

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0328

Game and fish-wolf management-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Simpson and Cohee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for aggressive
2 management of wolves; providing for monitoring of wolf
3 population and movements; providing for waiver of license
4 fees; providing for rules and regulations; providing for an
5 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-304(d) and by creating a new
10 subsection (g) is amended to read:

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12 **23-1-304. Classification of gray wolves.**

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14 (d) The department shall institute and maintain an
15 active program of population monitoring statewide.
16 Population monitoring shall include the use of global
17 positioning systems and radio collaring of gray wolves,

1 including use of aerial tracking, necessary to accurately
2 determine the population and movement of gray wolves in the
3 state. The commission is authorized to enter into
4 memoranda of understanding with the United States fish and
5 wildlife service or other federal agencies to fund the
6 purchase of the necessary technology and to ensure accurate
7 and adequate monitoring of wolf population levels and
8 movements through global positioning systems and radio
9 collar tracking. In all areas of the state, except where

10 otherwise provided, any person who harvests a wolf shall
11 notify the department where the harvest occurred within ten
12 (10) days. Any information regarding the number or nature
13 of wolves legally harvested within the state of Wyoming
14 shall only be released in its aggregate form and no
15 information of a private or confidential nature shall be
16 released without the written consent of the person to whom
17 the information may refer. Information identifying any
18 person legally harvesting a wolf within this state is
19 solely for the use of the department or appropriate law
20 enforcement offices and is not a public record for purposes
21 of W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.

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23 (g) The commission is authorized, through rule and
24 regulation, to use aggressive management techniques with

gray wolves, including setting liberal seasons and bag limits, within the area designated in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(II) to limit the population of gray wolves to the population designated in paragraph (b)(ii) of this section. Aggressive management techniques may include the use of aerial hunting and hazing by the department and waiver of license fees to landowners within the area designated in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I).

Section 2. There is appropriated two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000.00) from the general fund to the game and fish commission for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 for purposes of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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