

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

## WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

### CHAPTER 51

#### PRIVATE FISH HATCHERIES

W.S. §23-1-302(a)(xxvi) empowers the Commission to regulate or prohibit the importation of fish into Wyoming and W.S. §23-4-202(a)(ii) provides the Commission the authority to require mandatory checks and reporting of aquatic invasive species prior to a conveyance entering the state.

This regulation will become effective November 1, 2026, following action by the Commission in July 2026. The current Chapter 51 regulation will remain in effect through October 31, 2026.

In addition to the changes noted, minor Section numbering edits have been incorporated into this Chapter which do not change the meaning of existing regulations.

#### Section 2. Definitions;

(h): Changing the reference to the definition of “Aquatic Invasive Species of Concern” to Chapter 62, Regulation for Aquatic Invasive Species from current location in Section 7 of this Chapter.

New (h)(i): Inclusion of designated aquatic invasive species from other states that are not already designated in Wyoming Chapter 62, Regulation for Aquatic Invasive Species.

Section 7. Aquatic Invasive Species of Concern: Removal of entire section to Chapter 62, Regulation for Aquatic Invasive Species. Having a single location in Chapter 62 for listed aquatic invasive species is preferred.