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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on November 9-10, 2016, at the Best Western Conference Center, 612 North Main Street, Sheridan, WY. As authorized by W.S. § 23-1-301-303 and W.S. § 23-1-401, 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.

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

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 of real estate. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the September 2016 meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:30 a.m.

- 1. Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Opening Comments, Introductions and Director's Report.** The Director will make opening comments and introductions and provide an update to the Commission on his activities since the last Commission meeting. Informational presentation.
- 2. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the September 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 3. Awards and Recognition**

Department Awards:

Scott Talbott, Director, will present Doug McWhirter with the Department's Outstanding Leadership Award.

Service Awards:

Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division, will present Bruce Scigliano with his 30-year service award.

Mark Fowden, Chief, Fish Division, will present Tom Annear with his 35-year service award.

Mark Fowden, Chief, Fish Division, will present Lee McDonald with his 40-year service award.

4. **Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. Overview of the Commission's Policy Guidelines for the Acquisition and Disposal of Real Property Rights.** The Commission will be provided with an overview of the Policy Guidelines for the Acquisition and Disposal of Real Property Rights and the history associated with the establishment of these guidelines. Informational presentation.
5. **Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. Authorization to Proceed with Negotiations for Acquiring or Disposing of Fee Title and/or Less Than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission may be asked to vote to authorize the Department to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights. The projects to be discussed are Moskee Canyon Forest Legacy Project (Crook County), and Laramie Valley BLM Transfers (Albany County). More information on these projects will be available in the Commission notebooks available online ahead of the meeting.
6. **Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. Approval to Acquire or Dispose Fee Title and/or Less Than Fee Title Property Rights.** The Commission may be asked to vote to approve the acquisition or disposal of fee title and/or less than fee title property rights. The projects to be discussed are Lake Hattie - Pioneer Canal (Albany County); Diamond Lake long term water agreement (Carbon County); Table Mountain Conservation Easement (Fremont County); Horse Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area easements (Teton County); and Tongue River Canyon Public Access Area Cooperative Agreement (Sheridan County). More information on these projects will be available in the Commission notebooks available online ahead of the meeting.

- 7. Presenters: Representatives from the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Wyoming Board of Agriculture, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and the Wyoming Livestock Board. Joint Meeting between the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Wyoming Board of Agriculture, and the Wyoming Livestock Board.** The Commission will meet with the Wyoming Board of Agriculture and the Wyoming Livestock Board to discuss mutual issues of importance, including: 1) Statewide Bighorn Sheep Population Trends; 2) Bighorn Sheep Disease Research Update; 3) Implementation of the Wyoming Plan in the Bridger Teton National Forest; 4) Brucellosis Update; and 5) Brucellosis Study in the Bighorns.
- 8. Presenter: Seth Roseberry, Sheridan Habitat and Access Coordinator, Services Division. Amsden Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area 5-year Farming Plan.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Amsden Creek Wildlife Habitat Management Area 5-year Farming Plan.
- 9. Presenter: Jerry Cowles, Laramie Habitat and Access Supervisor, Services Division. Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area 5-year Farming Plan.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area 5-year Farming Plan. 10 min
- 10. Presenter: Tom Annear, Water Management Coordinator, Fish Division. Instream Flow Program.** The Commission will be briefed on the 30-year history of the accomplishments and challenges in Wyoming under the state's instream flow law. Informational presentation. 30 min
- 11. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Repeal of Chapter 38, Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle.** The Commission will be asked to vote to repeal Chapter 38, Hunters with a Qualifying Disability Authorized to Shoot from a Vehicle.
- 12. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Repeal of Chapter 64, Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits.** The Commission will be asked to vote to repeal Chapter 64, Regulation for Central Visual Acuity Disability Permits.
- 13. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Commission Policies VIII B, Weapons Training and Procedures and VIII C, Law Enforcement Firearms.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Commission Policies VIII B Weapons Training and Procedures and VIII C, Law Enforcement Firearms.

- 14. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. USDA-APHIS request for Cow Elk for Brucellosis Research.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a request to export 20 seropositive pregnant cow elk from a Department elk feedground to the Colorado State University/USDA-APHIS Wildlife Research Facility in Ft. Collins, Colorado.
- 15. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve changes to Chapter 4, Furbearing Animal Hunting or Trapping Seasons.
- 16. Call to the Public.**

Adjourn for the day.

Thursday, November 10, 2016

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

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

- 17. Presenters: John Kennedy, Deputy Director, Director's Office and Meredith Wood, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. Game and Fish Commission Budget and Expenditure Update.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Game and Fish budget, expenditures and the status of the operating fund. Informational presentation.
- 18. Presenters: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division and Meredith Wood, Chief Fiscal Officer. Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp Renovation Project.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve funding for the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp Renovation Project.
- 19. Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. New Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office in Laramie.** The Commission will be updated on the progress and status of the new Game and Fish Lab/Regional Office building in Laramie. Informational presentation.
- 20. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Infrared Wildlife Surveys.** The Commission will be provided with an informational presentation on the use of infrared technology to survey elk, moose and grizzly bears.

- 21. Presenter: Doug Brimeyer, Wildlife Management Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Moose Management and Research.** The Commission will be provided with information on statewide moose management and asked to vote to approve an extension of the Snowy Range Moose Research Project and initiate a new moose research project in the Bighorn Mountains.
- 22. Presenter: Jean Cole, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agents Appointment and Transfer of Ownership.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a new application for license selling agent Altitude Outdoors in Afton, Wyoming.
- 23. Presenter: Scott Smith, Deputy Director, Director's Office. Low Altitude Aircraft Operation Standards, Procedures and Safety Policy Revision.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Low Altitude Aircraft Operation Standards, Procedures and Safety Policy.
- 24. Presenters: Scott Smith, Deputy Director, Director's Office and Nichole Rubeck, Project Manager/Wildlife Biologist, ICF International. Prairie Dog Translocation Project.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a multi-year request to translocate prairie dogs on Antelope Coal Mine Property within Converse and Campbell Counties for reestablishment of mountain plover habitat.
- 25. Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communications Director, Director's Office. 2017 Commission Meeting Dates and Locations.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the dates and locations for Commission meetings in 2017.
- 26. Presenter: Ian Tator, Statewide Terrestrial Habitat Manager, Wildlife Division. Mule Deer Initiative Projects.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve habitat and migration project applications for the Statewide Mule Deer Initiative Program.
- 27. Presenter: Kelly Todd, President, Wyoming Game Wardens Association. Wyoming Game Wardens Association.** The Commission will be provided with information on the Wyoming Game Wardens Association. Informational presentation.
- 28. Presenter: Scot Kofron, Services Division Chief. Ducks Unlimited and Wyoming Game and Fish Department Partnerships.** The Commission will be presented with information on collaborative projects between Ducks Unlimited and the Department. Informational presentation.
- 29. Presenter: Steve Diekema, Story Fish Hatchery Superintendent, Fish Division. Education and Outreach Efforts of the Fish Culture Section.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the education, outreach, and messaging efforts of the fish culture section. Informational presentation.

30. Presenter: Dustin Kirsch, South Gillette Game Warden, Wildlife Division. Law Enforcement Case Presentation. The Commission will be presented with information on a recently completed law enforcement case within the Sheridan Region. Informational presentation.

31. Call to the Public.

Adjourn

The order of agenda items is subject to change. The State of Wyoming supports the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing auxiliary aids should contact the Wyoming Game and Fish Department at 307-777-4501. Every effort will be made for reasonable accommodations.