



**Certification Page
Regular and Emergency Rules**
Revised May 2014

Emergency Rules *(After completing all of Sections 1 and 2, proceed to Section 5 below)*

Regular Rules

1. General Information			
a. Agency/Board Name Wyoming Game and Fish Department			
b. Agency/Board Address 3030 Energy Lane		c. City Casper	d. Zip Code 82604
e. Name of Contact Person Mike Choma		f. Contact Telephone Number	
g. Contact Email Address mike.choma@wyo.gov			h. Adoption Date January 29, 2016
i. Program Game and Fish Commission - Hunting			
2. Rule Type and Information: For each chapter listed, indicate if the rule is New, Amended, or Repealed.			
If "New," provide the Enrolled Act numbers and years enacted:			
c. Provide the Chapter Number, Short Title, and Rule Type of Each Chapter being Created/Amended/Repealed <i>(Please use the Additional Rule Information form for more than 10 chapters, and attach it to this certification)</i>			
Chapter Number: 32	Chapter Name: Regulation Governing Firearm Cartridges and Archery Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Repealed
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d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Statement of Reasons is attached to this certification.			
e. If applicable, describe the emergency which requires promulgation of these rules without providing notice or an opportunity for a public hearing:			

3. State Government Notice of Intended Rulemaking

a. Date on which the Notice of Intent containing all of the information required by W.S. 16-3-103(a) was filed with the Secretary of State: **November 17, 2015**

b. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format and a clean copy were provided to the Legislative Service Office: **November 17, 2015**

c. Date on which the Notice of Intent and proposed rules in strike and underscore format and a clean copy were provided to the Attorney General: **November 17, 2015**

4. Public Notice of Intended Rulemaking

a. Notice was mailed 45 days in advance to all persons who made a timely request for advance notice. Yes No N/A

b. A public hearing was held on the proposed rules. Yes No

If "Yes:"	Date:	Time:	City:	Location:
	11-30-15	6:00 p.m.	Lander	The Inn Fremont County Library Jeffrey Center Headwaters Arts & Conference Center WGFD Regional Office
	12-1-15	6:00 p.m.	Riverton	
	12-2-15	6:00 p.m.	Rawlins	
	12-3-15	6:00 p.m.	Dubois	
	12-16-15	5:30 p.m.	Casper	

5. Final Filing of Rules


a. Date on which the Certification Page with original signatures and final rules were sent to the Attorney General's Office for the Governor's signature: **February 2, 2016**

b. Date on which final rules were sent to the Legislative Service Office: **February 2, 2016**

c. Date on which a PDF of the final rules was electronically sent to the Secretary of State: **February 2, 2016**

6. Agency/Board Certification

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is correct.

Signature of Authorized Individual (Blue ink as per Rules on Rules, Section 7)	
Printed Name of Signatory	Charles C. Price
Signatory Title	President
Date of Signature	January 29, 2016

7. Governor's Certification

I have reviewed these rules and determined that they:

1. Are within the scope of the statutory authority delegated to the adopting agency;
2. Appear to be within the scope of the legislative purpose of the statutory authority; and, if emergency rules,
3. Are necessary and that I concur in the finding that they are an emergency.

Therefore, I approve the same.

Governor's Signature

Date of Signature

Attorney General: 1. Statement of Reasons; 2. Original Certification Page; 3. Summary of Comments (regular rules); 4. Hard copy of rules: clean and strike/underscore; and 5. Memo to Governor documenting emergency (for emergency rules only).

LSO: 1. Statement of Reasons; 2. Copy of Certification Page; 3. Summary of Comments (regular rules); 4. Hard copy of rules: clean and strike/underscore; 5. Electronic copy of rules (PDFs) emailed to Criss.Carlson@wyo.leg.gov; clean and strike/underscore; and 6. Memo to Governor documenting emergency (for emergency rules only).

SOS: 1. PDF of clean copy of rules; and 2. Hard copy of Certification Page as delivered by the AG.

**STATEMENT OF REASONS
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 32
REGULATION GOVERNING FIREARM CARTRIDGES
AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

W.S. § 23-1-302 directs and empowers the Commission to promulgate such orders as the Commission deems necessary to carry out the intent of this regulation.

W.S. § 23-2-104 empowers the Commission to establish rules and regulation specifications for archery equipment used for taking big or trophy game animals.

W.S. § 23-3-110 empowers the Commission to establish rules and regulations governing firearms and ammunition specifications for taking game birds and wild turkeys.

W.S. § 23-3-111 empowers the Commission to establish rules and regulations governing firearms and ammunition specifications for taking big or trophy game animals.

In Section 3, edits were made to the definition of “Archery Equipment” to include bolts used by crossbows.

In Sections 4 and 5, edits have been incorporated to designate legal firearm calibers for the taking of big or trophy game animals. These edits are being proposed to simplify this regulation and reduce complexity with regard to legal firearm calibers used for the taking of big game, trophy game, game birds, small game and wild turkey.

In Section 6, edits have been made to address and further clarify legal archery equipment for the taking of big or trophy game animals.

Sections 7 and 8 are being deleted in conjunction with the Governor’s initiative to reduce regulation complexity and length where possible.

Other grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of the regulation.

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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 32

REGULATION GOVERNING FIREARM CARTRIDGES AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302, W.S. §23-2-104, W.S. §23-3-110 and W.S. §23-3-111.

Section 2. Regulation. The Commission hereby adopts the following regulation governing firearm cartridges and archery equipment for the taking of big or trophy game animals and game birds. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section 3. Definition. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definition:

(a) "Archery Equipment" means crossbows, longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, ~~and~~ arrows **and bolts**.

Section 4. Firearms, muzzle-loaders and cartridges that are legal for the taking of big or trophy game animals.

(a) For the taking of bighorn sheep, elk, moose, mountain goat, black bear or grizzly bear by the use of a firearm, a hunter shall use:

(i) Any center-fire firearm of at least .24 caliber and firing a cartridge of at least two (2) inches in overall length, or any other cartridge of at least .35 caliber and at least one and one-half inches (1.5) in overall length, ~~or a cartridge that generally delivers at least five hundred (500) foot pounds of impact at one hundred (100) yards;~~ and using a ~~lead or~~ **an** expanding point bullet; or,

(ii) Any muzzle-loading rifle or any muzzle-loading handgun of at least .40 caliber and firing a ~~lead or~~ **an** expanding point bullet using a charge of at least fifty (50) grains of black powder or its equivalent; or,

(iii) Any shotgun firing "00" or larger buckshot, or a slug.

(b) For the taking of antelope, deer, mountain lion, or gray wolf where designated as a trophy game animal, a hunter shall use:

(i) Any center-fire firearm of at least .22 caliber (**excluding .22 Hornet**) and having a bullet weight of at least sixty (60) grains and firing a cartridge of at least two (2) inches in overall length, or any other cartridge of at least .35 caliber and at least one and one-half (1.5) inches in overall length, ~~or a cartridge that generally delivers at least five hundred (500) foot pounds of impact at one hundred (100) yards;~~ and using a ~~lead or~~ **an** expanding point bullet; or,

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Section 5. Firearms, cartridges and archery equipment that are legal for the taking of game birds and small game.

(a) For the taking of game birds, excluding wild turkey, blue grouse and ruffed grouse, a hunter shall use:

(i) Any center-fire or muzzle-loading shotgun not larger than a ten (10) gauge plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine; or,

(ii) Any archery equipment.

(b) For the taking of wild turkey, a hunter shall use any shotgun, center-fire firearm, ~~.22 WMR, .17 HMR or larger~~ rimfire firearm **with an overall cartridge length greater than one (1) inch**, any muzzle-loading ~~firearm~~, or any archery equipment.

(c) Blue grouse, and ruffed grouse **and small game** may be taken ~~with a projectile fired by an~~ **in any manner except as prohibited by Wyoming Statute**.

Section 6. Archery equipment that is legal for the taking of big or trophy game animals.

(a) For the taking of antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat, mountain lion, or gray wolf where designated as a trophy game animal, a hunter shall use a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of not less than forty (40) pounds draw weight and an arrow equipped with a **fixed or expanding point** broadhead ~~or expanding point designed to have a minimum cutting width of one (1) inch after impact~~ **that when fully expanded cannot pass through a seven-eighths (7/8) inch solid ring**.

(b) For the taking of elk, grizzly bear or moose, a hunter shall use a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow of not less than fifty (50) pounds draw weight and an arrow equipped with a **fixed or expanding point** broadhead ~~or expanding point designed to have a minimum cutting width of one (1) inch after impact~~ **that when fully expanded cannot pass through a seven-eighths (7/8) inch solid ring**.

(c) For the taking of any big or trophy game animal with a crossbow, a hunter shall use a crossbow having a peak draw weight of at least ninety (90) pounds and a bolt of at least sixteen (16) inches in length equipped with a **fixed or expanding point** broadhead ~~or expanding point designed to have a minimum cutting width of one (1) inch after the impact~~ **that when fully expanded cannot pass through a seven-eighths (7/8) inch solid ring**.

~~**Section 7. Violation of Commission Regulations.** Failure to abide by the provisions of this regulation shall be punishable as provided by Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.~~

~~**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulations which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.~~

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: _____
~~Aaron Clark~~ Charles C. Price, President

Dated: ~~November 15, 2012~~ **January 29, 2016**

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