



HB0005

Fishing outfitters and guides-registration of fishing boats.

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

AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing the Wyoming game and fish commission to regulate commercially guided fishing boats; providing for registration of commercially guided fishing boats, vehicles and trailers operated by outfitters and professional fishing guides; providing an exception; creating an advisory board; specifying duties of the advisory board; requiring a report; providing definitions; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

12/2/2024 Bill Number Assigned
1/2/2025 H Received for Introduction
1/14/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H06 - Travel
1/24/2025 H06 - Travel:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 9-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Byron, Campbell, Connolly, Harshman, Jarvis, Provenza, Storer, Thayer, Wharff

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/24/2025 H Placed on General File

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Page 1-line 5 After "guides;" insert "providing an exception; creating an advisory board; specifying duties of the advisory board; requiring a report;".

Page 1-line 14 After "**authority;**" insert "**advisory board;**".

Page 2-line 6 Delete "state." and insert "state in a lawful ratio that prioritizes Wyoming resident professional guides and outfitters. This subsection shall not apply to a Wyoming resident if that person uses a city, town, county or state boat ramp or other access point to launch a commercially guided fishing boat to guide fishermen if the Wyoming resident is guiding the fishermen to a location where the lands are owned or leased by the Wyoming resident or the Wyoming resident's immediate family member.".

Page 2-after line 6 Insert the following and renumber as necessary:

"(b) There is created a commercially guided fishing boats advisory board. The board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the commission. One (1) member shall be appointed from each appointment district pursuant to W.S. 9-1-218. Members shall serve a four (4) year term. The commission may remove any member of the board, subject to W.S. 9-1-202. Vacancies of the board shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The board shall provide recommendations to the commission for promulgating rules under subsection (c) of this section.".

Page 2-line 8 Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

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Page 3-line 7 After "section." insert "Members of the board shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed by the commission for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties in the same manner and amount as state employees.".

Page 3-line 12 Delete "In addition to".

Page 3-line 13 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 14 Delete "Procedure Act,"; delete "shall" and insert "may".

Page 3-line 17 After "boat" delete balance of line and insert "beginning January 1, 2026.".

Page 3-lines 18 and 19 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 20 Delete line through "regulations."

Page 4-line 3 After "23-2-201(d)." delete balance of line and insert "The department shall provide two (2) registration stickers one (1) of which shall be displayed on".

Page 4-line 4 Delete "on each vehicle".

Page 4-line 5 Delete "or".

Page 5-line 18 Delete entirely and insert:

"Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.". HICKS

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Page 2-line 9 After "state" delete balance of line and insert ".".

Page 2-lines 10 through 17 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 20 Delete "The annual".

Page 3-lines 21 through 23 Delete entirely.

Page 4-lines 1 and 2 Delete entirely.

Page 4-line 3 Delete "23-2-201(d)". LANDEN, CHAIRMAN

2/20/2025 S COW:Passed

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Page 2-line 9 Before stricken "in a" insert "This subsection shall not apply to a person who uses a city, town, county or state boat ramp or other access point to launch a commercially guided fishing boat to guide fishermen if the person is guiding the fishermen to a location where

the lands are owned or leased by the person or the person's immediate family member.". LANDEN

2/21/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed
2/24/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 19-11-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Jones, Landen, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott, Smith

Nays: Senator(s) Biteman, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Kolb, Laursen, Mckeown, Pearson, Salazar, Steinmetz

Excused: Senator Crum

Ayes 19 **Nays** 11 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/24/2025 H Received for Concurrence
2/24/2025 H Concur:Passed 33-22-7-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Andrew, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Haroldson, Harshman, Jarvis, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Posey, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer, Washut, Webb, Williams, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Brown, G, Guggenmos, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Pendergraft, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Wasserburger, Webber, Wharff, Winter

Excused: Representative(s) Banks, Bratten, Connolly, Lawley, Riggins, Tarver, Wylie

Ayes 33 **Nays** 22 **Excused** 7 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/25/2025 Assigned Number HEA No. 0031
2/25/2025 H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0031
2/25/2025 S President Signed HEA No. 0031
2/27/2025 Governor Signed HEA No. 0031
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