



# Montana State Parks & Recreation Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

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**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2022

**Agenda Item:** 2023 Fish, Wildlife and Parks Budget Goals

**Time Needed on Agenda:** 15 Minutes

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**Background:**

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, is ready to begin for the 2023 Legislative Session. Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed budgets. The Board's and Commission's role is to review and approve FWP's proposed budget. Between February and June, the Department will develop budgets based on the approved priorities and submit them to the Governor.

**Public Involvement Process:**

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to budget and priorities. However, the broad priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional staff. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget proposals through the Board meeting process.

**Alternatives & Analysis:**

The Board can approve or suggest modifications to FWP's proposed priorities. FWP will make every effort to implement these priorities based on Board approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:**

FWP recommends the Board approve the priorities as presented.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the Parks & Recreation Board approve Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposed budget for the 2023 Legislative Session as presented.