

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0020

Game and fish agreements with federal agencies.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for legislative  
2 approval and cancellation of agreements entered into or  
3 extended with federal agencies as specified; requiring the  
4 game and fish department to report on agreements entered  
5 into or extended with federal agencies as specified;  
6 providing a conflict of law provision; making conforming  
7 amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-110 is created to read:

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13 **23-1-110. Agreements with federal agencies; reporting**  
14 **requirements.**

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1           (a) On and after July 1, 2018, any memoranda of  
2 understanding or cooperative agreements specified in  
3 subsection (c) of this section to be entered into or  
4 extended by the commission or the department with any  
5 federal agency shall:

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7           (i) Include a provision that states the  
8 memorandum of understanding or cooperative agreement is  
9 subject to approval and cancellation by the legislature;

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11           (ii) Be forwarded to the joint travel,  
12 recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim  
13 committee for review and recommendation. The committee may  
14 submit recommendations, including proposed legislation  
15 authorizing, cancelling or revoking the agreement, for  
16 consideration by the legislature in the next succeeding  
17 legislative session.

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19           (b) Beginning July 1, 2018 and every three (3) years  
20 thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the  
21 joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources  
22 interim committee on any existing memoranda of  
23 understanding or cooperative agreements specified in

1 subsection (c) of this section between the commission or  
2 the department and any federal agency. The report shall  
3 include a list of all existing agreements and the status  
4 and operation of each agreement.

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6 (c) This section shall only apply to memoranda of  
7 understanding or cooperative agreements relating to any  
8 species that has received a species status code under the  
9 Endangered Species Act or sensitive species under any  
10 federal agency species list.

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12 (d) If the provisions of this section conflict with  
13 any other provision of law in this state, the provisions of  
14 this section shall control.

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16 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-1-302(a)(x) and (xi) and  
17 23-1-304(d)(ii) and (k) are amended to read:

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19 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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21 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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1           (x) To enter into cooperative agreements with  
2 educational institutions and other agencies to promote  
3 wildlife research, subject to W.S. 23-1-110;

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5           (xi) To enter into cooperative agreements with  
6 federal agencies, corporations, associations, individuals,  
7 and landowners for the development of state control of  
8 wildlife management and demonstration projects, subject to  
9 W.S. 23-1-110;

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11           **23-1-304. Classification of gray wolves.**

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13           (d) The department shall institute and maintain an  
14 active program of population monitoring statewide subject  
15 to the following:

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17           (ii) The commission is authorized to enter into  
18 memoranda of understanding with the United States fish and  
19 wildlife service or other federal agencies to ensure  
20 accurate and adequate monitoring of wolf population levels  
21 and movements, subject to W.S. 23-1-110;

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1           (k) The commission is authorized to enter into  
2 memoranda of understanding with any federal agency or other  
3 state's wildlife agency to carry out any provision of this  
4 section and Wyoming's wolf management plan, including the  
5 use of aerial hunting, subject to W.S. 23-1-110.

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7           **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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