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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on September 12-13, 2023 in Gillette at the CAM-PLEX (Frontier Hall in the Wyoming Center), 1635 Reata Drive. 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, September 12, 2023

Executive Session begins at 11:00 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 July 2023 Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 1:30 p.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 July 17-19, 2023 Commission meeting. 5 min. 1:30-1:35 p.m.
- 2. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges and opportunities. 15 min. 1:35-1:50 p.m.

3. Awards, Recognition, Donations 1:50-2:05 p.m.

Department Awards:

- Fish Division Employee of the Year
- Outstanding Leadership Award
- Valor Award

- 4. Presenter: Roy Weber, Lands Branch Chief, Service 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 a new public access area north of Miller Lane in Glenrock, Converse County and three new public access areas on the Green River, Sweetwater County. 15 min. 2:05-2:20 p.m.
- 5. Presenter: Eric Wiltanger, Chief, Services Division. Employee Housing Project in Jackson.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the employee housing project in Jackson. Informational presentation. 15 min. 2:20-2:35 p.m.
- 6. Presenter: Alan Osterland, Division Chief, Fish Division. Proposed Cool/Warm Water Facility at the Speas Hatchery.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's proposed cool/warm water facility at the Speas Hatchery and will ask the Commission to vote to approve funding for the project. 30 min. 2:35-3:05 p.m.
- 7. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Communications Update.** The Commission will be presented with an overview of the Department's communications work. Informational presentation. 15 min. 3:05-3:20 p.m.
- 8. Presenters: Corey Johnson, HR Manager and Division Chiefs. Employee Recruitment, Retention and Professional Development.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Department's employee recruitment, retention and professional development work. Informational presentation. 45 min. 3:20-4:05 p.m.
- 9. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Fiscal Division Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of two license selling agents: All American Fuel in Big Piney and Westbank Angler's in Jackson. 10 min. 4:05-4:15 p.m.

10. Call to the Public.

Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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- 11. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, President, The WYldlife Fund. WYldlife Fund Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update from the WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:00-8:15 a.m.
- 12. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director, Director's Office. Legislative Update.** The Commission will be provided with a legislative update. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:15-8:30 a.m.
- 13. Presenters: Will Schultz and Anika Mahoney, Habitat Protection Program, Director's Office. Habitat Protection Program Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update from the Department's Habitat Protection Program. Informational presentation. 20 min. 8:30-8:50 a.m.
- 14. Presenters: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division and Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division. Landowner Licenses.** The Commission will be provided with an update on landowner licenses as a follow-up from the discussion that took place at the July 2023 Commission meeting. Informational presentation. 45 min. 8:50-9:35 a.m.
- 15. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. 45 minutes. 9:35-10:20 a.m.

Tentative Break 10:20-10:35 a.m.

- 16. Presenter: Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 42, Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons. 1 hr. 10:35-11:35 a.m.

17. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 28, Regulation Governing Big or Trophy Game Animal or Game Bird or Gray Wolf Damage Claims. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 28 Regulation. 30 minutes. 11:35-12:05 a.m.

18. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Revisions to Big Game Herd Unit Objectives. The Commission will be provided with an overview of managing big game herds by objective and asked to vote to approve the management objectives for the Cooper Lake pronghorn herd unit and the Paintrock, Pumpkin Buttes, and Upper Powder River mule deer herd units. 20 minutes. 12:05-12:25 p.m.

19. Call to the public

Adjourn



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