



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION FWP PROPOSAL & INFORMATION SHEET

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Meeting Date: Aug. 16, 2024

Agenda Item: 2025 Proposed Budget for Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Action Needed: Commission review and approval

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background:

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, has begun for the 2025 Legislative Session. Fish, Wildlife & Parks' internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed budgets. The Fish and Wildlife Commission's role is to review and approve FWP's proposed budget. The department will develop budgets based on the approved priorities and submit them to the governor.

Public Involvement Process:

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to budget and priorities. However, the commission priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional staff. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget proposals through the commission meeting process.

Alternatives & Analysis:

The commission can approve or suggest modifications to FWP's proposed priorities. FWP will make every effort to implement these priorities based on commission approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

FWP recommends the commission approve the priorities as presented.

Proposed Motion:

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the FWP budget priorities for the 2025 Legislative Session as presented.