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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission (Commission) will be held on April 22-23, 2015 at the McMurtry Training Center, 2220 Bryan Stock Trail, Casper, Wyoming. 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 the following matters:

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

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 and certain, limited personnel matters. The Commission will be asked to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the March 2015 meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Opening Comments, Introductions and Director's Report.** The Director will make opening comments, introductions and provide an update to the Commission on his activities since the last Commission meeting. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 20 min 9:00-9:20
- 2. Presenter: Commission President. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the March 2015 Commission Meeting Minutes. 5 min 9:20-9:25
- 3. Service Awards**

Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division. Scott Edberg, Deputy Division Chief, Wildlife Division, will be presented with a 25-year Service Award. 5 min 9:25-9:30

Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division. Tom Christiansen, Sage Grouse Coordinator, Wildlife Division, will be presented with a 30-year Service Award. 5 min 9:30-9:35

- 4. Presenter: Tom Christiansen, Sage Grouse Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Sage Grouse Executive Order and Core Area Boundaries.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the current evaluation of the Governor's Sage Grouse Executive Order and Core Area boundaries. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 30 min 9:40-10:10

5. **Presenter: Butch Parks, Lands Administration Supervisor, 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. 25 min 10:10-10:35
6. **Presenter: Leah Burgess, Lands Program Manager, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Acquisition of the Coco Belle Property.** The Commission will be presented with information regarding the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's proposed acquisition of the Coco Belle Property in Teton County. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 15 min 10:35-10:50
7. **Presenter: Lisa Robertson, Wyoming Untrapped. Wyoming Untrapped.** The Commission will be presented with information regarding Wyoming Untrapped and their work on trapping practices in Wyoming. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 20 min 10:50-11:10
- Break?? Tentative Break 11:10-11:25
8. **Presenter: Scott Smith, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division.** General Hunting Regulation, Big Game, Small Game, Wild Bison, Wild Turkey, Upland Game Bird, Small Game, Early Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Light Goose Conservation Order (Chapters 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 20, 39 and 48). The Commission will be asked to vote to approve Chapters 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 20, 39 and 48. 5 hrs 11:25-4:30 pm (Includes lunch/regular breaks as needed)
9. **Presenter: Jim Schell, Rough Country Outfitters and Guides, LLC. Deer Management Strategies in the Black Hills.** Input regarding deer management in the Black Hills will be presented to the Commission; the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. (20 min – This discussion will take place during Agenda Item # 8)
10. **Presenter: Deidre J. Bainbridge, Citizen. Jackson Area Elk, Bison and Grizzly Bear Management Issues.** Input regarding wildlife management issues in the Jackson area will be presented to the Commission; the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. (20 min – The discussion of elk and bison management will take place during Agenda Item # 8)
11. **Call to the Public.**

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Open Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

12. Recognition

Presenter: Casey Dickinson, National Wild Turkey Federation. The Commission will be presented with a donation from the National Wild Turkey Federation for the Access Yes Program. 5 min 8:00-8:05

13. Presenter: Jean Cole, Chief, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve new applications for license selling agents C'Mon and Get It Concessions in Curt Gowdy State Park and Maverik #422 in Buffalo 5 min 8:05-8:10

14. Presenter: Meredith Wood, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. FY 2015 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 sales of alternative enterprise merchandise during the fiscal year into the operating cash fund. 15 min 8:10-8:25

15. Presenter: Brian Nesvik, Chief, Wildlife Division. Chapter 10 Permit for Bear River State Park. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Chapter 10 permit allowing Bear River State Park to acquire and possess a calf bull elk as part of its captive elk herd. 15 min 8:25-8:40

16. Presenter: Gwyn McKee, President and Principle Biologist, Thunderbird Wildlife Consulting, Inc. Translocation of Prairie Dogs. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the transfer of the current multi-year authorization for the translocation of prairie dogs from Thunderbird Wildlife Consulting Inc. to ICF International. 30 min 8:40-9:10

17. Presenter: Aaron Kerr, Law Enforcement Coordinator, Wildlife Division. Policy VIII D-Authorized Emergency Vehicle Lighting and Non Law Enforcement Vehicle Lighting. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Policy VIII D-Authorized Emergency Vehicle Lighting and Non Law Enforcement Vehicle Lighting. 15 min 9:10-9:25

18. Presenter: Scot Kofron, Chief, Services Division. Chapter 23, Regulation Governing Uses of Lands and Waters Acquired or Administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the revised Chapter 23, Regulation Governing Uses of Lands and Waters Acquired or Administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. 20 min 9:25-9:45

19. Presenter: Renny MacKay, Communication Director, Director's Office. Conservation Stamp Art Competition. The Commission will be provided with information regarding the Conservation Stamp Art Competition. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 15 min 9:45-10:00

Break?? 10:00-10:15

- 20. Presenter: Phil Mathias, Native Mussel Biologist, Fish Division. Wyoming's Native Freshwater Mussels.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the current status of native freshwater mussels in Wyoming. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 20 min 10:15-10:35
- 21. Presenter: Steve Tessmann, Staff Biologist, Wildlife Division. Regional Wetland Plans and Bird Habitat Conservation Partnership Update.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the status of regional wetland plans and conservation efforts under the Wyoming Wetlands Conservation Strategy. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 30 min 10:35-11:05
- 22. Presenter: Ian Tator, Supervisor, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Wildlife Division. Wyoming Mule Deer Initiative.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Wyoming Mule Deer Initiative. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 30 min 11:05-11:35
- Tentative Lunch? 11:35-1:00
- 23. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. William Grant/Sno-Shoe Ranch, Damage Claim Appeal #15031.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #15031. 45 min 1:00-1:45
- 24. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Mark McCarty, Damage Claim Appeal #15067.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Department's recommendation to deny payment for Damage Claim #15067. 45 min 1:45-2:30
- Break? 2:30- 2:45
- 25. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Deputy Chief, Wildlife Division. Josh Longwell Damage Claim Appeal #15076.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Department's recommendation for partial payment for Damage Claim #15076. 45 min 2:45-3:30
- 26. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Commission Meeting Agendas and Appearing before the Commission.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the protocol for placing items on the agenda and evaluating requests to appear before the Commission. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 30 min 3:30-4:00
- 27. Call to the Public.**

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