

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### CHAPTER 61

#### COLLECTION OF SHED ANTLERS AND HORNS

Wyoming Statute § 23-1-302(a)(xxxi) directs and empowers the Commission to regulate and control the collection of shed antlers and horns of big game animals on state or public lands for the purpose of minimizing the harassment or disturbance of big game populations; to require nonresidents to acquire a conservation stamp for the collection of shed antlers and horns; and to designate resident seasons for the collection of antlers and horns to begin seven (7) days before the start of seasons for nonresidents. Some of these provisions are a direct result of House Enrolled Act (HEA) No. 76 and No. 77 from the Wyoming Legislature 2023 General Session

Section 2. The definition of “collect” has been modified to address statutory changes resulting from HEA No. 76 and No. 77. A definition of “resident” is being included and means as defined in W.S. § 23-1-102 and § 23-1-107.

Section 3. This section has been reformatted to indicate a shed antler and horn collection area, resident season dates and nonresident season dates.

New Section 4 provides a written description for the shed antler or horn collection area and is described as Collection Area 1.

New Section 5 deleted a policy enactment date to address any future revision dates to this policy not also needing to be addressed in this regulation.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have also been incorporated in the above regulation that do not change the intent of the regulations.