



FW COMMISSION AGENDA

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Location: Montana State Capitol Building and virtually via Zoom
Date: October 19, 2023
Time: 8:30 a.m.

This regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held at the Montana State Capitol Building, Room 317, and online via Zoom. The Commission will take public comment on agenda items for registered commenters both in person and on Zoom. If you wish to make a comment, registration will open on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks' website <https://fwp.mt.gov/> by noon on October 2nd and close at noon on October 18th. The Commission Chair will call upon registrants by name to comment. When public comment is opened by the Commission Chair on an agenda item, 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 (Aug. 17, 2023 Regular Meeting and Sep. 25, 2023 Special Meeting)
- Approval of Commission Expenses (YTD 2023)
- Commissioner Reports
- Director's Report (Dustin Temple, FWP Director)

Fisheries

- Informational Briefing – Drought Conditions Update
 - **Presenter:** Dr. Eileen Ryce, Division Administrator, Fisheries Division
- 2024 Fishing Regulations
 - **Presenter:** Justin Gude, Division Administrator, Research Division
 - **Presenter:** Dr. Eileen Ryce, Division Administrator, Fisheries Division

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Wildlife

- Marshall Creek WMA Log Deck Removal
 - **Presenter:** Ken McDonald, Division Administrator, Wildlife Division

Parks and Outdoor Recreation

- Half-Moon Slough working group recommendation
 - **Presenter:** Hope Stockwell, Division Administrator, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division
- Lake Five Advisory Committee Recommendation
 - **Presenter:** Hope Stockwell, Division Administrator, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division
- Elk Hunting Access Agreements (EHA) ARM Update
 - **Presenter:** Hope Stockwell, Division Administrator, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division
- Block Management Program (BMA) ARM Update
 - **Presenter:** Hope Stockwell, Division Administrator, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division

Land and Water

- Elk Island WMA Land Exchange
 - **Presenter:** Bill Schenk, Division Administrator, Land and Water Division
- Wildcat Bend Acquisition
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Legal

- Rulemaking Petition – Crossbow Use Exception
 - **Presenter:** Sarah Clerget, Chief Counsel, Legal Division

Enforcement

No items for this meeting

Public Comment- Items not on agenda

Adjournment

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