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UPDATED

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on April 16-17, 2024, in Riverton at the Holiday Inn, 900 East Sunset 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, April 16, 2024

Executive Session begins at 7:00 a.m.

The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the March 12-13, 2024, Executive Session.

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.

Open Session begins at approximately 8:30 a.m.

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- 1. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Open Session minutes from the March 12-13, 2024, Commission meeting. 5 minutes. 8:30-8:35 a.m.
- 2. Presenter: Brian R. Nesvik, Director. Director's Report.** The Director will brief the Commission on current issues, challenges, and opportunities. 15 minutes. 8:35-8:50 a.m.

3. **Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Deputy Chief, Services Division. Employee Housing Policy.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised policy for employee housing (Commission Policy Number V F). 10 minutes. 8:50-9:00 a.m.
4. **Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Deputy 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. 5 minutes. 9:00-9:05 .m.
5. **Presenter: Dirk Miller, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointment.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of one license selling agent: Ace Hardware, Buffalo. 5 minutes. 9:05-9:10 a.m.
6. **Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Division. FY 2024 Revenue Transfers.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of 6% of the lifetime license fund balance and the net revenue earned from the sale of alternative enterprise merchandise during the fiscal year into the Commission's operating fund. 5 minutes. 9:10-9:15 a.m.
7. **Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. General Hunting Regulation, Big Game, Wild Bison, Wild Turkey, Upland Game Bird, Small Game, Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons, and Light Goose Conservation Order.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapters 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 44. 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK (Game & Fish Employees)

Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. General Hunting Regulation, Big Game, Wild Bison, Wild Turkey, Upland Game Bird, Small Game, Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons, and Light Goose Conservation Order. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapters 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 44. 1:30-5:30 p.m.

8. Call to the Public.

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

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- 9. Presenter: Jason Hunter, Lander Wildlife Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Update on Trapping.** The Commission will be provided with an update on topics related to trapping. 60 minutes. 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- 10. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Landowner License Information.** The Commission will be provided with information on topics related to landowner license issuance. 60 minutes. 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- 11. Presenter: Del Lobb, Instream Flow Biologist, Fish Division. Dennison Ditch Irrigation Water Right and Little Muddy Creek Instream Flow Segment.** The Commission will be briefed on and asked to vote to approve a petition request. 20 minutes. 10:00-10:20 a.m.
- 12. Awards, Recognition, Donations.** 10 minutes. 10:20-10:30 a.m.

Presenter: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division. Award Recognition. Chief Osterland will recognize Jim Wasseen for his outstanding volunteer service.

Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Deputy Chief, Services Division. Award Recognition. Deputy Chief Bibbey will recognize Roy Weber, Branch Chief, Lands, for 20 years of service.

Presenter: Raymond Bredehoft, Branch Chief, Habitat and Access, Services Division. Award Recognition. Branch Chief Bredehoft will recognize Matthew Pollock, Wildlife Biologist, Habitat and Access, for 25 years of service.

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- 13. Presenter: Nish Goicolea, Chief, Communications and Education Division. Landowner of the Year Policy Proposed Changes.** The Commission will be presented with and asked to approve the proposed policy changes. 20 minutes. 10:45-11:05 a.m.
- 14. Presenter: Roy Weber, 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 to approve the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights on three projects. 30 minutes. 11:05-11:35 a.m.
- 15. Presenter: Alan Osterland, Chief, Fish Division. Speas Cool and Warm Water Project Update.** The Commission will be provided with a brief update on the status of the Speas Cool and Warm Facility Project. 10 minutes. 11:35-11:45 a.m.
- 16. Presenters: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director, Director's Office; Daryl Lutz, Lander Region Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wildlife Division; Randy Merritt, Construction Engineer, WYDOT District 5; and Chris McBarnes, President, The WYldlife Fund. Dubois Highway 26 Under/Overpass Construction Project.** The Commission will be provided a presentation regarding the Department's priority project "*The Wind River to Grand Tetons – Connecting Wildlife on the Togwotee Trail.*" 45 minutes. 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- 17. Call to the public.**

Adjourn

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