

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0217

Trophy game animal-change to large carnivore game animal.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Newsome, Burkhart,
Haroldson, Larson, JT, Winter and Wylie and
Senator(s) Baldwin and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; replacing the term trophy
2 game animal with large carnivore game animal; requiring
3 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-302(a)(iv), (ix)(B)(I),
8 (x)(intro) and (B)(I), 23-1-101(a)(viii)(B)(I),
9 (xii)(intro), (B)(I) and (II), 23-1-103, 23-1-302(a)(ii),
10 (xxvi), (xxix) and (p), 23-1-304(a), (d)(i), (iv), (v) and
11 (h), 23-1-703(a), (b) and (f)(i)(B), 23-1-705(k),
12 23-1-901(a) through (c), 23-2-101(d), (e) and (q),
13 23-2-102(a), 23-2-104(b) through (e), 23-2-109,
14 23-2-307(a), 23-2-401(a) and (b), 23-2-406(a)(iii),
15 (iv)(intro), (A), (vii) and (viii), 23-2-407(a),

1 23-3-102(a), 23-3-103(b), 23-3-104, 23-3-106(a)(i),
2 (b)(intro), (i) and (iii), 23-3-107(a) and (c),
3 23-3-109(a), 23-3-111(a), 23-3-112(c)(iii) and (iv),
4 23-3-113(a), 23-3-115(c), 23-3-303(a) and 23-3-310(b) are
5 amended to read:

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7 **11-6-302. Definitions.**

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9 (a) As used in this article:

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11 (iv) "Depredating animal" means any ~~trophy-large~~
12 carnivore game animal or furbearing animal that causes
13 damage;

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15 (ix) "Predatory animal" means:

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17 (B) Until the date gray wolves are removed
18 from the list of experimental nonessential population,
19 endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming as
20 provided by W.S. 23-1-108, "predatory animal" includes
21 wolves. After that date, "predatory animal" shall include
22 any gray wolf within areas of the state where the state of

1 Wyoming has jurisdiction for wildlife management, but not
2 within an area of the state in which the gray wolf is:

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4 (I) Designated as a ~~trophy~~large
5 carnivore game animal under W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) or
6 (II).

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8 (x) "~~Trophy~~Large carnivore game animal" means:

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10 (B) From and after the date gray wolves are
11 removed from the list of experimental nonessential
12 population, endangered species or threatened species in
13 Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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15 (I) "~~Trophy~~Large carnivore game
16 animal" shall include any gray wolf within those areas
17 where gray wolves are designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore
18 game animals as provided in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) or
19 (II).

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21 **23-1-101. Definitions of wildlife.**

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23 (a) As used in this act:

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(viii) "Predatory animal" means:

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(B) Until the date gray wolves are removed from the list of experimental nonessential population, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108, "predatory animal" includes wolves. After that date, "predatory animal" shall include any gray wolf within areas of the state where the state of Wyoming has jurisdiction for wildlife management, but not within an area of the state in which the gray wolf is:

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(I) Designated as a ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal under subdivision (xii)(B)(I) or (II) of this subsection.

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(xii) "~~Trophy~~Large carnivore game animal"

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(B) From and after the date gray wolves are removed from the list of experimental nonessential population, endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108:

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(I) "~~Trophy~~ Large carnivore game

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animal" shall include any gray wolf within those tracts of

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land within the following described area: northwest Wyoming

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beginning at the junction of Wyoming Highway 120 and the

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Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along Wyoming Highway

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120 to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said river to

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the Wood River; southwesterly up said river to the Shoshone

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National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to

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the Wind River Indian Reservation boundary; westerly, then

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southerly along said boundary to the Continental Divide;

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southeasterly along said divide to the Middle Fork of

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Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to Boulder Creek;

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westerly down said creek to the Bridger-Teton National

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Forest boundary; northwesterly along said boundary to its

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intersection with U.S. Highway 189-191; northwesterly along

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said highway to the intersection with U.S. Highway

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26-89-191; northerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway

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22 in the town of Jackson; westerly along said highway to

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the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along said state line

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to the southern boundary of Yellowstone National Park; east

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and north along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state

1 line; then east along said state line to Wyoming Highway
2 120;

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4 (II) "~~Trophy~~ Large carnivore game
5 animal" shall include any gray wolf located, from October
6 15 through the last day of February in the subsequent year,
7 within the following described area: beginning at the
8 boundary described in subdivision (B)(I) of this paragraph,
9 where the Bridger-Teton National Forest boundary intersects
10 U.S. Highway 189-191 at Hoback Rim; westerly and then
11 southerly along said forest boundary to its intersection
12 with USFS Road 10125 (McDougal Gap Road); westerly along
13 said road to USFS Road 10138 (Grey's River Road); southerly
14 along said road to Sheep Creek; westerly down said creek to
15 Grey's River; southwesterly up said river to Bear Creek;
16 southwesterly up said creek to the hydrographic divide
17 between Bear Creek and Willow Creek; west from said divide
18 to USFS Road 10080 (Willow Creek Road); northwesterly along
19 said road to Lincoln County Road 123; southerly along said
20 road to USFS Road 10081 (Grover Park Road); southerly then
21 westerly along said road to Lincoln County Road 172;
22 westerly along said road to the junction with Wyoming
23 Highway 237; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway

1 238; southerly along said highway to Lincoln County Road
2 134; westerly along said road to the Wyoming-Idaho state
3 line; north along said state line to Wyoming Highway 22
4 where the boundary described in this subdivision will
5 rejoin the boundary described in subdivision (B)(I) of this
6 paragraph.

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8 **23-1-103. Ownership of wildlife; purpose of**
9 **provisions.**

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11 For the purpose of this act, all wildlife in Wyoming is the
12 property of the state. It is the purpose of this act and
13 the policy of the state to provide an adequate and flexible
14 system for control, propagation, management, protection and
15 regulation of all Wyoming wildlife. There shall be no
16 private ownership of live animals classified in this act as
17 big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals or of any wolf
18 or wolf hybrid.

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20 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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22 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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1 (ii) To establish zones and areas in which
2 ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals may be taken as game
3 animals with a license or, with the exception of gray
4 wolves, in the same manner as predatory animals without a
5 license, giving proper regard to the livestock and game
6 industries in those particular areas;

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8 (xxvi) To regulate or prohibit the importation
9 of exotic species, small game animals, furbearing animals,
10 protected animals, game birds, migratory birds, protected
11 birds, and fish into Wyoming, and to regulate and permit
12 the importation of big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
13 animals into Wyoming only for exhibition purposes or for
14 zoos;

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16 (xxix) After the date gray wolves are removed
17 from the list of experimental nonessential population,
18 endangered species or threatened species in Wyoming as
19 provided by W.S. 23-1-108, to set seasons and bag limits
20 for gray wolves designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
21 animals pursuant to W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) and (II),
22 and to regulate the number of gray wolves which may be

1 taken under a license issued under this act or as necessary
2 to carry out the commission's duties under this act;

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4 (p) The commission may, by rule and regulation,
5 establish a process by which big game licenses, ~~trophy~~
6 large carnivore game licenses and wild bison licenses may
7 be issued by a competitive raffle and prescribe the manner
8 of payment for which raffle chances are sold and the amount
9 of payment for each raffle chance. No more than two (2)
10 licenses for each big game species and ~~trophy~~large
11 carnivore game species and no more than two (2) wild bison
12 licenses shall be issued under this subsection. Each
13 license issued for bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat,
14 grizzly bear or wild bison through a competitive raffle
15 shall, when applicable, be counted against any nonresident
16 quota. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the receipt
17 of a moose or bighorn sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b) or
18 the lifetime restriction imposed on the receipt of a
19 grizzly bear, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, wild bison or
20 moose license by W.S. 23-1-703(c), and any restriction
21 imposed on the receipt of a wild bison license by W.S.
22 23-2-107 shall not be applicable in any manner to a license
23 issued pursuant to this subsection. The commission shall

1 issue licenses upon receipt of the proper license fee by
2 the successful competitive raffle winner. Nothing in this
3 subsection shall authorize the issuance of a license to any
4 person whose privilege to procure, purchase or possess a
5 license has been suspended pursuant to this act or by
6 operation of law.

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8 **23-1-304. Classification of gray wolves.**

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10 (a) The commission shall by rule and regulation set
11 seasons and bag limits within those areas where gray wolves
12 are designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals
13 pursuant to W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) and (II). The
14 seasons and bag limits shall be set annually in a manner
15 the commission determines, through rule and regulation, as
16 necessary to reasonably ensure at least ten (10) breeding
17 pairs of gray wolves and a total of at least one hundred
18 (100) individual gray wolves are located in this state
19 outside of Yellowstone National Park and the Wind River
20 Indian Reservation at the end of the current calendar year.

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1 (d) The department shall institute and maintain an
2 active program of population monitoring statewide subject
3 to the following:

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5 (i) Population monitoring shall include
6 techniques that accurately determine the population and
7 movement of gray wolves in areas of the state where gray
8 wolves are designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
9 animals;

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11 (iv) In areas of the state where gray wolves are
12 designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals, any
13 person who takes a wolf shall notify the department of the
14 take and where the take occurred within a time period set
15 by rule and regulation, which shall not exceed seventy-two
16 (72) hours;

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18 (v) In areas of the state where gray wolves are
19 designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals, any
20 person who takes a wolf shall submit the wolf or parts
21 thereof, as defined by rule and regulation, to the
22 department for inspection within a time period established
23 by rule and regulation which will not exceed ten (10) days;

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2 (h) Within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving
3 notification from a landowner or his designee that any gray
4 wolf in those areas of the state where gray wolves are
5 designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals has
6 harassed, injured, maimed or killed livestock or any
7 domesticated animal, the department shall respond and
8 initiate appropriate management actions. The department
9 may use the management techniques authorized under
10 subsection (g) of this section or any other management
11 methods necessary, to minimize the harassing, injuring,
12 maiming or killing of livestock and other domesticated
13 animals in those areas of the state where gray wolves are
14 designated as ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals.

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16 **23-1-703. Limitation of number of certain licenses;**
17 **reservation of certain licenses; reservation of certain**
18 **unused licenses.**

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20 (a) The commission may limit the number of resident
21 or nonresident big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal
22 licenses or wild bison licenses to be sold in any calendar
23 year and may designate dates after which one (1) or more

1 classes of licenses will not be sold except as authorized
2 by the commission.

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4 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, no
5 person may apply for and receive more than one (1) cow or
6 calf moose or one (1) ewe or lamb bighorn sheep license in
7 any consecutive five (5) year period. Licenses issued under
8 this subsection shall be issued partially through a
9 preference point drawing and partially through a random
10 drawing of all remaining unsuccessful applicants for that
11 year. The department shall assign points to each license
12 applicant for a specific species by multiplying the number
13 of years the applicant has unsuccessfully applied for a
14 license times one (1). The calculation used to assign
15 points to an applicant for a particular species under this
16 subsection shall include any year the applicant does not
17 apply for a big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal
18 hunting license for that species, provided in the case of a
19 resident the applicant pays the fee specified in W.S.
20 23-2-101(k), and in the case of a nonresident, the
21 applicant pays the appropriate fee established by the
22 commission under W.S. 23-2-101(m). License applicants
23 within each hunt area for a species shall be grouped

1 according to the number of assigned points for that
2 species. Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of
3 available licenses within any hunt area shall be randomly
4 selected through a preference point drawing from among the
5 group of applicants with the largest number of assigned
6 points and shall continue until all applicants within that
7 group have been exhausted or until all available licenses
8 have been issued, whichever first occurs. If any applicant
9 grouping has been exhausted and licenses remain available
10 within that hunt area, selection shall continue from among
11 the group of applicants with the next largest number of
12 assigned points. After the selections through the
13 preference point drawing have been completed within a hunt
14 area, the remaining licenses available from that drawing
15 and the licenses available for the random drawing for that
16 hunt area will be issued through a random selection from
17 among all applicants in the hunt area who were not selected
18 for issuance of a license for the species through the
19 preference point drawing in that hunt area. For purposes of
20 assigning points under this subsection, any unsuccessful
21 license applicant failing to apply for a license, or pay
22 the applicable fee in lieu of applying, during the second
23 calendar year shall be considered to be a first year

1 applicant for any subsequent calendar year in which the
2 applicant submits license application for that particular
3 species.

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5 (f) Notwithstanding W.S. 23-1-704, 23-2-101(j) and
6 23-2-107(e), any person who is issued and purchases a
7 license listed in paragraph (i) of this subsection, but who
8 does not use the license, may reserve a license for the
9 particular species and sex of animal designated on the
10 unused license for use during the immediately succeeding
11 hunting season by applying to the commission in accordance
12 with commission rules as provided in this subsection. Upon
13 receipt of an application that establishes the conditions
14 listed in paragraphs (i) through (iv) of this subsection,
15 the commission shall cancel the initial license and prior
16 to the subsequent season opening date for the designated
17 species and sex of animal, issue to the applicant at an
18 administrative cost of ten dollars (\$10.00), a license for
19 the designated animal valid for that season. A person may
20 apply for and reserve a license under this subsection only
21 if all the following conditions exist:

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23 (i) The license is one (1) of the following:

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2 (B) A ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal
3 license;

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5 **23-1-705. Complimentary licenses; pioneer licenses;**
6 **antelope hunt licenses; gunpowder and buckskin hunt**
7 **licenses; gratuitous licenses; donated licenses.**

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9 (k) The holder of any valid big game animal license,
10 ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal license, any wild bison
11 license or a female or calf wild bison license may
12 surrender said license to the department for reissuance to
13 a veteran with disabilities or a person with a permanent
14 disability who uses a wheelchair as established by
15 commission rule and regulation selected and sponsored by a
16 nonprofit charitable organization providing hunting
17 opportunities to a veteran with disabilities or a person
18 with a permanent disability who uses a wheelchair. Any
19 license reissued in accordance with the provisions of this
20 subsection shall be for the same species, area and license
21 type as the license donated. The license shall be reissued
22 by the department to a qualifying person at no fee. Any
23 license donated and reissued under the provisions of this

1 subsection shall not be sold, traded, auctioned or offered
2 for any monetary value and shall not be issued to, or used
3 by, any person other than a qualifying person under the
4 provision of this section and in compliance with commission
5 rule and regulation. Licenses reissued to persons pursuant
6 to this subsection shall not be subject to residency,
7 drawing or fee requirements under W.S. 23-2-101 or
8 23-2-107. The five (5) year restriction imposed on the
9 receipt of a cow or calf moose or a ewe or lamb bighorn
10 sheep license by W.S. 23-1-703(b), the lifetime restriction
11 imposed on the receipt of a grizzly bear, mountain goat,
12 ram or any bighorn sheep, any wild bison or any moose or
13 antlered moose license by W.S. 23-1-703(c) or the
14 restrictions imposed on a wild bison under W.S. 23-2-107(f)
15 shall not be applicable in any manner to a license issued
16 pursuant to this subsection.

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18 **23-1-901. Owner of damaged property to report damage;**
19 **claims for damages; time for filing; determination; appeal;**
20 **arbitration.**

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22 (a) Any landowner, lessee or agent whose property is
23 being damaged by any of the big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore

1 game animals or game birds of this state shall, not later
2 than fifteen (15) days after the damage is discovered by
3 the owner of the property or the representative of the
4 owner, report the damage to the nearest game warden, damage
5 control warden, supervisor or commission member.

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7 (b) Any landowner, lessee or agent claiming damages
8 from the state for injury or destruction of property by big
9 or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals or game birds of
10 this state shall present a verified claim for the damages
11 to the Wyoming game and fish department not later than
12 sixty (60) days after the damage or last item of damage is
13 discovered. The claim shall specify the damage and amount
14 claimed. As used in this subsection, "verified claim"
15 means a claim which the claimant has signed and sworn to be
16 accurate before a person authorized to administer oaths.

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18 (c) The department shall consider the claims based
19 upon a description of the livestock or bees damaged or
20 killed by a ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal, the damaged
21 land, growing cultivated crops, stored crops including
22 honey and hives, seed crops, improvements and extraordinary
23 damage to grass. The commission is authorized to establish

1 by rule, methods, factors and formulas to be used for
2 determining the amount to compensate any landowner, lessee
3 or agent for livestock damaged as a result of, missing as a
4 result of, or killed by ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
5 animals. Claims shall be investigated by the department and
6 rejected or allowed within ninety (90) days after
7 submission, and paid in the amount determined to be due. In
8 the event the department fails to act within ninety (90)
9 days, the claim, including interest based on local bank
10 preferred rates, shall be deemed to have been allowed. No
11 award shall be allowed to any landowner who has not
12 permitted hunting on his property during authorized hunting
13 seasons. Any person failing to comply with any provision of
14 this section is barred from making any claim against the
15 department for damages. Any claimant aggrieved by the
16 decision of the department may appeal to the commission
17 within thirty (30) days after receipt of the decision of
18 the department as provided by rules of practice and
19 procedure promulgated by the commission. The commission
20 shall review the department decision at its next meeting
21 following receipt of notice of request for review. The
22 commission shall review the investigative report of the

1 department, and it may approve, modify or reverse the
2 decision of the department.

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4 **23-2-101. Fees; restrictions; nonresident application**
5 **fee; nonresident licenses; verification of residency**
6 **required; donation of refunded application fees.**

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8 (d) The commission may issue big or ~~trophy~~large
9 carnivore game licenses in areas in which all licenses
10 initially authorized were not purchased or in which
11 additional harvest is desired, allowing a licensee to take
12 a big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal of such sex or
13 age as designated by the commission. The fee for the
14 license may be reduced by the commission to the level
15 necessary to achieve the desired management objectives, but
16 in no case shall a resident or nonresident license fee be
17 less than the landowner's coupon fee.

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19 (e) Resident and nonresident license applicants shall
20 pay an application fee in an amount specified by this
21 subsection upon submission of an application for purchase
22 of any limited quota drawing for big or ~~trophy~~large
23 carnivore game license or wild bison license. The resident

1 application fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00) and the
2 nonresident application fee shall be fifteen dollars
3 (\$15.00). The application fee is in addition to the fees
4 prescribed by subsections (f) and (j) of this section and
5 by W.S. 23-2-107 and shall be payable to the department
6 either directly or through an authorized selling agent of
7 the department. At the beginning of each month, the
8 commission shall set aside all of the fees collected during
9 calendar year 1980 and not to exceed twenty-five percent
10 (25%) of the fees collected thereafter pursuant to this
11 subsection to establish and maintain a working balance of
12 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), to compensate
13 owners or lessees of property damaged by game animals and
14 game birds.

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16 (q) In addition to other fees under this section,
17 persons applying for a license or tag under this section
18 may pay a voluntary fee of two dollars (\$2.00) or any
19 greater amount to fund predator control activities in the
20 state. The department shall provide information on the
21 license or tag application form that the applicant may pay
22 the fee under this subsection. Any voluntary fees collected
23 pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in a

1 separate account within the game and fish fund and shall
2 only be expended as determined by the commission for
3 management and control of predator populations and
4 depredating animals. The commission may consider projects
5 that mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and
6 crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and
7 depredating animals or for the protection of human health
8 and safety and may also use these funds for the purposes
9 specified in W.S. 11-6-307 and 23-1-901. As used in this
10 subsection, "depredating animal" means any ~~trophy~~large
11 carnivore game animal or furbearing animal that causes
12 damage.

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14 **23-2-102. Age restrictions; game animals; game birds.**

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16 (a) The minimum age to take any big or ~~trophy~~large
17 carnivore game animal is twelve (12) years, except that any
18 person may take a big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal
19 at eleven (11) years of age if the person will attain
20 twelve (12) years of age by the end of that calendar year.
21 Any person authorized by this subsection under the age of
22 fourteen (14) years shall at all times when hunting be
23 accompanied by a person over the age of majority who

1 possesses and can exhibit a certificate of competency and
2 safety as specified in W.S. 23-2-106 or who currently
3 holds, or has been issued a Wyoming big game hunting
4 license within the last five (5) years. If the person
5 accompanying the hunter under the age of fourteen (14)
6 years is not the parent or guardian of the hunter, the
7 hunter shall have in his possession a permission slip
8 signed by his parent or guardian allowing him to hunt under
9 supervision. Each accompanying adult shall supervise not
10 more than one (1) hunter under the age of fourteen (14)
11 years. Any person under the age of fourteen (14) years
12 applying for a license to hunt big or ~~trophy~~large
13 carnivore game animals under this subsection shall have the
14 application for the license co-signed by his parent or
15 legal guardian.

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17 **23-2-104. Archery licenses; special seasons;**
18 **prohibition against firearms; equipment.**

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20 (b) The commission may establish special hunting
21 seasons for the taking of big game or ~~trophy~~large
22 carnivore game animals by bow and arrow or crossbow in such
23 areas as it may establish by order.

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2 (c) No person shall hunt big game or ~~trophy~~large
3 carnivore game with bow and arrow or crossbow during a
4 special archery hunting season without first obtaining an
5 archery license and the appropriate hunting license.

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7 (d) No person holding an archery license shall take
8 big game or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals during a
9 special archery hunting season or during a limited quota
10 archery only hunting season by the use of any type of
11 firearm. Any person who takes a big game or ~~trophy~~large
12 carnivore game animal by the use of a firearm during a
13 special archery hunting season or during a limited quota
14 archery only hunting season is guilty of a high misdemeanor
15 punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii). Upon
16 request by a game warden or other Wyoming law enforcement
17 officer, a person who has taken a big or ~~trophy~~large
18 carnivore game animal during a special archery hunting
19 season or during a limited quota archery only hunting
20 season shall allow testing of the animal's tissue for
21 confirmation of compliance with this section.

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1 (e) The commission shall establish by rule and
2 regulation specifications for crossbows, longbows, recurve
3 bows, compound bows, arrows and broadheads for taking of
4 big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals. The rules and
5 regulations promulgated under the provisions of this
6 subsection relating to the hunting of big or ~~trophy~~large
7 carnivore game animals shall also apply to the hunting of
8 the gray wolf as a ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal from
9 and after the date gray wolves are removed from the list of
10 experimental nonessential population, endangered species or
11 threatened species in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108.

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13 **23-2-109. Multiple applications for limited licenses**
14 **prohibited; penalty.**

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16 Except as otherwise authorized by law or rule of the
17 commission, no person shall submit more than one (1)
18 application for a license for the same big or ~~trophy~~large
19 carnivore game species or for wild turkey, if the issuance
20 of the license has been limited by the commission. A
21 violation of this subsection shall be punishable as a high
22 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii),
23 by the loss of all points then assigned to the person

1 pursuant to W.S. 23-1-703(b) or (g), and disqualification
2 in the year of submission for any license for the species
3 for which the multiple applications were submitted.

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5 **23-2-307. Special management permit.**

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7 (a) The commission may by rule and regulation define
8 those special management programs which require additional
9 expenditures for the propagation, stocking or feeding of
10 wildlife, for designated ~~trophy~~large carnivore management
11 areas and for hunting and fishing field development. Any
12 person participating in a special management program shall
13 be required to purchase a special management permit for the
14 program.

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16 **23-2-401. Guides required; exceptions; issuance of**
17 **resident guide license.**

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19 (a) No nonresident shall hunt big or ~~trophy~~large
20 carnivore game animals on any designated wilderness area,
21 as defined by federal or state law, in this state unless
22 accompanied by a licensed professional guide or a resident
23 guide. There shall be at least one (1) licensed

1 professional guide or resident guide accompanying each two
2 (2) nonresident hunters. The commission may also specify
3 other areas of the state, or specific big or ~~trophy~~large
4 carnivore game species, for which a licensed professional
5 or resident guide is required for nonresidents, for
6 purposes of proper game management, protection of hunter
7 welfare and safety, or better enforcement of game and fish
8 laws. The commission may allow licensed guides to accompany
9 more than two (2) hunters but no more than six (6) hunters
10 in specific areas.

11

12 (b) Any resident possessing a valid resident big or
13 ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal license may apply for
14 and receive a resident guide license. The resident guide
15 license shall be issued without charge or bond by the
16 commission, any district supervisor or resident game warden
17 upon receipt of an affidavit from the resident stating the
18 names and addresses of the nonresident hunters to be
19 guided, the game to be hunted, the area to be hunted, and
20 that the resident has not received nor will accept directly
21 or indirectly any compensation for his services as a guide.
22 A resident guide shall not guide more than two (2)
23 nonresident hunters in any calendar year on any national

1 forest, wilderness area, national game refuge, or national
2 park, except as provided in W.S. 23-2-401, nor shall he
3 accept any compensation or gratuity for his services. An
4 exchange of guide services shall not be considered
5 compensation for the purposes of this section. The name and
6 license number of the nonresident hunter shall be placed on
7 the back of the resident guide license and stamped or
8 signed by the issuer.

9

10 **23-2-406. Definitions.**

11

12 (a) As used in this act:

13

14 (iii) "Guide services" means for hire or
15 remuneration, accompanying and providing assistance to a
16 hunter in the field relating to the taking of any big or
17 ~~trophy~~ large carnivore game animal except as provided in
18 W.S. 23-2-401(b) and (c);

19

20 (iv) "Outfitter" means a person including a
21 hunting club, who advertises or holds himself out to the
22 public for hire for the purpose of financial gain in order
23 to provide guide or packing services for the purpose of

1 taking any big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal,
2 excluding any person who furnishes pack or riding animals
3 and other equipment only to a hunter for his personal
4 temporary use and any landowner providing outfitter
5 services on private lands owned or leased by him. As used
6 in this paragraph:

7

8 (A) "Hunting club" means any person
9 requiring dues or remuneration for providing personal
10 services in the field for the taking of any big or ~~trophy~~
11 large carnivore game animal;

12

13 (vii) "Packing services" means transporting for
14 hire or remuneration, hunters, game animals or equipment in
15 the field for the purpose of taking any big or ~~trophy~~large
16 carnivore game animal;

17

18 (viii) "Take" means hunt, catch, capture, shoot,
19 trap, kill or possess or attempt to hunt, catch, capture,
20 shoot, trap, kill or possess any big or ~~trophy~~large
21 carnivore game animal;

22

1 **23-2-407. License required for outfitters and**
2 **professional guides.**

3

4 (a) No person shall hold himself out as, engage in
5 the business of or act in the capacity of an outfitter or
6 shall provide guide services or packing services for the
7 purpose of taking any big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
8 animal unless he is licensed as an outfitter or
9 professional guide pursuant to this act.

10

11 **23-3-102. Taking certain game animals without license**
12 **or during a closed season prohibited.**

13

14 (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this
15 section, any person who takes any big or ~~trophy~~large
16 carnivore game animal or gray wolf where classified as a
17 ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal without the proper
18 license or authority is guilty of a high misdemeanor
19 punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii). The taking
20 of each animal is a separate offense.

21

1 **23-3-103. Taking predatory animals, predacious birds**
2 **and large carnivore animals; taking furbearing animals and**
3 **game birds without license prohibited.**

4

5 (b) In areas designated by the commission under W.S.
6 23-1-302(a)(ii), specified ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
7 animals may be taken in the same manner as predatory
8 animals without a license.

9

10 **23-3-104. Coupons.**

11

12 When any big game animal, ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
13 animal or turkey is killed under a license, the licensee
14 shall detach, sign and date the proper coupon and attach
15 the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of the
16 kill. The coupon shall remain on the game animal or turkey
17 carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing,
18 or on the ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal hide until it
19 reaches the hunter's home or a taxidermist, except that
20 during transportation of the carcass or hide the coupon may
21 be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed
22 for transportation of the carcass or hide it must be in the

1 possession of the person accompanying the carcass or hide
2 at all times.

3

4 **23-3-106. Wyoming game and Wyoming interstate game**
5 **tags; when required.**

6

7 (a) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this
8 section and W.S. 23-2-302(e), no person shall ship,
9 transport, or receive for shipment or transportation within
10 Wyoming, any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof,
11 unless tagged with a Wyoming game tag or Wyoming interstate
12 game tag, or unless:

13

14 (i) The transportation is by a person
15 accompanying the carcass of a big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore
16 game animal who is in possession of a proper coupon;

17

18 (b) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this
19 section and W.S. 23-2-302(e), no big or ~~trophy~~large
20 carnivore game animal, or any part thereof, shall be
21 shipped or transported from the state unless accompanied by
22 the licensee who harvested the animal, in possession of a
23 proper coupon, or unless:

1

2 (i) The amount does not exceed twenty-five (25)
3 pounds and is properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate
4 game tag. Only twenty-five (25) pounds from any one (1) big
5 or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal may be exported from
6 the state except as otherwise provided;

7

8 (iii) The big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game
9 animal was legally harvested by a nonresident and is tagged
10 with a Wyoming interstate tag.

11

12 **23-3-107. Wanton destruction of big game animal;**
13 **reward.**

14

15 (a) No person shall wantonly take or destroy any big
16 or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal.

17

18 (c) The purpose and intent of this section is to
19 protect big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals from
20 wanton, ruthless or needless destruction.

21

22 **23-3-109. Use of dogs; dogs injuring big or large**
23 **carnivore game animals may be killed; citation of owners of**

1 dogs harassing game animals; penalties; leashed dogs for
2 tracking.

3

4 (a) No person shall use any dog to hunt, run or
5 harass any big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal,
6 protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise
7 provided by this act. The commission shall regulate the use
8 of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats by residents and
9 nonresidents during hunting or trapping seasons.

10

11 **23-3-111. Firearms; size of guns to be used in**
12 **hunting big or large carnivore game animals.**

13

14 (a) The commission shall establish by rule and
15 regulation firearm and ammunition specifications for taking
16 big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animals.

17

18 **23-3-112. Firearms; automatic weapon prohibited; use**
19 **of silencer or suppressor to take big or large carnivore**
20 **game restricted; penalties.**

21

22 (c) No person shall use a device designed to silence
23 or muffle the report of any firearm in the commission of:

1

2 (iii) A violation of W.S. 23-3-305(b) which
3 results in the taking of a big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore
4 game animal; or

5

6 (iv) Taking of a big or ~~trophy~~large carnivore
7 game animal out of season.

8

9 **23-3-113. Hunters required to wear colored clothing.**

10

11 (a) No person other than archers and crossbow hunters
12 hunting during a special archery season shall hunt any big
13 or ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal in Wyoming without
14 wearing in a visible manner one (1) or more exterior
15 garments which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat,
16 vest, or sweater of a fluorescent orange or fluorescent
17 pink color.

18

19 **23-3-115. Taking black bear, mountain lion, gray**
20 **wolf, bobcat, weasel, badger, squirrels or muskrat for**
21 **damaging property.**

22

1 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section
2 relating to the taking of animals doing damage to private
3 property shall apply to gray wolves from and after the date
4 gray wolves are removed from the list of experimental
5 nonessential population, endangered species or threatened
6 species in Wyoming as provided by W.S. 23-1-108. For
7 purposes of this section as it applies to gray wolves,
8 "doing damage to private property" means actual biting,
9 wounding, grasping or killing of livestock or a dog, or
10 chasing, molesting or harassing of livestock or a dog by a
11 wolf that would indicate to a reasonable person that actual
12 biting, wounding, grasping or killing of the livestock or
13 dog is likely to occur at any moment. The owner, employee
14 or lessee acting under authority of this section shall
15 notify the department of the killing of a gray wolf within
16 an area of the state in which the gray wolf is designated
17 as a ~~trophy~~large carnivore game animal. The notification
18 shall be made within seventy-two (72) hours of the kill.

19

20 **23-3-303. Waste of edible portion of game bird, fish**
21 **or animal, except large carnivore game animal, prohibited;**
22 **abandonment of meat at meat processing plant.**

23

1 (a) No person shall take and leave, abandon or allow
2 any game bird, game fish, or game animal except ~~trophy~~
3 large carnivore game animal, or edible portion, to
4 intentionally or needlessly go to waste. No person shall
5 knowingly possess any parts of a big game animal wasted as
6 provided in this subsection.

7

8 **23-3-310. Possession of road killed wildlife.**

9

10 (b) None of the provisions of this section shall
11 apply to bighorn sheep, gray wolves within any area of the
12 state where gray wolves are classified as ~~trophy~~large
13 carnivore game animals, grizzly bears, mountain goats,
14 wildlife species covered under the federal Migratory Bird
15 Treaty Act, federal threatened or endangered species or
16 those species whose possession is prohibited by federal or
17 state statute or regulation.

18

19 **Section 2.** The game and fish commission shall
20 promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions
21 of this act.

22

1 **Section 3.**

2

3 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, this act is effective January 1, 2024.

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6 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
7 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
8 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
9 the Wyoming Constitution.

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