

STATEMENT OF REASONS

CHAPTER 2

GENERAL HUNTING REGULATIONS

W. S. § 23-1-302 directs and empowers the Commission to fix seasons and bag limits, open, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds, to adopt rules regulating, limiting or prohibiting the use of hunting technologies as specified and to promulgate such orders as the Commission considers necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

The Department proposes to amend the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulation Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation for the 2024 big game and game bird hunting seasons. The Department sets hunting seasons annually based on public input, annual harvest data, population monitoring data, individual herd unit objectives and ongoing habitat evaluations. General hunting regulations are also modified to address these specific hunting regulations.

Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. The Department is currently evaluating harvest information to determine the number of reduced price doe/fawn and cow/calf licenses a person may apply for and receive for certain hunt areas. Additional terms and definitions may be added or edited for clarity. An updated draft of the 2024 Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation proposals will be discussed at all in-person public meetings and any updates to this draft regulation will be posted to the Department website in March for public comment.