



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** August 25, 2022

**Agenda Item:** Amend ARM 12. 11. 6705 Extending Implementation Date of Madison River Commercial Use Cap

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

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**Background:** On Dec. 24, 2020, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted administrative rules regarding the recreational use of the Madison River (Madison River Recreation Management rules). ARM 12.11.6705, pertaining to the Madison River Commercial Use Cap. The commercial use cap is scheduled to be implemented on Jan. 1, 2023. The Madison River Recreation Management rules also provide for a Madison River Commercial Use Work Group to develop recommendations to the commission for approval regarding the Madison River Recreation Management rules including allocation of opportunity pursuant to the commercial use cap.

The commission proposed language amending ARM 12.11.6705 extending implementation of the commercial use cap upon adoption of an allocation method or a comprehensive river plan and rule package.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** The proposed rule amendment will be posted on July 8, 2022. Public comment will be taken, including a public hearing, until Aug. 5, 2022. All public comments will be provided to the commission for their consideration and posted on the website by Aug. 11.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt the proposed language amending ARM 12.11.6705 extending implementation of the commercial use cap upon adoption of an allocation method or a comprehensive river plan and rule package.