



**HB0045**

**Removing otters as protected animals.**

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Byron, Banks, Davis, Haroldson, Schmid, Williams and Winter and Senator(s) Crago, Dockstader, Driskill and Landen

AN ACT relating to game and fish; removing otters from the definition of protected animals for purposes of hunting regulations; and providing for an effective date.

12/16/2024 Bill Number Assigned  
1/2/2025 H Received for Introduction  
1/14/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H06 - Travel  
1/16/2025 H06 - Travel:Recommend Do Pass 6-2-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Byron, Campbell, Connolly, Jarvis, Thayer, Wharff  
**Nays:** Representative(s) Provenza, Storer  
**Excused:** Representative Harshman  
**Ayes 6 Nays 2 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/16/2025 H Placed on General File  
1/17/2025 H COW:Passed  
1/20/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed  
1/21/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 52-8-2-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Webb, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie  
**Nays:** Representative(s) Chestek, Provenza, Sherwood, Singh, Storer, Washut, Wasserburger, Yin  
**Excused:** Representative(s) Riggins, Webber  
**Ayes 52 Nays 8 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

1/21/2025 S Received for Introduction  
2/10/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S06 - Travel  
2/11/2025 S06 - Travel:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Boner, Hicks, Jones, Landen, Schuler  
**Ayes 5 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

2/11/2025 S Placed on General File

**HB0045SS001/FAILED**

Page 1-above line 1 In the catch title, delete "otters" and insert "specified animals".  
Page 1-line 1 Delete "removing otters from the".  
Page 1-line 2 Delete entirely.

Page 1-line 3 Delete "regulations;" and insert "removing specified animals as protected animals for purposes of hunting regulations;".

Page 1-line 7 Delete "amended to read" and insert "repealed.".

Page 1-lines 9 through 14 Delete entirely. LANDEN, CHAIRMAN

**HB0045SW001/ADOPTED**

Page 2-line 2 Delete entirely and insert:

"**Section 2.** 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.". BONER

2/12/2025 S COW:Passed  
2/13/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/14/2025 S 3rd Reading:Laid Back  
2/18/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 22-9-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Schuler, Smith, Steinmetz

**Nays:** Senator(s) Biteman, Case, Cooper, Hutchings, Laursen, Mckeown, Rothfuss, Salazar, Scott

**Ayes** 22      **Nays** 9      **Excused** 0      **Absent** 0      **Conflicts** 0

2/18/2025 H Received for Concurrence  
2/18/2025 H Concur:Passed 53-7-2-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie

**Nays:** Representative(s) Chestek, Provenza, Sherwood, Singh, Washut, Wasserburger, Yin

**Excused:** Representative(s) Lucas, Riggins

**Ayes** 53      **Nays** 7      **Excused** 2      **Absent** 0      **Conflicts** 0

2/18/2025 Assigned Number HEA No. 0015  
2/20/2025 H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0015  
2/20/2025 S President Signed HEA No. 0015  
2/24/2025 Governor Signed HEA No. 0015  
2/24/2025 Assigned Chapter Number 10