

RESOLUTION 2022-0509B

Creation of Teton County Wildlife Advisory Committee

WHEREAS the Teton County Board of Commissioners is granted general authority to make and enforce resolutions and regulations for the protection of safety, health, and property within its limits, appoint and supervise boards and commissions, and manage County properties, in accordance with Idaho statute under the Idaho Constitution, Article XII, Section 2 and Idaho Code Title 31, Chapter 8, and;

WHEREAS the Teton County, Idaho Comprehensive Plan-A Vision and Framework 2012-2030, established a goal to preserve natural resources and a healthy environment for community benefits, including conservation of native wildlife and fish habitats, wetlands, and migration corridors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TETON COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ENACTED AS THE WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:

SECTION I PURPOSE:

The purpose of this resolution is to promote the educational, cultural, economic, health, safety, and general welfare of the public of Teton County, Idaho, through identification, evaluation, designation, and protection of Teton County wildlife and wildlife habitats that occur in and surrounding Teton County.

SECTION II DEFINITIONS:

The following words and phrases when used in this Resolution shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following meanings:

County. Teton County, Idaho

Advisory Committee. The Teton County Wildlife Advisory Committee.

SECTION III WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- 1) There is hereby created a Wildlife Advisory Committee which shall consist of between seven (7) and eleven (11) members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.
- 2) All members of the Advisory Committee shall have a demonstrated interest, competence, or knowledge of wildlife and of Teton County wildlife habitats. The Board of County Commissioners shall endeavor to appoint at least one (1) member from each of the following interests: fisher or hunter, Teton County farmer or rancher, fishery advocate, wildlife expertise, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, conservation organization, Federal Land Management agency. The Board of County Commissioners shall also endeavor to appoint members with broad geographic representation from Teton County, including the incorporated cities.
- 3) Initial appointments to the Committee shall be made as follows: two to five (2-5) one-year terms; two to five (2-5) two- year terms; three to four (3- 4) three- year terms. All subsequent

appointments shall be made for three- year terms. Committee members may be reappointed to serve additional terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments and the appointee shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.

4) The County may reimburse members of the Advisory Committee for expenses previously authorized by the Board of County Commissioners that are incurred in connection with their duties.

SECTION IV POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Advisory Committee shall be advisory to the Board of County Commissioners and shall be authorized to: 1) Recommend and/or cooperatively conduct studies of Teton County wildlife and wildlife habitats deemed necessary for their conservation. 2) Recommend guidelines, practices, goals, and policies designed to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats in Teton County. 3) Recommend regulations and resolutions that promote public safety, recreation enjoyment, and natural resource conservation and otherwise provide information for the purposes of fish and wildlife habitat management in the County. 4) Recommend methods and procedures necessary to best manage properties under the ownership or control of the County or a Cooperating Agency as needed to meet habitat management objectives. 5) Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, within the limits of its funding, the employment of or the contracting with other parties for the services of technical experts or other persons as it deems necessary to carry on the functions of the Advisory Committee. 6) Make recommendations in the planning processes undertaken by the county, the cities, the state, or the federal government and the agencies of these entities. 7) Promote and conduct an educational and interpretive program designed to promote a fish and wildlife conservation ethic in the County that is compatible with comprehensive plan objectives. 8) Advisory Committee members, employees or agents of the Advisory Committee may enter private property in the performance of its official duties only with the express consent of the owner thereof. 9) The Advisory Committee shall have no authority over fishing, hunting, or trapping regulations or other wildlife related activities reserved to state and federal agencies.

SECTION V ORGANIZATION, OFFICERS, RULES, MEETINGS:

1) The Advisory Committee shall have the power to make whatever organization rules are necessary for the execution of its duties as set forth in this Resolution. Rules of procedure and bylaws adopted by the Advisory Committee shall be available for public inspection.

2) The Advisory Committee shall elect officers from among the Advisory Committee members. The chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Advisory Committee. The vice -chairperson shall, lacking the chairperson, perform the duties of the chairperson.

3) All meetings of the Advisory Committee shall be open to the public and follow the requirements of Idaho Open Public Meeting laws. The Advisory Committee shall keep minutes and other appropriate written records of its resolutions, proceedings, and actions.

SECTION VI SEPARABILITY:

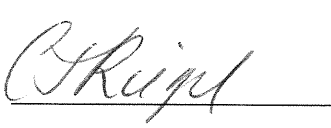
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall

be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION V11 EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. PASSED THIS 9th day of May, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TETON COUNTY, IDAHO



Cindy Riegel, Commission Chair



Bob Heneage, Commissioner



Michael Whitfield, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Kim Keeley, County Clerk