

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 11:18 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: Region 1 Wolf Harvest Review
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image005.png; image002.png; image003.png; image001.png; image004.png

Erik

I am available Wednesday 10:00 to 2:00 or after 3:00. I'm available Thursday from 9:00 on
Pat

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024, 4:11 AM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

Over the weekend, Region 1 passed the 75% level for wolf harvest quota. As you know, the rule you created last year requires a special meeting to review that wolf harvest, just as we did with WMU 313 in December and Region 3 last week.

Please indicate your availability for a special meeting this coming Wednesday or Thursday afternoon via Zoom.

Respectfully,

~E

Erik Wickman | *Assistant to the Director* | *Commission Coordinator*

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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 5:52 AM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Signature block on emails

Stand by, sir....i will send out details when I get to the office today. Thank you!

~Erik Wickman
Commission Coordinator



Sent from my iPhone

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 2:19:49 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Signature block on emails

Erik
Thanks for this. I only have my phone with me, how do I set this up at a default signature?
Thanks
Pat

On Thu, Jan 4, 2024, 1:22 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Sir,

We are streamlining signature blocks on commissioner emails. I have already formatted them for each commissioner. Please use this going forward.

Thank you!

~E

Pat Tabor

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 10:02 AM
To: pat.tabor@rsmus.com
Subject: Fwd: Special Meeting - FW Commission
Attachments: invite.ics

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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Date: Mon, Jan 29, 2024, 6:14 AM
Subject: Special Meeting - FW Commission
To: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>, commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>, commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>, commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>
Cc: Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>, Parks, Molly <Molly.Parks@mt.gov>, Pankratz, Adam <APankratz@mt.gov>, Yoshioka, Marina <MYoshioka@mt.gov>, Kujala, Quentin <gkujala@mt.gov>

Review Region 3 wolf harvest

Zoom link to follow shortly...

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:59 PM.
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Cc: Wickman, Erik; FWP COMMISSIONERS; Rechkoff, Kevin; Kujala, Quentin
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Special Meeting

Erik,

I am in Mexico, but should be able to participate if you need me for a quorum.

Jeff

Jeff Burrows

Region 2 Commissioner
Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission
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commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org

On Feb 6, 2024, at 11:04 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:

I'm available all day Friday from 9:00 am on
Pat

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024, 12:32 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

After discussing things with Legal, having the meeting tomorrow is too soon (not enough time for public notice). We are looking at Friday at 2pm now. This meets Legal's recommendations for proper public notice and is still a reasonable time to respond.

Additionally, since we are already at 70% of quota in R2, the review will encompass both Regions 1 and 2. This will also eliminate the need for an additional special meeting just for Region 2.

Please advise of your availability for Friday overall, and if 2pm works for you.

Thank you!

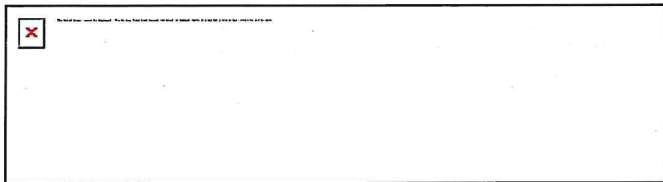
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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 5:00 PM
To: pat.tabor@rsmus.com
Subject: Fwd: Swan Lake Discussion
Attachments: invite.ics; Swan Lake Final Report 2018.pdf

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From: Anderson, Lee <leeanderson@mt.gov>
Date: Wed, Jan 3, 2024, 9:18 AM
Subject: Swan Lake Discussion
To: Rosenthal, Leo <lrosenthal@mt.gov>, Hensler, Mike <MHensler@mt.gov>, commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Talk at you all tomorrow. Leo will be ready to go through the history leading up to where we are now and we can answer any questions. The attached document is a good summary of what we know on Swan Lake etc. See you all tomorrow.

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[+1 406-318-5487,323369249#](tel:+14063185487,323369249#) United States, Billings

Phone Conference ID: 323 369 249#

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 6:42 PM
To: Anderson, Lee
Subject: Swan Lake Project

Lee

I'd like to arrange a conversation with you and your fishery guys regarding the February Commission Meeting agenda item on Swan Lake. The Director called and forewarned me that he expects this to be a fairly controversial topic. I'd like to get the pros to step me through every aspect of it, including history, why it didn't work last time and what will be different. Probably easiest to do a one to two hour zoom call to start. Ideally if we could do this week that would be great.

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 1:28 PM
To: andy guy
Subject: Re: Swan River Regulations

Dear Mr Guy

Thank you for forwarding this to me. I'm a little confused as to what your asking, as it appears that you state that retention of some fish is part of a sustainable fishery but then you seem to be advocating for 100% release. Regardless, as we discussed you are on the right path, meeting with the Region 1 fishery staff is the best next step,

Regards

Pat Tabor

Region 1 Commissioner

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

On Mon, Jan 29, 2024, 8:07 PM andy guy <flyfishin24@yahoo.com> wrote:

The Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) should consider revising the Swan River regulations to allow for the catch, release, and retention of rainbow trout for several reasons. Firstly, promoting catch-and-release practices can contribute to sustainable fisheries management. By releasing rainbow trout, anglers can help maintain healthy population levels, ensuring the long-term viability of the species in Swan River.

Additionally, allowing anglers to keep a limited number of rainbow trout could enhance the overall fishing experience and local economy. The opportunity to catch and retain these fish may attract more anglers, boosting tourism and supporting local businesses catering to recreational fishing. Striking a balance between conservation and recreational interests is crucial for the ecological well-being of the river and the economic prosperity of the surrounding communities.

Furthermore, carefully crafted regulations can serve as a conservation tool by setting size and bag limits to prevent overexploitation. This approach allows for responsible angling that aligns with the conservation goals of the FWP. Overall, a thoughtful reassessment of the regulations governing rainbow trout in the Swan River could lead to a more sustainable and enjoyable fishing environment for both anglers and the ecosystem. Advocating for a catch-and-release policy for all trout in the Swan River, due to challenges in distinguishing between various species like Brook trout, bull trout, rainbow trout, and cutthroat trout, is a reasonable proposition. Implementing such a policy could simplify enforcement efforts for the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and contribute to the conservation of these diverse trout populations.

With the difficulty in visually distinguishing between different trout species, a catch-and-release approach helps avoid unintentional harm to specific species that might be subject to conservation concerns. It provides a straightforward rule for anglers, easing compliance and reducing the risk of accidental misidentification.

Furthermore, a uniform catch-and-release policy can enhance overall conservation efforts, ensuring that the trout populations in the Swan River remain robust and sustainable. It simplifies regulations and fosters a sense of responsibility among anglers, aligning with the broader goals of the FWP in preserving Montana's natural resources.

In conclusion, transitioning to a catch-and-release policy for all trout in the Swan River is a practical step that addresses enforcement challenges, promotes conservation, and ensures the long-term health of the diverse trout species in the region.

Andrew Guy 1/29/24

Capt. Andy Guy
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flyfishin24@yahoo.com

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2023 1:42 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Cc: FWP COMMISSIONERS
Subject: Re: Topics for February 2024 Meeting
Attachments: image001.png; image006.png; image002.png; image003.png; image005.png; image004.png

All the best to you [to you] Erik, I hope you have a wonderful holiday week. Your presence has been such a Godsend for the Commission and the Department and we're all better for it!

Pat

On Fri, Dec 22, 2023, 1:35 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

The Google Drive has been updated with topics for the upcoming February 2024 meeting (see the new "2024" folder on the Shared Drive). Topics are in Fish, Wildlife, and Parks & Outdoor Recreation Divisions.

There are anticipated topics coming from Land and Water Division, but those will not be posted until late next week at the earliest. Here is the link to the new information:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bFQqwMq4XDTltX7iOGtwEjoJpp_LMUJob [drive.google.com]

The topics will be posted to the FWP website on December 26th for public review and comment.

As 2023 draws to a close, I am extremely grateful for your patience and understanding as we have navigated my job position together to hopefully make it better and more productive for all.

Each of you have assisted me greatly with your understanding, long suffering, and mentorship as I've navigated these last 9 months and I consider myself fortunate to work with such an amazing Commission.

On behalf of my family, we wish all the best to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

~E

Erik Wickman

Commission Coordinator

Assistant to the Director

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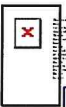
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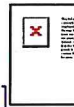
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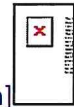
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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 2:41 PM
To: pat.tabor@rsmus.com
Subject: Fwd: Webinar host invited you to be panelist for Region 3 Wolf Harvest Review
Attachments: invite.ics

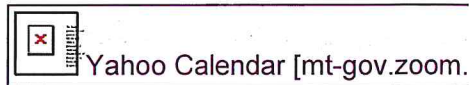
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From: Lucchetti, Pat <no-reply@zoom.us>
Date: Tue, Jan 30, 2024, 11:22 AM
Subject: Webinar host invited you to be panelist for Region 3 Wolf Harvest Review
To: <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Hi Pat Tabor,
I have invited you to be panelist for Region 3 Wolf Harvest Review.

Wolf Harvest Review

Time: Jan 30, 2024 03:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
Phone: 819 7832 1969
Meeting ID: 306923
Passcode: 087156



For any questions to: PLucchetti@mt.gov

Wickman, Erik

From: Kari I Gunderson <cnd2543@blackfoot.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:10 AM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: Wolf harvest Quotas in R1

Thank you.

On Feb 8, 2024, at 1:59 AM, FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Ms Gunderson
I believe you can find them through the Montana Secretary of State's office.
Regards
Pat Tabor
Vice Chairman
FWP Commission

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024, 4:29 PM Kari I Gunderson <cnd2543@blackfoot.net> wrote:
Mr. Tabor,

Thank you for your response. Would you please send me a copy of the public notice meeting rules.
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Kari Gunderson
Swan Valley, MT

On Feb 7, 2024, at 2:41 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 1
<commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Ms Gunderson
Thank you for reaching out. The Commission Coordinator Erik Wickman is trying to coordinate contacting the Commissioners so that a meeting can get scheduled, and also abide by public meeting notice rules. Several commissioners are traveling or unavailable so he trying hard to get a meeting scheduled.
Best regards
Pat Tabor
Vice Chairman
FWP Commission

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024, 11:01 AM Kari I Gunderson <cnd2543@blackfoot.net> wrote:
To Commissioner Tabor,

I am a 3rd generation Montanan who has lived in Region 1 for 46 years.

I am writing to you regarding your requirement to schedule a meeting that follows the regulation that the FW Commission set to meet and review “with potential for rapid in-season adjustments” when a region, such as Region 1, is within 25% of quota. That time has come. Region 1 has an unusually high quota, exceeding what was initially a lower quota for R1 until you introduced an amendment to increase the R1 wolf harvest quota that was approved by the FW Commission. Today, according to MDFWP Montana Wolf Harvest, 103 wolves have been harvested in R1, with a quota of 131 (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/34fbb4c9509e45959f6291965388c34> [[experience.arcgis.com](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/34fbb4c9509e45959f6291965388c34)]). This does not include wolf deaths that have gone unreported, and/or illegally taken. Montana is rapidly reaching the 258 wolves taken in 2022/2023. Why haven't you scheduled a public meeting to review the quota in R1? If the FW Commission approved this requirement, why aren't you following it?

According to a University of MT survey (funded by MDFWP) It is apparent that you are ignoring the majority of Montanans who support a sustainable population of wolves on the landscape. The quotas that you have set are unsustainable, using questionable, outdated iPOM modeling (Crabtree, Koch, & Lele, 2023).

On January 12, 2023 a University of Montana survey found that wolf tolerance is growing for most Montanans. “In 2023, three-quarters of the general population group were tolerant or very tolerant of wolves. That's a big jump from 2017 when half the general population indicated they were tolerant. In the first survey in 2012, 41% indicated they were tolerant” (<https://missoulacurrent.com/survey-wolf-tolerance> [[missoulacurrent.com](https://missoulacurrent.com/survey-wolf-tolerance)]).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kari Gunderson, PhD

Swan Valley, MT

Wickman, Erik

From: Trap Free Montana <info@trapfreemt.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 7:01 AM
To: Lemon, Greg; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Cc: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; Wakeling, Brian; Clerget, Sarah; commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org; KC Walsh; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org; Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Wolves region 1

Dear Mr. Lemon, et. al,

The failure of the Commission to meet and review Region 1, with the reported trapping of 3 more wolves, up to 101, and putting the region within 23% of quota, is unacceptable.

~KC

KC York
President/Founder
Trap Free Montana



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From: Lemon, Greg <GLemon@mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:54 PM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>; Trap Free Montana <info@trapfreemt.org>
Cc: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org>; Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>; Clerget, Sarah <scclerget@mt.gov>; commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>; KC Walsh <commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org>; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>; commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>; commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>; Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Wolves region 1

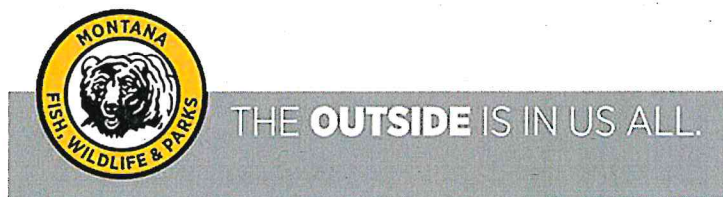
Ms. York,

Our staff took another look at the dashboard to make sure it's functioning properly and it is. The information on the summary page and the harvest data page don't update at the same time. We try to make sure people are aware of that through the text on the information box that pops up when you open the dashboard, but that might be easy to miss.

Once a commission meeting is scheduled we'll issue a public notice right away.

Thank you,

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1:21 PM
To: Trap Free Montana <info@trapfreemt.org>
Cc: Lemon, Greg <GLemon@mt.gov>; commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org>; Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>; Clerget, Sarah <sclerget@mt.gov>; commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>; KC Walsh <commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org>; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>; commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>; commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>; Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Wolves region 1

Dear Ms York:

Upon taking your call, I checked my email and the Department was already in the process of trying to organize a Commission meeting for this purpose. The Commission Coordinator Erik Wickman is reaching out to Commissioners to find a time where we can garner a quorum, and also leave enough time to post to post public notice. As soon as he had done this you will see the notice.

Regards

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

On Tue, Feb 6, 2024, 9:50 AM Trap Free Montana <info@trapfreemt.org> wrote:

Mr. Lemon and Commissioner Tabor,

Since I reached out, Monday morning, after Region 1 hit 98 wolves, i.e. 75% of the quota over the weekend, three more wolves have now been reported killed in Region 1 beyond the within 25% quota-Commission-review process, yet to occur.

Yet to even be scheduled.

This is not the first time I brought it to the department's attention, i.e. 313 had hit quota!

And, your wolf dashboard is screwed up, yet again.

This all comes across more and more as a complete and utter sham. It adds insult to injury to the non-consumptive community, who also are the majority in the state of Montana. It comes as no secret to you how passionate and concerned many of us are about wolves.

Why isn't this a priority?

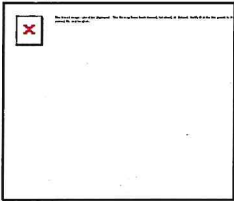
Because the Commission repeatedly lets the killing ride?

With all due respect, we expect an answer.

P.S> Commissioner Brookes correct email still is not listed on the website.

~KC

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From: Lemon, Greg <GLEmon@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 1:36 PM
To: Trap Free Montana <info@trapfreemt.org>
Subject: Re: Wolves region 1

Ms. York,

We're trying to schedule a meeting with the commission this week. That planning effort is ongoing and we'll send out a press release as soon as we nail down a date and time.

Thank you,

Greg Lemon | *Division Administrator*
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From: Trap Free Montana <info@trapfreemt.org>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 9:34 AM
To: Lemon, Greg <GLEmon@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wolves region 1

Good morning, Mr. Lemon,

It appears 75% of the region 1 wolf quota has been met.

Not that it has made any difference, other than being a waste of time for all of us who care, register, prep in the hopes to comment, and see a closure announced, when will the FWC meeting be noticed?

Thanks,
KC

KC York
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Wickman, Erik

From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 3:06 PM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: FW: [EXTERNAL] Reservation Confirmation #75232799 for Delta Hotels Helena Colonial

Good to know, sir. Yes, I keep the reservations fluid so I can adjust quickly. I will cancel yours right now, since you know you'll be out of town.

~E

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 3:04 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: [EXTERNAL] Reservation Confirmation #75232799 for Delta Hotels Helena Colonial

Erik

I'm sure we will make the determination at the precommission meeting, but it is highly likely that this meeting will be virtual. Regardless for me I will be zooming in as I will be out of state

Thanks

Pat

On Fri, Jan 12, 2024, 1:42 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, sir,

Attached is your hotel confirmation for the Delta Colonial, checking in on Feb 15th and checking out the morning of Feb 16th.

I will re-send this just prior to your trip to Helena so you have it handy.

I have an appointment at the Delta next week to make sure they have my payment information correct so that we avoid you paying for your room again.

Respectfully,

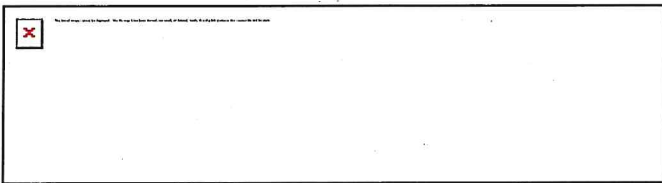
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From: Delta Hotels and Resorts Reservations <reservations@res-marriott.com>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 1:40 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reservation Confirmation #75232799 for Delta Hotels Helena Colonial

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 3:02 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: FW: Request REQ0326710 has been opened on your behalf
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Thanks

On Fri, Jan 12, 2024, 1:10 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair,

Please see the email below confirming that your reimbursement for the self-paid hotel bill at Delta has been processed.

Respectfully,

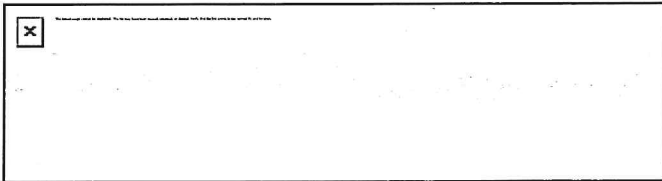
~E

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From: FWP Helpdesk <FWPHelpdesk@service.mt.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: Request REQ0326710 has been opened on your behalf

Number: REQ0326710

Opened: 01-12-2024 01:08:42 PM MST

Summary of Requested items:

RITM0326519: 1 X Voucher Cover

Options:

Payee Name: = Pat Tabor

Voucher total \$ = 267.52

Invoice Number = Tabor_Delta Hotel_Self-Paid

Line Items: =

Description: Reimbursement for Self-Paid Hotel Bill Project Code: 9802 Expense Code: 62497 Cost: 267.52

Submitter Name: = Erik Wickman

Submitter Manager = Robin Graham

Division = DO

Ref:MSG12773154_q22o311AZEeXtrMWXz0

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2024 1:54 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: Gmail Instructions for Signatures
Attachments: image001.jpg; image002.jpg; image003.jpg; image004.jpg; image005.jpg; image006.jpg; image007.png; image008.png; image009.png; image010.png; image011.png; image012.png; image005.jpg; image001.jpg; image003.jpg; image006.jpg; image011.png; image012.png; image002.jpg; image007.png; image010.png; image009.png; image004.jpg; image008.png

Erik

Thanks but this is navigation from a laptop and doesn't apply to either the tablet or Samsung mobiles we have. I was hoping for instructions applicable to doing it off of those devices which is all I have with me. No worries, I will update off my laptop next week when I get home

Thanks

Pat

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024, 9:33 AM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

In an effort to make this easier, I am providing a step-by-step process to do this signature entry. If you've already done this, please disregard the rest of the content below.

See the photo below. Go to the right side of the screen and click on the icon that looks like a little gear or sprocket, just to the right of the question mark.

After that click on "See all settings".

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 2:22 AM
To: Peggy Hoppe
Cc: commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org; KC Walsh; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; Wickman, Erik
Subject: Re: Hunting District 540

Dear Mr. Hoppe

Thank you for reaching out. I have copied Erik Wickman on this email response so that he can follow up with you to explain the process on how to get your concerns addressed. Given that there are no elk regulations on the February agenda, it would not be possible for the Commission to consider your request. Erik will assist you in getting your request to the appropriate regional people in order for it to go through the proper process.

Best Regards

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

On Tue, Jan 30, 2024, 3:08 PM Peggy Hoppe <bphoppe@outlook.com> wrote:

Please see the attached letter regarding the state's elk management plan in hunting district 540. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Bill Hoppe

406-451-1115

bphoppe@outlook.com

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:24 PM
To: Kujala, Quentin; Wakeling, Brian
Subject: Fwd: New BMU map
Attachments: Proposal for New BMU inside BMU 520.docx

Gents

Perhaps this will assist in the process of identifying a new BMU in Region 5

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

On Wed, Jan 24, 2024, 4:34 AM michael colpo <lzi@mtintouch.net> wrote:

Commissioner Tabor, Here is the proposal we came up with as we discussed Commissioner Cebull and I talked and he thought original HD565 was to small so I suggested we could use FS boundary to west end of region 5 boundary and expand potential new unit and he thought that was better. I emailed him this also. Let me know what you think.

Thanks, Mike

Wickman, Erik

From: Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:04 AM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next FWP R1 CAC meeting: Feb. 29

Sounds great. Thanks!

Dillon Tabish | *Regional Communication & Education Program Manager*
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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Next FWP R1 CAC meeting: Feb. 29

Dillon
I am able to attend virtually
Pat

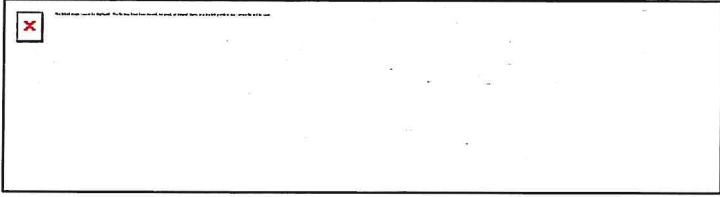
On Thu, Feb 8, 2024, 6:44 AM Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov> wrote:

Commissioner Tabor,

Our next Region 1 CAC meeting is Thursday, Feb. 29 at our Kalispell office, 5:30-9 pm. Are you planning to attend? I'm ironing out the agenda and I will add the standard 30-minute Commissioner Update to the agenda if you're able to make it.

Thanks,

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Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2024 2:30 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Fwd: Question on wolf quota in region 5, 6 and 7

Can you have Quentin or someone respond to this
Thanks
Pat

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From: John Marchwick <john.marchwick@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Jan 11, 2024, 1:41 PM
Subject: Question on wolf quota in region 5, 6 and 7
To: FWP Commissioner Region 2 <commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org>, FWP Commissioner Region 3 <commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org>, <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>, <commissionerregion4@mtfwp.org>, <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>, <commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org>, <commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org>

Good afternoon to everyone in this email.

I had a question regarding the wolf quota in region 5, 6 and 7. So before when the quota of 6 was met for wolf management unit 313 when 5 out of the 6 wolves were killed, you all had a meeting reviewing the quota on if it needed to be changed or not. With 4 out of the 5 wolves killed in regions 5, 6 and 7 will there be also a meeting to review the quota there too?

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 5:19 PM
To: pat.tabor@rsmus.com
Subject: Fwd: Quorum met
Attachments: image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png; image003.png; image001.png; image002.png; image005.png; image004.png

On Wed, Feb 7, 2024, 1:43 PM Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, everyone,

We have a quorum for the special meeting on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The wolf harvest in Regions 1 and 2 will be reviewed. Region 2 was added since they are currently at 70% and would likely have generated another special meeting prior to the Feb 16th regular meeting.

Chair Robinson, Vice Chair Tabor, and Commissioners Brooke and Burrows will be attending. The Zoom link will go out tomorrow. Press release will go out shortly and the Commission webpage has been updated to reflect the announcement.

Thank you ALL for helping me get this together!

~E

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Wickman, Erik

From: Eric Christophersen <16mileoutfitting@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 3:06 PM
To: commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: Black Bear Amendment

Commissioner Tabor,

I sent all that information to Commissioner Cebull, as well.

Thanks,
16 Mile Outfitting
Eric Christophersen
MT OUT #49011
www.16mileoutfitting.com [16mileoutfitting.com]

On Jan 22, 2024, at 2:06 PM, FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Please share this with Commissioner Cebul

On Mon, Jan 22, 2024, 6:53 AM Eric Christophersen <16mileoutfitting@gmail.com> wrote:
Commissioner Tabor-

My name is Eric Christophersen and have recently joined the MOGA board as the director at large. I have been working on some things in regards to Commissioner Cebull's amendment to the black bear season setting agenda. Mike Colpo and I have had several conversations about the amendment and sounds like he recently discussed a few things with you on that.

He asked me to forward you some of the data that I had put together on the harvest numbers. I was particularly looking at how the condition of the amendment to address a sow harvest of 37% or higher would close a BMU after May 31st. I did not breakdown every unit in the state, but did work through a good majority of the state in regions 1-4 to see how that sow harvest might affect BMU's. From that, it seems to me that the impact would be minimal. But there would be some BMU's that would likely close June 1st on a yearly basis.

I operate in BMU 319 and it is a unit that historically closes May 31st with a sow harvest over 37%. I am not concerned that it would likely not stay open for those first 2 weeks in June and would hope that some years it might, allowing me to get after some of the older boars as they show up for the rut. What I did begin to wonder, from the data I looked at, is why the 37% threshold hasn't seemed to be a concern in this unit. 6 of the 7 years that I looked at harvest stats, BMU 319 was over 37% sow harvest and in one year it was 50%. But the 7 year total harvest for spring season, remained relatively the same. 2020 and 2021 seemed to double in total spring season harvest, which I am writing off as Covid affect like so many other things for those years. If the 37% threshold is such a hard baseline, I

wonder why the population in BMU 319 hasn't seen more drastic changes in total harvest over the years?

I have included a spreadsheet that shows percentage of sow harvest for the years of 2015-2021 (2022 and 2023 stats are not available). I will also copy the sow harvest and total harvest for those years, for BMU 319. I feel like it's an important gage of numbers and sparks a more in depth conversation about bear populations.

Thanks for your time and I look forward to seeing the amendment move through and some needed changes to the black bear seasons.

16 Mile Outfitting

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BMU 319 Total harvest and Sow harvest

2015: Total harvest - 23 Sow harvest - 8 34.7%

2016: Total harvest - 24 Sow Harvest - 12 50.0%

2017: Total harvest - 29 Sow Harvest - 11 37.9%

2018: Total Harvest - 19 Sow Harvest - 9 47.3%

2019: Total harvest - 24 Sow Harvest - 10 41.6%

2020: Total Harvest - 47 Sow Harvest - 22 46.8%

2021: Total Harvest - 48 Sow harvest - 20 41.6%

(I am guessing that 2020 and 2021 were affects of Covid and a much larger harvest)

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Ryce, Eileen
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Call

Dr Ryce
My 4:00 canceled so I [am.now](#) [\[am.now\]](#) available please call as soon as you get out of your meeting
Thanks
Pat

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024, 11:08 AM FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:
Dr Ryce
Thanks for letting me know. I will be out of pocket by then, so we'll have to try to connect tomorrow.
Thanks
Pat

On Mon, Feb 5, 2024, 10:55 AM Ryce, Eileen <ERyce@mt.gov> wrote:

Commissioner Tabor,

I just finished up with a mtg and I'm about to go into another, I will call you as soon as I'm done with my next mtg, probably around 4pm, hope that works.

Eileen Ryce | *Division Administrator*

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From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 1:14 PM
To: Ryce, Eileen <ERYce@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Call

Dr. Ryce:

Please [call.me](#) [\[call.me\]](#) at your earliest convenience. My Commission cell is (406)438-1714

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 3:01 PM
To: pat.tabor@rsmus.com
Subject: Fwd: External Pre-Commission Meeting
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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Date: Fri, Jan 12, 2024, 9:55 AM
Subject: External Pre-Commission Meeting
To: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org>, commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

Good morning, Madam Chair and Mr. Vice Chair,

The External Pre-Commission meeting with FWP staff is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted virtually, as in the past, and the Zoom link is shown here below:

Topic: External Pre-Commission Meeting

Time: Jan 26, 2024 08:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/81905548902?pwd=V0h4UWVPbzMzMkFMQzBxNTJQMWhxQT09> [mt-gov.zoom.us]

Meeting ID: 819 0554 8902

Password: 362576

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Meeting ID: 819 0554 8902

Password: 362576

Find your local number: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/kcaW6dZuQ6> [mt-gov.zoom.us]

The Director's Office is undergoing a remodel and executive staff have been moved to different locations in the Headquarters building. As such, all staff will likely be attending via their laptop computers via Zoom rather than together in the conference room. Our conference capabilities will be unavailable for several months during this remodel. If there are any conflicts with this date and time, please indicate that and I will reschedule the meeting to fit your needs.

Respectfully,

~E

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