillette. 15 min. 8:05-8:20 a.m.
- 3. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Mule Deer Initiative Projects.** The Commission will be presented with information on current mule deer projects within Wyoming. Informational presentation. 30 min. 8:20-8:50 a.m.
- 4. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Big Game Herd Unit Objective Reviews.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised big game herd unit objectives. 30 min. 8:50-9:20 a.m.
- 5. Presenters: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Doug McWhirter, Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Bighorn Sheep Management.** The Commission will be presented with information regarding bighorn sheep management across the state. Informational presentation. 20 min. 9:20-9:40 a.m.

6. **Presenters: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Tim Thomas, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Division. Moose Management.** The Commission will be presented with an overview of historic and current moose research in Wyoming. Informational presentation. 30 min. 9:40-10:10 a.m.

Tentative Break 10:10-10:25 a.m.

7. **Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve four new license selling agents and the transfer of one license selling agent. 15 min. 10:25-10:40 a.m.
8. **Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges and opportunities. Informational presentation. 15 min. 10:40-10:55 a.m.
9. **Awards and Recognition**

Service Award:

Scott Werbelow, Game Warden Coordinator, Cody Region will be presented with his 25-year service award. 5 min. 10:55-11:00 a.m.

Recognition:

Presenter: Rick King, Chief, Wildlife Division. Shikar-Safari Club Wildlife Officer of the Year Award. The 2019 Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award will be presented to Jim Seeman, Buffalo Game Warden. 5 min. 11:00-11:05 a.m.

10. **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:
- a. Gateway South Transmission Line, Carbon County
 - b. Munger Mountain Conservation Easement Donation, Teton County
 - c. Pilot Hill Wildlife Habitat Management Area Lease, Albany County
 - d. Hook Ranch Acquisition, Weston County
 - e. Ogallala Land and Cattle Public Access Easement, Converse County
- 30 min. 11:05-11:35 a.m.
11. **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. 30 min. 11:35 a.m.-12:05 p.m.

Lunch 12:05-1:00 p.m.

- 12. Presenters: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Dr. Kevin Monteith, Assistant Professor, Natural Resource Science Haub School of Environment, University of Wyoming. Wyoming Range Deer Research.** The Commission will be provided with an update on deer research in the Wyoming Range. Informational presentation. 30 min. 1:00-1:30 p.m.
- 13. Presenters: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Eric Maichak, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Division. Bighorn Basin and Bighorn Mountains Brucellosis Update.** The Commission will be presented with information on current research, monitoring and management of brucellosis within the Bighorn Basin and Bighorn Mountains. Informational presentation. 20 min. 1:30-1:50 p.m.
- 14. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Wildlife Harvest Initiative.** The Commission will be presented with information regarding the Wildlife Harvest Initiative. Informational presentation. 15 min. 1:50-2:05 p.m.
- 15. Presenter: Rebekah Fitzgerald, Communications Director. Volunteer Policy, IIC.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Policy IIC, Governing Volunteers. 10 min. 2:05-2:15 p.m.
- 16. 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. 2:15-2:35 p.m.
- 17. 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. Informational presentation. 15 min. 2:35-2:50 p.m.
- 18. Call to the public.**

Adjourn

Executive Session begins at approximately 3:00 p.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 July 2020 Commission Meeting.

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.



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