

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **CHAPTER 44**

#### **REGULATION FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, PERMITS, STAMPS, TAGS, PREFERENCE POINTS AND COMPETITIVE RAFFLE CHANCES**

W.S. § 23-1-302 empowers the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) to prescribe the requirements and form, including electronic licensing format, for hunting licenses, stamps and tags.

Section 5. Permits. Language has been edited in subsection (g) to clarify Springer pheasant permits. New subsection (h) addresses a new Sage Grouse Hunting Permit which shall not be limited in number and shall expire at the end of the calendar year.

Section 27. Super Tag Licenses and Super Tag Trifecta Licenses. Additions have been made in subsection (e) (ii) and (iii) to require a nonresident applicant winner of a Super Tag License raffle for bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat or wild bison to purchase their license by March 15 of that year. A similar requirement is provided for any nonresident winner of the Super Tag Trifecta License raffle to select their individual species and purchase their license(s) by March 15 of that year. These new regulations will enable the Department to count these licenses against any nonresident license quotas for the remainder of the year.

Section 28. Nonresident Region General Elk License Quotas. This section was added to this regulation in July, 2023, in order for it to be in full effect for the 2024 nonresident application period that began on January 2, 2024. It is being removed from Chapter 44 and being inserted in its entirety into Chapter 7, Elk Hunting Seasons. It will remain in Chapter 7 and become part of the annual hunting season setting process along with the remainder of Chapter 7.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of the rules and regulations.