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A public meeting of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission will be held on January 26 – 27, 2012, at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Headquarters, Elk Room, 5400 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, 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:

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Executive Session begins at 8:00 a.m.

1. Executive Session

The Commission will be provided with an update on Legal Issues, Real Property Issues, and/or Personnel Issues. The Commission will also be asked to approve Executive Session Minutes from the November 2011 meeting.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:15 a.m.

2. Awards and Recognition. Service Awards will be presented to the following employees:

Jody Edwards – 35 years

Edith Garrett – 20 years

Bob Montemayor – 35 years

3. Presenter: Betsy Wandtke, Executive Director, Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation. Donation to the Access Yes Program. The Commission will be presented with a donation to the Access Yes Program.

4. Presenter: Jim Wollenburg, Recreation Coordinator. Cheyenne Parks and Recreation Department, Outdoor Adventure Program. The Commission will be presented with a plaque in recognition of the Commission's support of the 2011 Outdoor Adventure Program.

5. Presenter: Tom Ryder, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Division. Platte Valley Mule Deer Initiative. The Commission will be presented with an update on the Platte Valley Mule Deer Initiative.

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- 6. Presenter: Butch Parks, Lands Administration Supervisor, Services Division. Deer Creek Fishing Access Area.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the development of the Deer Creek Fishing Access Area on the Wyoming Water Development Commission's Fishing Easement and to approve an easement with the Office of State Lands and Investments for public vehicular access across State Land to the Public Fishing Access Area.
- 7. Presenter: Rick Pallister, Program Director, The Nature Conservancy. HF Bar Conservation Easement.** The Commission will be briefed on the HF Bar Conservation Easement in Sheridan County. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 8. Call to the Public.**
- 9. Presenter: Scott Edberg, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Division. Wayne Nelson Damage Claim Appeal #12016.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the Department's recommendation to deny payment on Damage Claim #12016.
- 10. Presenter: John Emmerich, Deputy Director. Policy for Translocation of Prairie Dogs in Wyoming.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the policy for Translocation of Prairie Dogs in Wyoming.
- 11. Presenter: Mary Flanderka, Habitat Protection Coordinator. Habitat Protection Program Update.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Chokecherry Sierra Madre Wind Development Project in Carbon County. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 12. Presenter: Tom Ryder, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Division. Big Game Management Strategies.** The Commission will be provided with an update on changes to the Department's management by objective system through development of a series of alternative objectives for big game populations in Wyoming. Recreational versus special management will also be addressed. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 13. Presenter: Steve Tessmann, Staff Biologist, Wildlife Division. Commissioner License Impacts.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on Commissioner licenses. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation. 30 min 3:20-3:50

14. Presenter: Steve Tessman, Staff Biologist, Wildlife Division. Wyoming Wetlands Conservation Strategy. The Commission will be provided with a presentation on 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.

15. Presenter: Brian DeBolt, Large Carnivore Conflict Coordinator, Wildlife Division. 2011 Trophy Game Conflict Summary. The Commission will be provided with an overview of 2011 human-trophy game animal conflicts. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

16. Call to the Public.

Adjourn for the day

Reception

A reception hosted by Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2012, at the historic Plains Hotel, Range Ballroom, 1600 Central Avenue, Cheyenne. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 27, 2012

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

The Commission may be provided with an update on Legal Issues, Real Property Issues and/or Personnel Issues.

Open Session begins at approximately 9:15 a.m.

18. Presenter: Fred Lindzey, Commission President. General Discussion. This portion of the meeting is set aside for the Commission to discuss current issues of importance.

19. Presenter: John Kennedy, Deputy Director. Eligible Volunteer Projects for 2012. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the list of eligible volunteer projects for 2012.

20. Presenter: Richard Reynders, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Appointments. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve a new application for license selling agent Dubois Super Foods.

21. Presenter: Richard Reynders, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. License Selling Agent Renewals. The Commission will be asked to vote to approve renewing two license selling agents: Alcova Resort in Alcova, and Marlow's Fly Shop in Dubois.

22. Presenter: Richard Reynders, Chief Fiscal Officer, Fiscal Division. Cancellation of License Selling Agent. The Commission will be briefed on the cancellation of license selling agent Kmart #4863 in Gillette. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

23. Presenter: John Emmerich, Deputy Director. Legislative Update. The Commission will be briefed on the upcoming 2012 legislative session. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

24. Presenter: Jeff Lukas, Western Water Assessment, University of Colorado. Wyoming Climate: Past Variability and Trends, Future Projections, and Implications for Wildlife and Habitats. The Commission will be given an overview of historic climate variability and trends in Wyoming and projections of future climate. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

- 25. Presenter: Glenn Pauley, Planning Coordinator. State Wildlife Action Plan.** The Commission will be presented with the Department's plans for keeping Species of Greatest Conservation Need account information updated between major revisions of the State Wildlife Action Plan. Efforts to enhance and coordinate sensitive species information sharing with the Wyoming Natural Diversity Database will be reviewed. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 26. Presenter: Tom Annear, Water Management Supervisor, Fish Division. Water Rights Management Team.** The Commission will be provided with an update on the Water Rights Management Team. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 27. Presenter: Beth Bear, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, Fish Division. 2011 Aquatic Invasive Species Program Summary Report.** The Commission will be provided with an update on Aquatic Invasive Species Program activities in 2011. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 28. Presenter: Jason Hunter, Lander Region Wildlife Supervisor, Wildlife Division. Lander Region Post-Season Public Meetings.** The Commission will be provided with a presentation on the post-season public meetings conducted in December. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 29. Presenter: Jennifer Wagner, Customer Services Manager, Services Division.** Alternative Enterprises. The Commission will be provided with an update on Alternative Enterprises. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.
- 30. Call to the Public.**
- 31. Presenter: Fred Lindzey, Commission President. Approval of November 17-18, 2011 and December 20, 2011 Commission Meeting Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve the November 17-18, 2011 and December 20, 2011 Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 32. Presenter: Scott Talbott, Director. Director's Report.** The Commission will be briefed on the Director's activities since November 18, 2011. Informational presentation; however, the Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the presentation.

Adjourn

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