



**Commission Meeting Agenda**  
**TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND BEST ESTIMATE ONLY**

**Location:** FWP Headquarters and Virtually via Zoom

**Date:** February 22, 2023

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

The commission meeting will be held via Zoom and at FWP HQ. The Commission will take public comment on agenda items for registered commenters on Zoom. If you wish to make a comment, registration will open on Fish, Wildlife & Parks' website <https://fwp.mt.gov/> by noon on February 8 and close at noon on February 21. The Commission Chair will call upon registrants by name to comment. When called upon to comment, please click the "raise hand" button on the Zoom screen or dial \*9 if participating by phone. You will be notified when you have been unmuted. Before making your comment, please state your name, city, and the organization you are representing if applicable.

**Agenda Items:**

**8:30 a.m.- Call to order**

- Call to order and pledge of allegiance
- Approval of minutes from December 20, 2022
- Approval of expenses
- Commissioner reports
- Director's report

**Fisheries**

- Future Fisheries Improvement Program
- Paddlefish regulation proposed change for Intake Bypass Channel
- Upper Missouri River Reservoirs 2023 Regulation Changes
- Fish Removal Projects
- 2023-24 Flathead Indian Reservation Non-Member Fishing and Hunting Regulations

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### **Land and Water**

- 501 Pemberton Lane Acquisition (R5)
- Otter Creek LLS Islands -- Expansion of Indian Fort Fishing Access Site on the Yellowstone River (R5)
- Ruby Dam Fishing Access Site Lease Agreement (R3)
- Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement (R3)
- Sweathouse Creek Conservation Easement Purchase (R2)

### **Parks and Outdoor Recreation**

- Closure of Fresno Tailwater Fishing Access Site or BOR Safety of Dams Project (R6)
- WMA Public Use Rules

### **Enforcement**

- Church Slough Citizens Work Group Recommendations
- Administrative rule proposal classifying caracal cat as controlled species – Administrative Rule Action

### **Legal**

- Petition Process Clarification
- Lake Five Rulemaking Petition
- Bitterroot and Clark Fork Rivers Petition
- Motorized Bitterroot River Petition

### **Public Comment for Items Not on this Agenda**

### **Adjournment**

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