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(Wyo.)- Game And Fish Looks at cuts after fee hikes nixed



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CASPER, Wyo. (AP) - The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is considering a range of cuts after the Legislature decided not to approve license fee increases.

The cuts could include not stocking more than a million fish next year. Game and Fish might also postpone habitat projects and cancel an annual hunting and fishing expo.

The Game and Fish Commission plans to discuss the possible cuts next week.

Most the Game and Fish budget comes from license fees and federal taxes on hunting and fishing equipment. The last license fee increase was in 2008.

Game and Fish is looking at a 10 percent budget cut for 2014.

Some legislators who voted against fee increases during the recent legislative session said fee increases are making hunting and fishing too expensive.