



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: October 28, 2021

Agenda Item: Madison River Workgroup Proposal to Repeal Rest Rotation and Walk Wade Rules, ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706.

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background: On December 24, 2020, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted administrative rules regarding the recreational use of the Madison River (Madison River Recreation Management Rules). ARM 12.11.6702 creates walk/wade sections on the Madison River. ARM 12.11.6706 provides for rest rotation sections on the Madison River. Both ARM 12.11.6706 and 12.11.6702 would be implemented January 1, 2022. ARM 12.11.6710 establishes a Madison River work group with the charge to make recommendations on the Madison River Recreation Management Rules to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. At a work group meeting on September 22, the work group unanimously decided to recommend the commission repeal administrative rules 12.77.6702 and 12.11.6706. The work group's rationale for the recommended repeal is due to lack of support for either rule.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Public comment on the recommendation has not occurred. Commission approval of the recommendation will begin the Montana Administrative Procedure Act (MAPA) process. If approved by the commission, the public comment period will begin upon publication by the Secretary of State in the Montana Administrative Register, which is scheduled for November 19. A public comment hearing will be held during the public comment period.

Alternatives & Analysis: The commission can support the workgroup recommendation, modify the recommendation, or not support the recommendation.

Proposed Motion: I move the commission propose repealing ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706.