

STATEMENT OF REASON  
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 61

COLLECTION OF SHED ANTLERS AND HORNS

W.S. §23-1-302 (xxx) directs and empowers the Commission to regulate and control the collection of shed antlers and horns of big game animals for the purpose of minimizing the harassment or disturbance of big game populations on public lands west of the Continental Divide any time between January 1 and May 1 of each year.

This regulation is designed to minimize the harassment or disturbance of big game animals on their winter and spring ranges when they are most vulnerable to physiological stress and displacement to less productive habitats.

This is a new regulation and has Sections covering:

Section 4. Definitions. Terms which have been defined are: “antlers, collect, horns, public land and shed”.

Section 5. Collection of Shed Antlers or Horns. No person shall collect shed antlers or horns from big game animals on public land west of the Continental Divide, excluding the Great Divide Basin, from January 1 through April 30 of each year.

Section 6. Exceptions. Exceptions have been provided for Department personnel and contract elk feeders to collect antlers on elk feedgrounds as per Department policy.

Section 7. Violation of Commission Regulations

Section 8. Savings Clause.