

A brief technical summary of H230 sections

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Section 1

Amend 36-107 to increase the authorized "ear-mark" of funds from combination and fishing licenses for construction, repair, or rehab of fish hatcheries, fishing lakes/reservoirs, and add fishing access as an authorized ear-mark.

Section 2

Amend 36-111 provisions for the fish and game set-aside account.

- a) Increases the amount from pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk tags directed to two set-aside functions: winterfeeding and pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk depredation prevention on private land/control of predators affecting these species.
- b) Provides that labor and mileage directly related to winter feeding are authorized for expenditure from the set-aside.
- c) Sets aside the funds from a new fee (license endorsement expected to raise \$2 million annually) for specific spending:
 - \$500,000 transferred to the expendable big game depredation fund (used to pay wildlife depredation compensation claims),
 - the next \$500,000 used for pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk depredation prevention on private land/control of predators affecting these species,
 - the balance used for sportsmen access programs that shall not be used to purchase private property.

Section 3

Amend 36-115 to revise provisions of the expendable big game depredation fund (funds wildlife depredation compensation claims).

- a) References the \$500,000 transfer noted in Section 2. Retains the existing \$200,000 transfer from the fish and game dedicated account for total transfer of \$700,000 annually plus about \$50,000 annual interest from nonexpendable big game depredation fund (\$750,000 accrual annually).
- b) Raises the threshold of the expendable big game depredation fund from \$750,000 to \$2.5 million, upon which any unexpended and unencumbered funds would transfer into the set-aside account

earmarked for pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk depredation prevention on private land/control of predators affecting these species in Section 2.

- c) Reduces claim deductible from \$1,000 to \$750 throughout this section.
- d) Increases from 25% to 50% the amount of the interest from the fund that can be used for forage compensation claim payments in a fiscal year.

Section 4

Amend 36-406 to modify sportsmans pak set-aside to complement tag set-asides in Section 2.

Section 5

Amend 36-407 to make a technical correction to provide reference for the three year nonresident junior fishing license.

Section 6

Create new section 36-414 to define the license endorsement fee required to purchase an annual hunting, fishing, combination or trapping license to create the \$2 million funding for the set-aside elements noted in Section 2.

Section 7

Amend 36-416 to raise resident fees about 20%, increase nonresident daily fishing license fees, create new trophy species control hunt application fee, create grizzly bear tag, and increase a few miscellaneous other fees such as the captive wolf license to fund fish and wildlife management programs.

Section 8

Amend 36-1108 to improve flexibility and responsiveness to landowner operations relative to provisions of compensation claims for crop damage.

Section 9

Amend 36-1110 to improve flexibility and responsiveness to landowner operations relative to provisions of compensation claims for forage damage.

Section 10

Provides Legislative Intent for Section 7 (raising resident fees) and provide legislative direction for the Fish and Game Commission to implement a “Price Lock” discount order that shall be in effect for at least five years and until legislative review is complete. The price lock order will discount to 2016 prices any of the annual licenses, tags, permits for anyone who has purchased a 2017 annual license and continues to purchase any annual license through the duration of the order.

Section 11

Severability clause

Section 12

Effective date for all sections except 7 and 10 is May 1, 2017 (includes new license endorsement fee in Section 6).

Effective date for Sections 7 and 10 (Fee Increase/Price Lock) is the beginning sale of 2018 licenses: December 1, 2017.