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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held January 28-29, 2021. The meeting will be conducted 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.

Thursday, January 28, 2021

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 November and December 2020 Commission Meetings.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:45 a.m.

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1. **Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the minutes from the November and December 2020 Commission meetings. 5 min. 9:45-9:50 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. 9:50-10:10 a.m.
3. **Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioners.** The Director will recognize outgoing Commissioners Crank and Rael for their service. 15 min. 10:10-10:25 a.m.

4. Awards

Cynthia Neibauer, Cashier, Fiscal Division, will be presented with her 20-year Service Award. 5 min. 10:25-10:30 a.m.

- 5. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Cody Regional Office Project.** The Commission will be asked to vote to select a general contractor for construction of the new Cody Regional Office. 45 min. 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- 6. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Lands Branch Chief, Services 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 the Eagle Ridge Ranch Conservation and Public Access Easement in Natrona County. 15 min. 11:15-11:30 a.m.
- 7. Presenter: Dan Thompson, Supervisor, Large Carnivore Section, Wildlife Division. Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapter 3, Black Bear Hunting Seasons. 30 min. 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.

- 8. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Karlson Knudson Damage Claim Appeal #21021.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's denial recommendation for Damage Claim #21021. 45 min. 1:00-1:45 p.m.
- 9. Presenters: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director and Amanda Losch, Habitat Protection Supervisor, Director's Office. Guidelines for Wind and Solar Energy Development.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's Guidelines for Wind and Solar Energy Development. 30 min. 1:45-2:15 p.m.
- 10. Presenters: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director and Dr. Embere Hall, Laramie Regional Wildlife Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Platte Valley Mule Deer Migration Corridor.** The Commission will be presented with information on the designated Platte Valley Mule Deer Migration Corridor. Informational presentation. 40 min. 2:15-2:55 p.m.

Tentative Break: 2:55-3:15 p.m.

- 11. Presenter: Ian Tator, Statewide Terrestrial Habitat Manager, Wildlife Division. Statewide Mule Deer Initiative and Platte Valley Habitat Partnership Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve project applications for the Statewide Mule Deer Initiative and Platte Valley Habitat Partnership Programs for FY 2021. 30 min. 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- 12. Presenter: Jill Randall, Big Game Migration Coordinator, Wildlife Division. I-25 Kaycee to Buffalo Wildlife Crossing Project.** The Commission will be presented with information on the I-25 Kaycee to Buffalo Wildlife Crossing Project. Informational presentation. 15 min. 3:45-4:00 p.m.

- 13. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Feedground Public Engagement Process.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Department's feedground public engagement process. Informational presentation. 15 min. 4:00-4:15 p.m.
- 14. Presenter: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division. Flaming Gorge Reciprocity Stamp.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Flaming Gorge Reciprocity Stamp program and the Utah Wildlife Board's request to modify the agreement between the Board and the Commission. Informational presentation. 20 min. 4:15-4:35 p.m.
- 15. Call to the Public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Friday, January 29, 2020

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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- 16. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Employee Housing in Jackson.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the employee housing project in Jackson. Informational presentation. 45 min. 8:00-8:45 a.m.
- 17. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director. Legislative Update.** The Commission will be briefed on the upcoming 2021 Legislative Session. Informational presentation. 15 min. 8:45-9:00 a.m.
- 18. Presenter: Greg Phipps, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve one new license selling agent, the transfer of two license selling agents and the renewal of two agents. 15 min. 9:00-9:15 a.m.

- 19. Presenter: Rebekah Fitzgerald, Communications Director. Eligible Volunteer Projects for 2021.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the list of eligible volunteer projects for 2021. 5 min. 9:15-9:30 a.m.
- 20. Presenter: Rebekah Fitzgerald, Communications Director. Game and Fish Website Redesign Project.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the status of work to redesign the Game and Fish website. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:30-9:45 a.m.
- 21. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, Executive Director, The WYldlife Fund. Update from The WYldlife Fund.** The Commission will be provided with an update from The WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 min. 9:45-10:00 a.m.
- 22. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. The 2020 Wyoming Hunting Seasons – A Look Back.** The Commission will be provided with a summary of hunter harvest success and participation during Wyoming's 2020 hunting seasons. Informational presentation. 10 min. 10:00-10:10 a.m.
- 23. Call to the Public.**

Adjourn

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1. Click on the Zoom link provided in the agenda and register for the meeting. Please enter your **full name** when registering. You will also need to enter a valid email address when registering. You can register before the day of the meeting if you wish.
 - a. Please remember that there are two different links. One for January 28th and one for January 29th. You will need to register separately for each day.
2. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email at the email address you provided. This email will give you instructions on how to join the meeting on January 28th and 29th. This email will also contain a passcode that you will need to use to join the meeting.
3. You can join either using your computer or a phone, or both **
 - a. On the computer, you can watch and listen to the live video. If you have a microphone on your computer, you can also use your computer's microphone to speak to the Commission if you have a comment (and if you have submitted the appropriate *Advanced Comment Form*. Comment form instructions are below).
 - b. You can also join via phone. When you register, you will receive a phone number to call to join the meeting. You will also need the meeting pin code that is included in your confirmation email.
 - c. If you wish to watch the meeting on your computer, but you do not have a microphone on your computer (and you plan to speak to the Commission), you can also use the phone number provided in the confirmation email to listen in.
 - d. Please note that all participants will be muted and their videos turned off, so as not to disturb the meeting.
4. If you wish to speak to the Commission and comment on an agenda item, you must submit an **Advanced Comment Form** by **January 25th** to **Sheridan.todd@wyo.gov**.
 - a. It is important that you provide your **full name** on this sheet. If you join the meeting on your computer, your name will show up as a participant. If you plan to join the meeting by telephone (and plan to speak to the Commission), it is also very important that you give us the **phone number you will be using to call in**. *Please note that your name and/or your phone number (whichever you use to join the meeting) may be visible to all participants.*
 - b. During the meeting, at the end of each agenda item, we will allow those who submitted comment forms to speak to the Commission.
 - i. When it is your turn to speak, we will promote you to a panelist in the meeting. You will briefly be removed from the meeting, but will rejoin automatically in a few seconds with the ability to turn on your video and unmute yourself.
 - ii. After your turn to speak, we will reassign you as an attendee in the meeting.
 - iii. **Please note it is your responsibility to monitor the progression of the meeting to ensure you are available to comment during the proper agenda item. If you are not present on Zoom via computer or phone at the time we call your name, we will continue on to the next commenter.**

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION MEETING January 28th and 29th, 2021

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