

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0270

Wolf management-trophy game animal.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Salazar, Allen and Sommers
and Senator(s) Agar

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for designation
2 of wolves in specified areas as trophy game animals for
3 purposes of compensation payments for damages; specifying
4 applicability; providing for rulemaking; and providing for
5 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. 23-1-901(g) and by creating a new
10 subsection (h) is amended to read:

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12 **23-1-901. Owner of damaged property to report damage;**
13 **claims for damages; time for filing; determination; appeal;**
14 **arbitration.**

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1 (g) For purposes of this section, "trophy game
2 animals" shall include gray wolves located in:

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4 (i) The area described in W.S.
5 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(II) regardless of the date on which the
6 damage occurs;

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8 (ii) Subject to subsection (h) of this section,
9 an area of land designated by the commission in rule which
10 is adjacent to the area described in W.S.
11 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(II) regardless of the date on which the
12 damage occurs.

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14 (h) The commission shall establish in rule a process
15 for persons to request that an area of land adjacent to the
16 area described in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(II) be
17 designated as an area where wolves are managed as trophy
18 game animals. The rules shall provide that:

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20 (i) The adjacent area of land is outside the
21 area described in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(II);

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1 (ii) The adjacent area of land is part of a
2 contiguous tract of land a portion of which is currently
3 located within the boundaries described in W.S.
4 23-1-101(a) (xii) (B) (II);

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6 (iii) The adjacent area of land is privately
7 owned;

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9 (iv) The private landowner of the adjacent area
10 of land consents to the designation;

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12 (v) The designation of the adjacent area of land
13 shall not subtract from or diminish the area described in
14 W.S. 23-1-101(a) (xii) (B) (II) .

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16 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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18 (END)