Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Informational Presentation
Wyoming has a long history of conserving wildlife. Here’s a rundown of how that was manifested:

**1869**
Act To Protect Wildlife
Seeing the impact of unregulated hunting, the Wyoming Territorial Legislature approved an act to protect wildlife at their first meeting.

**1875**
First Hunting Season
Legislature sets first hunting season. Language supports hunting for food.

**1880s**
Fish Stocking Starts

**1882**
Board of Fish Commissioners Est.
Board of Fish Commissioners established as fish populations drop, “sterile streams” reported.
1889

Low Populations
Last wild bison shot in Wyoming Territory. Antelope at levels near 5,000.

1890

Increase In Trout
In a report to Governor Warren, Fish Commissioner reports an increase in trout.

1890

Sportsmen Set the Bar
Same report: Sportsmen’s clubs are curbing illegal take of fish and game. These clubs are biggest supporters of Commission’s work.

1895

State Game Warden
Legislature authorizes two fish hatcheries and also makes the Fish Commissioner the State Game Warden. He deputizes county officials.
1899
Conservation Strategy
Legislature establishes a conservation strategy, part of it designated Wyoming’s 1st Game Warden. The strategy becomes “a model for the country.”

1903
Teddy Roosevelt Visits Wyoming

1910
Elk Transplants
The only elk in lower 48 are in Yellowstone and around Jackson. Elk transplants by train take place.

1911
Hunting Licenses Issued
6,400 resident hunting licenses issued. 123 non-resident.
Continued History

1911
Fishing License Costs $1.00

1915
Generating Income
Game Warden estimates non-resident hunters from all over the world are spending $500,000 in Wyoming.

1921
Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Est.
The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission was established by the Legislature

1937
Funding given to Game and Fish Commission
The Legislature turned over management of funding of Game and Fish to the Commission. The revenue from sportsmen then goes to Game and Fish Operating Fund.
Populations Restored

Over the last 100 years Wyoming has restored the population of elk, many fish species (cutthroat trout in particular), pronghorn (was down to 5,000), beaver, bison, mule deer and sage grouse.
WHERE WE ARE NOW — THE SHORT VERSION

800 Species of Fish and Wildlife in Wyoming

Work cooperatively to restore populations that are in decline

GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

- Sets quotas and seasons
- Establishes the budget
- Sets policies
- Provides oversight

125,000+ Resident Hunters and Anglers in Wyoming

DOUBLE the national average per capita

Top 5 in hunting and angling in the Nation

WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

- Stocks fish
- Enforces laws
- Conserves wildlife for the public and for sportsmen and sportswomen

Wildlife draws people from around the globe
While revenue now is dependent on license sales, we cannot manage wildlife to maximize revenue.

License availability is largely determined by science and public input – all based on resource availability.

Customers influence allocation of license sales through public process. (large shareholder group)

Most licenses fees are established by the Legislature.
**Structure / Budget**

- **Wildlife**: 37%
- **Fish**: 20%
- **Services**: 15%
- **Fiscal**: 10%
- Administration / Education: 9%
- Grants: 9%
Administration/Education:

- WY Game and Fish Commission
- Administration
- Wildlife Habitat Protection
- Strategic Management
- Personnel Management
- Education
- Information/Publications
W.S. §23-1-Article 2 and 3

1. Promulgate, publish and enforce all rules and regulations governing hunting, fishing, boating and trapping within the framework of Wyoming Statutes.

2. Acquire lands and easements for management of fish and wildlife or for hunting and fishing.

3. Approve budgets and establish policy for Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

4. Supervise the protection, management and propagation of fish and wildlife.

5. Regulate or prohibit the importation of exotic wildlife.
• Coordinate department activities

• Allocate department resources through Commission-approved budget

• Coordinate and communicate with the Commission

• Provide for effective coordination and interaction with other entities including the Legislature

• Increasing public awareness

• Understanding public attitudes and values
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Reviews and evaluates proposed actions for their effects on wildlife and makes recommendations to minimize adverse impacts.

Coordination and support for the Governor’s Core Sage Grouse strategy

Communicates with field personnel; Governor’s policy office; industry; and state, federal and private land managers

Outcomes

• Improved project location
• Reduced disturbance through project design
• Recommended mitigation practices
Administration / Education
Strategic Management

- Survey research
- Public meetings
- Stakeholder processes
• Hunter and angler recruitment and retention
  o Forever Wild Families program
• Hunter Education
  o W.S. 23-2-106
• Volunteer program
• Forever Wild
• Educator Resources
Administration / Education

Information and Publication

- Wyoming Wildlife Magazine
- Website
- Social Media
- Video and TV
- Media Relations
- Radio
- Print media
FISCAL DIVISION
ADMINISTRATION

• Budget development and monitoring
• Financial systems and fiscal policy and procedures
• Financial reporting and revenue projections
• Revenue deposits
• Fiscal Administration Includes:
  o Administration
  o Cashier
License Sales 830,000 issued annually
- Over-the-counter, specialized, and commercial license sales
- Boating Registration and AIS decals
- License selling agent administration
- Financial/statistical reporting license revenue
- Commissioner and Governor license issuance

License Draw 109,000 issued in 2013
- Allocate limited quota licenses
- Issue and maintain preference points
- Maintain 1.4 million customer records
Fiscal Division

General Accounting

• Accounts Payable
• Procurement
  • Purchasing
  • Uniforms
  • Fixed Assets

• Federal Aid and Grants
  • Federal funds management
  • Grants/contracts management
• Assist public with informational needs
• License sales
• Assist hunters and anglers with gaining access
• Manage regional office budgets
• Register boats and bear baits
• Assist department personnel
• Landowner Coupons
• Law Enforcement Retirement
• Damage Claims
• Cost Allocation
• State Agency Law Enforcement Communication System (SALECS)
• Process outgoing and incoming mail
  • Over 300,000 outgoing pieces per year

• Provide timely, accurate customer service via the telephone information center
  • 80,000+ calls per year
Services Division:

- Administration
- Habitat Access & Maintenance
- Property Rights
- Game & Fish Forensic Laboratory
- Information Technology (IT)
- Conservation Engineering & Facilities
• Conserve and enhance wildlife habitat

• Provide increased access for recreational opportunities

• Provide technical support
SERVICES DIVISION
HABITAT AND ACCESS MAINTENANCE

Manage Commission-owned lands and access areas

37 WHMAs (413,000 acres)  192 Public Access Areas

• Feedground maintenance
• Hatchery improvement projects
• Terrestrial and aquatic habitat projects
Services Division

Property

Land conservation and acquisition for wildlife habitat and public access

- Administers and monitors Commission property rights

- Acquire property rights to:
  - Restore and conserve habitat
  - Provide public access and recreation
Services Division
Game and Fish Laboratory

Provides fish health, forensic and tooth aging services

- Legally mandated fish health inspections
- Disease diagnostics for department hatcheries
- Forensic analyses for law enforcement in suspected poaching cases
- Tooth aging of harvested big and trophy game
SERVICES DIVISION

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

Manages all information technology, hardware, software and network services

- Operations and support
- Application development
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
• Providing conservation engineering, drafting and survey services

• Boating access

• Capital facilities – hatcheries, Cheyenne headquarters, regional offices, and WHMAs
Fish Division:

- Administration
- Aquatic Habitat
- Fisheries Management
- Fish Culture
Fish Division
Aquatic Habitat

Manage future fisheries by managing habitat today

• Aquatic Habitat Includes:
  • Regional Aquatic Habitat
  • Fish Passage
  • Water Management
Fish Division
Fisheries Management

Provide for angling demands

• Conserve and enhance all aquatic resources through scientific management

• Fisheries Management Includes:
  o Regional Fisheries Management
  o Statewide Aquatic Assessment
  o Aquatic Invasive Species
    • 23-1-501(g), 23-4-Article 2

• Boating Access
Fish Culture Includes:

- Spawning
- Rearing
- Stocking

Meet stocking demands for Wyoming fisheries
Division responsibilities

• Management of terrestrial wildlife
• Wildlife law enforcement
• Research efforts
• Disease surveillance and management
• Human/wildlife conflicts
• Watercraft safety
• Manage for objective
• Disease surveillance and management
• Research efforts
• Interaction with the public and landowners
• Coordination with federal agencies
• Equipment maintenance
• Administrative duties
Maintain and enhance terrestrial wildlife habitats on private and public lands
• Harvest surveys
• Management and conservation plans
• Statewide population data
• Coordinate monitoring and management of migratory game birds
• Technical advice and analysis
• Manage and conserve Wyoming’s nongame wildlife

• Sensitive Species

• Sage Grouse Management

• State Wildlife Grant Projects
• Management
  • Develop management and conservation plans
• Research
• Coordination with other agencies

• Conflict
  • Investigate and resolve conflicts between people, their property and trophy game animals
• 22 feedgrounds (National Elk Refuge not included)
• Began in 1937
• 13,000 -17,000 elk attend annually
• Average of 7,000 tons of hay fed annually
• Enforce Title 23 and Title 41, Chapter 13 and other specified statutes
• Investigations
• Promulgate regulations
• Watercraft safety
• Administer Stop Poaching program
• Wildlife permitting
2 Bird Farms (Sheridan – 1937, Downer – 1964)

- Average of 31,000 birds released annually
- Released on private and public lands
Thorne/Williams Wildlife Research Center at Sybille and Department Wildlife Disease Lab

- Disease diagnostics and research
- Chronic Wasting Disease
- Brucellosis
- Pneumonia in bighorn sheep
- Animal capture/translocation
Hunters and anglers benefit by having access to over 2.8 million private and public acres.

- Hunter management areas
- Walk-in hunting/fishing areas
- Hunter Assistance Program
- Currently 691 landowners participating
**Contract Positions**

![Graph showing the number of contract positions from 2005 to 2015 for WGFC and General Fund.]

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**Total**

-WGFC: 38.1, 47.7, 59.0, 53.9, 55.8, 58.6, 71.2, 71.7, 76.5, 73.0, 87.5

*Note: The graph and table above represent the number of contract positions from 2005 to 2015 for the Wildlife Management and Fisheries Commission (WGFC) and General Fund.*
• Headquarters Office
• Regional Offices - 8
• Hatcheries and Rearing Stations - 10
• Patrol Cabins and Feeder Cabins - 32
• Bird Farms - 2
• Warden Stations - 52
• Feedgrounds – 22
• Thorne/Williams Wildlife Research Center at Sybille
HUNTING & FISHING ACCESS
WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT AREAS

- Fee Title = 166,000 acres
- Easements = 21,200 acres
- Conservation Easements = 33,900 acres
- Federal Lands = 164,800 acres
- State Leases = 38,000 acres
- Lake Acres = 47,700
- Stream Miles = 383
The Access Yes program is funded by donations from hunters and anglers who purchase licenses. Combined with funding from conservation stamps, this goes to landowners who want to give hunters and anglers access.

- Long-term easements.
- Walk-in areas.
- Hunter Management Areas. Must get permit from Game and Fish.

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Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Budget Overview
Funding Sources

- Hunter and Angler 78%
- Legislative Funding 9%
- Grants and Other 13%
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2013 Resident and Nonresident Hunting and Fishing License Sales

- Resident Hunting 21%: $6.72
- Nonresident Hunting 60%: $19.32
- Resident Fishing 7%: $2.33
- Nonresident Fishing 12%: $4.06
**Approximate Expenditures by Species**

- **Threatened & Endangered**
  - $3,205,154
  - 5%

- **Small Game & Game Birds**
  - $5,327,164
  - 8%

- **Fish**
  - $20,241,294
  - 32%

- **Other**
  - $4,752,213
  - 8%

- **Trophy Game**
  - $1,196,526
  - 2%

- **Big Game**
  - $28,465,988
  - 45%

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TROPHY GAME EXPENDITURES

- Black Bear: $706,665
- Mountain Lion: $489,861
THREATENED AND ENDANGERED EXPENDITURES

- Wolf: $1,134,343
- Wyoming Toad: $7,317
- Prebles Jumping Mouse: $98,115
- Bald Eagle: $29,563
- Black-Footed Ferret: $139,022
- Canadian Lynx: $3,240
- Grizzly Bear: $1,793,556
**Small Game & Game Bird Expenditures**

- **Sage Grouse**: $2,532,519
- **Geese**: $810,294
- **Ducks**: $173,983
- **Swans**: $348,402
- **Doves**: $128,998
- **Cranes**: $104,996
- **Blue/Ruffed Grouse**: $8,592
- **Partridge**: $3,144
- **Pheasants**: $1,161,946
- **Sharp-Tailed Grouse**: $21,775

Total Expenditures: $4,393,000
Fish Expenditures

- Sport Fish: $19,787,933
- Nongame Fish: $453,361
5YR History of Commission Budget

FY11: $69.43
FY12: $72.32
FY13: $70.60
FY14: $65.98
*FY15: $70.87

Millions

5YR History of Commission Budget

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## Description:

- Personnel and related costs
- One-time projects and grants
- Feedground
- Fish / Aquatic Management
- Hunter & Angler Access & Conservation Opportunities
- Educational Publications & Programs
- Technology Upgrades
- Deferred Maintenance
### FY 2013 Budget Reductions

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- Reduced funding for on-the-ground fish and wildlife habitat projects.
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- To address harsh winters and subsequent elk distribution.
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- Eliminates survey to gauge angler use with available river access.
- Eliminates some low-water riparian habitat projects.
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Reduced the ability to keep current with changing and evolving technologies, eliminated mobile laptops for field personnel reducing their effectiveness, reduced the use of infrared camera use to apprehend wildlife violators.
## FY 2013 Budget Reductions

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<td>Facility maintenance/improvements</td>
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FY 2014 Budget Reductions 6.5%

Description:

- Personnel and related costs
- Operating costs
- One-time projects and grants
- Deferred Maintenance
- Fish Management
- Public Hunting and Fishing Access
- Educational Programs and Publications
- Information and Technology
- Research
## FY 2014 Budget Reductions

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<td>Position vacancies</td>
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<td>Employee training opportunities</td>
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- Reduction in full time personnel – 3 frozen by the Governor, 9 vacated position will be kept vacant to meet budget goals
- Reduction in overtime and holiday pay – decreased field or office presence for many employees
- Eliminates employee Leadership Development training opportunities
- Reduces out-of-state travel for coordination and training opportunities
**FY 2014 Budget Reductions**

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- Fewer big game surveys, ground surveys, harvest checks
- Elimination of the Wyoming Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo
- Eliminates funding for new hunter and angler access easements
One-time projects and grants

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<td>On-the-ground fish and wildlife habitat projects and surveys</td>
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- Funding reductions for access easements, land acquisitions, on-the-ground fish and wildlife habitat projects, and fish and wildlife surveys.

- Eliminates grant contribution to the Wyoming Wildlife The Foundation

- Reduction in grant funding provided to nonprofit conservation organizations for wetland habitat enhancement and restoration work.
### FY 2014 Budget Reductions

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<td>Hatchery upgrades</td>
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<td>Convenience facilities at Wildlife Habitat Management Areas</td>
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- Equipment to improve oxygen supply for health and survival rate of fish.
- Reduction of funding for regional office maintenance including painting, fence replacement, window and door replacement, janitorial services and landscaping.
- Handicap parking pads for outhouses at Wick and Pennock Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas were not built.
- Stack yard to protect hay on the South Park feedground were not built.
### Fish Management

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- Reduce trout stocking in eight reservoirs by over 300,000 trout
- Reduce Kokanee Salmon stocking in Flaming Gorge by 300,000
- Reduction of funding to improve fish passage by eliminating or mitigating barriers
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<td>Hunting and Fishing Walk-in-Area Atlas Printing</td>
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## FY 2014 Budget Reductions

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Less research will be conducted to aid management decisions for issues such as population connectivity, habitat requirements, life-history, and energy impacts.

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FYI5 Budget
7.4% increase from FYI4

• Payroll *
• 3% inflation - support categories
• Deferred Maintenance – Wick
• Hunter & Angler Access / Habitat Conservation – Horse Creek
• Forensic Lab *

* Legislatively approved
FY16 Budget

6.36% increase from FY15

- Personnel - Leadership Development program
- Deferred Maintenance – vehicle fleet, facilities
- Cooperative Research
- Property Rights Acquisition – game warden station, Ring Neck
- Boating Access
- Property Rights PLPW – public access leases paid to landowners
- Wyoming Game & Fish Trust Fund - habitat and education projects
Since 2005 the Wyoming Legislature has funded several programs. Currently there are five:

- Sage Grouse Management
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Wolf Management
- Veterinary Services
- Sensitive Species

Legislative Direction: Request funding for Grizzly Bear Management and Employee Health Insurance.

Legislature pays for 21 positions. Others come from Commission Budget.
## History of General Fund Appropriations

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*Note: All values are in thousands.*
## Positions by General Fund Program

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## WGFC Support for General Fund Programs

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% of Total Budget Expended

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*Projected*
## 10 Year History of Revenue & Expenditures

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