

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0213

Game and fish-wolf management.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Childers and Senator(s) Burns

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for aggressive  
2 management of wolves; providing for monitoring of wolf  
3 population and movements; providing for waiver of license  
4 fees; providing for rules and regulations; providing for an  
5 appropriation; and providing for 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. 23-1-304(d) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (g) is amended to read:

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12 **23-1-304. Classification of gray wolves.**

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14 (d) The department shall institute and maintain an  
15 active program of population monitoring statewide.

16 Population monitoring shall include the use of global

1 positioning systems and radio collaring of gray wolves,  
2 including use of aerial tracking, necessary to accurately  
3 determine the population and movement of gray wolves in the  
4 state. The commission is authorized to enter into  
5 memoranda of understanding with the United States fish and  
6 wildlife service or other federal agencies to fund the  
7 purchase of the necessary technology and to ensure accurate  
8 and adequate monitoring of wolf population levels and  
9 movements through global positioning systems and radio  
10 collar tracking. In all areas of the state, except where  
11 otherwise provided, any person who harvests a wolf shall  
12 notify the department where the harvest occurred within ten  
13 (10) days. Any information regarding the number or nature  
14 of wolves legally harvested within the state of Wyoming  
15 shall only be released in its aggregate form and no  
16 information of a private or confidential nature shall be  
17 released without the written consent of the person to whom  
18 the information may refer. Information identifying any  
19 person legally harvesting a wolf within this state is  
20 solely for the use of the department or appropriate law  
21 enforcement offices and is not a public record for purposes  
22 of W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.

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1       (g) The commission is authorized, through rule and  
2 regulation, to use aggressive management techniques with  
3 gray wolves, including setting liberal seasons and bag  
4 limits, within the area designated in W.S.  
5 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(II) to limit the population of gray  
6 wolves to the population designated in paragraph (b)(ii) of  
7 this section. Aggressive management techniques may include  
8 the use of aerial hunting and hazing by the department and  
9 waiver of license fees to landowners within the area  
10 designated in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xii)(B)(I).

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12       **Section 2.** There is appropriated two million four  
13 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000.00) from the general  
14 fund to the game and fish commission for the period  
15 beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 for  
16 purposes of this act.

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18       **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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