HOUSE BILL NO. HB0009

Illegal stocking of fish.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to game and fish; providing for civil
- 2 penalties for illegal stocking of fish; and providing for
- 3 an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-4-101 is amended to read:

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- 9 23-4-101. Fish stocking in waters without consent
- 10 prohibited; penalties.

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- 12 (a) No person shall plant or release any fish or fish
- 13 eggs in any public waters of Wyoming without the consent
- 14 and under the supervision of the department or its
- 15 authorized personnel.

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(b) Violation of this section constitutes a high 1 2 misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(ii). 3 The court may, in its discretion, revoke any 4 5 license issued under this act to any person convicted of a violation of this section, for the remainder of the year in 6 which the conviction occurs, and may suspend the person's 7 privilege to purchase or receive any other license under 8 9 this act or to take any wildlife for a period of time up to and including lifetime revocation. 10 11 12 (d) In addition to any other criminal penalty provided in this act, any person who violates subsection 13 14 (a) of this section may be assessed civil penalties in an amount not to exceed the costs incurred by the commission 15 in removing the fish or fish eggs from the waters affected 16 17 by the violation. The commission may bring a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for civil penalties 18 19 or injunctive relief. 20 21 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2010. 22 23 (END)

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