



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: April 18, 2023

Agenda Item: Fishing Access Site (FAS) Annual Rule

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background: The commission adopted the existing Fishing Access Site (FAS) Annual Rule in April of 2022. The rule establishes public use and fee rules for fishing access sites, including camping fees, group use fees, and facility rental fees. It also establishes the special recreation permit fees for organized groups and competitive events for the Blackfoot and Madison rivers. The department has similar, separate rules for state parks. To reflect the agency's reorganization and to improve consistency and customer service, FWP is working toward consolidating these rules for all site types. FWP anticipates finishing this work later this year.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Public comment will be taken at the April commission meeting.

Alternatives & Analysis:

Alternative A: No action. The FAS Annual Rule would expire.

Alternative B: Renew the FAS Annual Rule with no changes to allow the department time to develop consolidated public use and fee rules for all FWP sites.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: The department recommends the commission renew the current FAS Annual Rule and fees for one year to allow FWP to complete development of consolidated public use and fee rules for all FWP sites.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission renew the FAS Annual Rule with no changes.