

STATEMENT OF REASONS

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 71

COMMERCIALLY GUIDED FISHING BOATS

W.S. § 23-3-206(c) directs and empowers the Commission to establish rules governing the registration and means of tracking the number of commercially guided fishing boats using Wyoming waters. W.S. § 23-3-206(c) directed the Commission to require registration and payment of an annual fee for each commercially guided fishing boat beginning January 1, 2026 and that registration stickers be issued for commercially guided fishing boats and trailers.

Section 2. The new Chapter 71 will go into effect April 1, 2027.

Section 3. Added a definition for “Vehicle identification slip,” thus eliminating repeated references to “commercial fishing guide” and decreasing wordiness throughout the regulation.

Section 6. This section requires biannual reporting of guided fishing trips. Changes were made to require electronic reporting of records instead of allowing submission of paper records. Despite an existing electronic reporting system, a significant number of paper reports were submitted, requiring manual entry by Department personnel. Required electronic reporting will alleviate this workload and provide more timely results.