

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

### CHAPTER 70

#### REGULATION GOVERNING POSSESSION OF ROAD KILLED WILDLIFE

W.S. § 23-3-310 directs and empowers the Commission to adopt rules and establish a program whereby a person could legally possess road killed wildlife as the result of an unintentional motor vehicle collision on any public road or highway, and allows for the Department of Transportation to request the exemption of segments of public roads or highways from these provisions.

W.S. § 23-3-106 provides that no person shall ship, transport or receive for shipment or transportation any game animal, game bird or any part thereof unless tagged with an interstate game tag, a proper carcass coupon, a properly licensed game bird or small game hunter or by a person possessing authorization to possess road killed wildlife.

This is a new regulation and is being promulgated in response to the Sixty-Sixth Legislature of the State of Wyoming 2021 General Session House Enrolled Act No. 58.

Section 1 provides for the authority to promulgate this rule.

Section 2 provides definitions specific to this regulation.

Section 3 addresses a public request for authorization from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to possess road killed wildlife, specific stipulations regarding possession of road killed wildlife and euthanizing wildlife injured in an unintentional vehicle collision.

Section 4 addresses provisions for legally collecting road killed wildlife.

Section 5 identifies specific public roads and highways which are exempt from the provisions authorizing possession of road killed wildlife. The Department of Transportation was consulted in the development of the exemptions being proposed.

Section 6 addresses the disposal of road killed deer, elk and moose carcasses with regard to chronic wasting disease concerns, and is in line with other rules addressing hunter harvested deer, elk and moose carcasses.

Section 7 indicates that any person making a false statement to obtain an authorization to possess road killed wildlife is in violation of Commission regulation.