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UPDATED

A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on July 16-17, 2024, in Buffalo at the Bomber Mountain Civic Center, 63 N. Burritt Avenue. 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 15, 2024

Tour of the Buffalo area 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The tour will provide an overview of the fish passage work on Clear Creek, the Monument Boat Ramp, and the Bud Love WHMA. The tour is open to the public. The public will need to provide their own transportation. We will meet at the Buffalo Game & Fish Field Office, 629 N. DeSmet Avenue, at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Executive Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

The Commission will be asked to vote to approve minutes from the April 16-17, 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 9:00 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 Open Session minutes from the April and May 2024 Commission meetings. 5 minutes. 9:00-9:05 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 minutes. 9:05-9:20 a.m.
3. **Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Financial Officer, Fiscal Division. Final Approval of the Commission's FY 2025 Budget.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Commission's FY 2025 budget. 20 minutes. 9:20-9:40 a.m.
4. **Presenters: Eric Wiltanger, Deputy Director, Director's Office; and Jerry Johnson, Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board. Animal Damage Management Board (ADMB) Project Requests.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the projects selected for funding by the ADMB. 15 minutes. 9:40-9:55 a.m.
5. **Presenter: Dirk Miller, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointment.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the appointment of one license selling agent: Wild Iris Mountain Sports, Lander. 5 minutes. 9:55-10:00 a.m.
6. **Presenter: Mark Smith, Fisheries Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 46, Fishing Regulations. 20 minutes. 10:00-10:20 a.m.

BREAK (15 MINUTES)

7. **Awards, Recognition, Donations.** 10:35 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Department Awards:

- 2023 Wyoming Game and Fish Department Industry Wildlife Stewardship Award
- Service Awards: Fish and Fiscal Divisions
- Services 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
- Outstanding Leadership Award

LUNCH (Commission, WGF Staff, and Department Award Recipients) 12:00-1:00 p.m.

- 8. Presenters: Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Section 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. 45 minutes. 1:00-1:45 p.m.

BREAK (15 MINUTES)

- 9. Presenter: Dan Thompson, Large Carnivore Section Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Grizzly Bear Population Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on Wyoming's grizzly bear population. Informational presentation. 60 minutes. 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 10. Presenter: Angi Bruce, Deputy Director, Director's Office. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Update.** The Commission will be provided an update on the BLM Greater Sage Grouse RMP Amendment and EIS. 30 minutes. Information presentation. 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- 11. Presenter: Sean Bibbey, Deputy Chief, Services Division. Jackson Employee Housing Project Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Employee Housing Project in Jackson. Informational presentation. 15 minutes. 3:30-3:45 p.m.
- 12. Presenter: Chris McBarnes, President, The WYldlife Fund. The WYldlife Fund Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update from The WYldlife Fund. Informational presentation. 15 minutes. 3:45-4:00 p.m.
- 13. Call to the public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Executive Session (if needed) begins at 8:00 a.m.

Open Session begins at 9:00 a.m.

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- 14. Presenter: Craig Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. J. Donnelly, Donnelly Farm, Damage Claim No. 24103 Commission Appeal.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's partial payment damage award recommendation for Damage Claim No. 24103. 60 minutes. 9:00-10:00 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. Informational presentation. 10 minutes. 10:00-10:10 a.m.
- 16. Presenter: Jeff Glaid, Casper Region Fisheries Biologist, Fish Division. Hooking Injury Evaluation.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on hooking injuries to trout. Informational presentation. 20 minutes. 10:10-10:30 a.m.
- 17. Call to the public.**

Adjourn.

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