

ENROLLED ACT NO. 117, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2017 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for gray wolf damage compensation eligibility; specifying applicability; providing for rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-1-901(g) and by creating a new subsection (h) is amended to read:

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

(g) For purposes of this section, ~~"trophy game animals"~~eligibility for damage compensation shall include gray wolves located in:

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

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

(h) The commission shall establish in rule a process for persons to request that an area of land adjacent to the area described in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I) or (II) be designated as an area where property owners are eligible for damage compensation for damage caused by gray wolves. The rules shall provide that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk