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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on July 17-19, 2023, at the Platte County Agriplex, Great Room, 59 Antelope Gap Road, Wheatland, Wyoming. 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.

Monday, July 17, 2023

Tour of the Laramie Peak Area 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The tour will cover the Laramie River Diversion and the Laramie Peak Wildlife Habitat Management Area. The tour is open to the public. The public will need to provide their own transportation. We will meet in front of the Heartland Inn and Suites, 1556 Sherard Road, Wheatland, Wyoming, at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Executive Session begins at 8:00 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 April Commission Meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:30 a.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 April, May, and June 2023 Commission meetings. 5 min. 9:30-9:35 a.m.
2. **Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges, and opportunities. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:35-9:50 a.m.
3. **Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Division. Final Approval of the Commission's FY 2024 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Commission's FY 2024 budget. 30 min. 9:50-10:20 a.m.
4. **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. 10:20-10:35 a.m.
5. **Presenter: Roy Weber, Lands Branch Chief. 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 the following projects: a) ten-year renewal of the Dave Johnston Power Plant PAA near Glenrock, Converse County, Wyoming; b) new public access area on the North Platte River for boat launch, parking, and pedestrian fishing near Glenrock, Converse County, Wyoming; c) new public access road and parking area on property owned by Sims Land & Livestock, Inc., near McFadden, Carbon County, Wyoming. 30 min. 10:35-11:05 a.m.
6. **Awards, Recognition, Donations.** 11:05-12:00

Department Awards:

- Service Division Employee of the Year
- Wildlife Division Employee of the Year
- Fiscal Division Employee of the Year
- Fish Division Employee of the Year
- Communications and Education Division Employee of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Director's Office Employee of the Year
- Valor Award
- Director's Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Lunch for Commission and Department Award Recipients 12:00-1:00 p.m.

7. **Presenter: Martin Hicks, Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Chronic Wasting Disease.** The Commission will be provided with an update on chronic wasting disease and information on adaptive management options. Informational presentation. 45 min. 1:00-1:45 p.m.
8. **Presenter: Lee Knox, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Division. Pronghorn History and Management.** The Commission will be presented with information on pronghorn history and management. Information presentation. 30 min. 1:45-2:15 p.m.
9. **Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 22.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 22, Watercraft Regulation. 20 min. 2:15-2:35 p.m.
10. **Presenters: Jennifer Doering, License Section Manager, Fiscal Division and Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 44.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 44, Regulation for Issuance of Licenses, Permits, Stamps, Tags, Preference Points and Competitive Raffle Chances. 1 hour. 2:35-3:35 p.m.
11. **Presenters: Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Supervisor and Ken Mills, Large Carnivore Biologist/Gray Wolf Specialist, Wildlife Division. Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 47, Gray Wolf Hunting Seasons. 30 minutes. 3:35-4:05 p.m.
12. **Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director and Jerry Johnson, Predator Management Coordinator, Department of Agriculture. Animal Damage Management Board Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the projects listed for funding by the Animal Damage Management Board. 15 min. 4:05-4:20 p.m.
13. **Presenter: Dave Zafft, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 46.** The Commission will be presented the proposed changes to 2024 fishing regulations and asked to vote to approve Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations. 15 min. 4:20-4:35 p.m.
14. **Presenter: Greg Phipps, Fiscal Division Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of one license selling agent: Reach Cast Enterprises, LLC dba North Fork Anglers, Cody, WY. 10 min. 4:35-4:45 p.m.
15. **Presenter: Ray Bredehoff, Habitat and Access Branch Chief, Services Division. Grayrocks Public Access Area.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Grayrocks Public Access Area and the possible transfer of management to Wyoming State Parks. Information presentation. 20 min. 4:45-5:05 p.m.

16. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Education Programs Update. The Commission will be given an update on the education programs and collaborations. 10 min. 5:05-5:15 p.m.

17. Call to the public.

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

Open Session Workshop begins at 8:00 a.m.

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18. Presenters: Fiscal Division and Wildlife Division. Landowner Licenses. The Commission will be provided with information on landowner licenses. Informational presentation. 4 hours.

19. Call to the public.

Adjourn.

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION MEETING July 18-19, 2023

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SUBJECT/CHAPTER: _____

NAME: _____

TITLE/ORGANIZATION: _____

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