

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0143

Wolf management-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Davison, Jaggi, McKim and Thompson and Senator(s) Bebout, Cooper and Esquibel, F.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; expanding area where
 2 wolves are designated as trophy game animals; providing for
 3 management of at least fifteen breeding pairs of wolves in
 4 the state as specified; providing for a memorandum of
 5 understanding with the national park service; and providing
 6 for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-302 (a) (x) (B) (I),
 11 23-1-101(a) (xii) (B) (I), 23-1-302(a) (xxviii) by creating a
 12 new paragraph (xxx) and 23-1-304(a) and (n) are amended to
 13 read:

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15 **11-6-302. Definitions.**

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1 (a) As used in this article:

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3 (x) "Trophy game animal" means:

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

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10 (I) "Trophy game animal" shall include
11 any gray wolf within those tracts of land within the
12 following described area, subject to modification as
13 authorized in this subdivision: northwest Wyoming beginning
14 at the ~~east boundary of the Shoshone National Forest and~~
15 ~~the Wyoming Montana state line; southerly along said forest~~
16 ~~boundary to the common boundary between the Shoshone~~
17 ~~National Forest and the Wind River Indian Reservation;~~
18 ~~westerly and then southeasterly along the Shoshone National~~
19 ~~Forest boundary to the Union Pass Road (USFS Road 263);~~
20 ~~southerly along said road until it intersects the north~~
21 ~~boundary of the Upper Green River Cattle Association's~~
22 ~~grazing allotment on forest service lands; following the~~
23 ~~eastern boundary of said allotment southerly and westerly~~
24 ~~to the point it intersects the Bridger Teton National~~

1 ~~Forest boundary; westerly along said forest boundary to~~
2 ~~U.S. Highway 189-191; northwesterly along said highway to~~
3 ~~U.S. Highway 26-89-191 at Hoback Junction; northerly along~~
4 ~~said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said~~
5 ~~highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along said~~
6 ~~state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north and~~
7 ~~then east along said state line to the east boundary of the~~
8 Shoshone National Forest junction of Wyoming Highway 120
9 and the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along Wyoming
10 Highway 120 to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said
11 river to the Wood River; southwesterly up said river to the
12 Shoshone National Forest boundary; southerly along said
13 boundary to the Wind River Indian Reservation boundary;
14 westerly, then southerly along said boundary to the
15 Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to the
16 Middle Fork of Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to
17 Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to the Bridger-
18 Teton National Forest boundary; northwesterly along said
19 boundary to its intersection with U.S. Highway 189-191;
20 northwesterly along said highway to the intersection with
21 U.S. Highway 26-89-191; northerly along said highway to
22 Wyoming Highway 22 in the town of Jackson; westerly along
23 said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along
24 said state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north,

1 then east along said state line to Wyoming Highway 120.

2 This described area may be diminished by rule of the game
3 and fish commission if the game and fish commission
4 determines the diminution does not impede the delisting of
5 gray wolves and will facilitate Wyoming's management of
6 wolves; and

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8 **23-1-101. Definitions of wildlife.**

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10 (a) As used in this act:

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12 (xii) "Trophy game animal" means:

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

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20 any gray wolf within those tracts of land within the
21 following described area, subject to modification as
22 authorized in this subdivision: northwest Wyoming beginning
23 at the ~~east boundary of the Shoshone National Forest and~~
24 ~~the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along said forest~~

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2 ~~National Forest and the Wind River Indian Reservation;~~
3 ~~westerly and then southeasterly along the Shoshone National~~
4 ~~Forest boundary to the Union Pass Road (USFS Road 263);~~
5 ~~southerly along said road until it intersects the north~~
6 ~~boundary of the Upper Green River Cattle Association's~~
7 ~~grazing allotment on forest service lands; following the~~
8 ~~eastern boundary of said allotment southerly and westerly~~
9 ~~to the point it intersects the Bridger Teton National~~
10 ~~Forest boundary; westerly along said forest boundary to~~
11 ~~U.S. Highway 189 191; northwesterly along said highway to~~
12 ~~U.S. Highway 26 89 191 at Hoback Junction; northerly along~~
13 ~~said highway to Wyoming Highway 22; westerly along said~~
14 ~~highway to the Wyoming Idaho state line; north along said~~
15 ~~state line to the Wyoming Montana state line; north and~~
16 ~~then east along said state line to the east boundary of the~~
17 Shoshone National Forest junction of Wyoming Highway 120
18 and the Wyoming-Montana state line; southerly along Wyoming
19 Highway 120 to the Greybull River; southwesterly up said
20 river to the Wood River; southwesterly up said river to the
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22 boundary to the Wind River Indian Reservation boundary;
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24 Continental Divide; southeasterly along said divide to the

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2 Boulder Creek; westerly down said creek to the Bridger-
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6 U.S. Highway 26-89-191; northerly along said highway to
7 Wyoming Highway 22 in the town of Jackson; westerly along
8 said highway to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; north along
9 said state line to the Wyoming-Montana state line; north,
10 then east along said state line to Wyoming Highway 120.

11 This described area may be diminished by rule of the
12 commission if the commission determines the diminution does
13 not impede the delisting of gray wolves and will facilitate
14 Wyoming's management of wolves; and

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16 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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18 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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20 (xxviii) To reject or to accept and expend for
21 purposes authorized under this section any and all gifts of
22 cash, stocks, bonds or any other form of monies. Gifts
23 shall be deposited and expended as provided in W.S.

24 23-1-501; ~~and~~

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23-1-304. Classification of gray wolves.

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(xxx) To pursue entering into memoranda of agreement with the states of Idaho and Montana to cooperate in the capture, transport, exchange and release of gray wolves into and out of those areas of the state where the gray wolf is not listed as a predator as the commission deems necessary to assure genetic interchange among the populations of gray wolves within the three (3) states.

(a) The commission shall by rule and regulation establish areas within the state where gray wolves are classified as trophy game animals and set seasons and bag limits within those areas. The areas designated, seasons and bag limits shall be set annually in a manner the commission determines, through rule and regulation, ~~only as necessary~~ to reasonably ensure:

(i) At least seven (7) breeding pairs of gray wolves are located in this state and primarily outside of Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway at the end of the current calendar year; ~~and~~

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(ii) If the national park service has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the commission regarding the management of gray wolves within Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, at least fifteen (15) breeding pairs of gray wolves are located within the state.

(n) The commission shall promulgate rules and regulations providing for issuance of annual permits to landowners or livestock owners for removing wolves which are harassing, injuring, maiming or killing livestock or other domesticated animals and for wolves occupying geographic areas where chronic wolf predation occurs. The permits shall be issued as long as ~~there are seven (7) breeding pairs within the state and outside of Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway~~ the management objectives described in subsection (a) of this section are met. The

rules shall provide for suspending or cancelling permits if further lethal control could cause relisting of wolves under the endangered species act.

1 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-6-302(b), 23-1-101(b) and 2007
2 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 168, Section 1 are repealed.

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4 **Section 3.** The legislature declares that the
5 contingencies provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws,
6 Chapter 168 and W.S. 23-1-109 have occurred and that
7 legislation is effective as amended by this act.

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9 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
10 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
11 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
12 Constitution.

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