



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** February 13, 2020

**Agenda Item:** Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan Advisory Committee (R4)

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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**Background:**

The Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan guides fisheries management for Canyon Ferry, Hauser, and Holter reservoirs, and two Missouri River sections. A priority identified through public scoping was adaptability and responsiveness of the management plan in relation to dynamic fish populations. The management plan includes development of a Citizen Advisory Committee that will meet with the department annually to review fish trends and goals to determine if management action is needed. Based on Appendix C in the management plan, the commission will appoint a five-member CAC to function in an advisory capacity to FWP for fisheries management decisions in the plan area. The committee will consist of no more than one advocate from five of the following stakeholder groups: unaffiliated warmwater anglers, unaffiliated coldwater anglers, organized warmwater angler groups, organized coldwater angler groups, ice-fishing anglers, conservation groups, kids' fishing, fishing tournament organizer, landowner, outfitter, local government, local business, and other interests.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:**

The reservoir management plan was developed with substantial public input and the final plan was approved at the December commission meeting. The department accepted applications to serve on the CAC from Dec. 23 through Jan. 15. The department received eight applications to serve on the CAC.

**Alternatives and Analysis:**

The department has reviewed the applications and recommends the commission appoint the following members to serve a one-year term on the CAC: Pete Cardinal, Wolf Creek; Bart Bratlien, Helena; Mike Agee, Helena; Dale Gilbert, Ulm; and Jim Gillespie, Helena. The department also recommends a commissioner participate in the CAC. The commission can accept the department recommendations, nominate someone not recommended by the department, or direct the department to solicit more applications.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move the commission accept the five recommended appointees to the Upper Missouri River Reservoir Fisheries Management Plan Citizen Advisory Committee.