

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AMENDMENT

Date: August 7, 2024

FWP proposal to be amended: 2024 Public Use Rules Deviations

Commissioner: Jeff Burrows – Region 2

Date Received by Commission: August 6, 2024

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission amend the 2024 Public Use Rules Deviations to remove Chief Looking Glass Fishing Access Site in Region 2 and Voyageurs Rest Fishing Access Site in Region 5 from the list of new deviations regarding camping nights allowed.

Requested by FWP: **YES**

Background: Consolidated public use rules were adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in December 2023. Any deviations of those rules regarding fishing access sites (FAS) must be approved by the commission. FWP intended to ask for a blanket deviation increasing camping from 7 to 14 nights in a 30-day period during the off-peak season (third Monday in September through the third Thursday in May). Regional Recreation Managers in Regions 2 and 5 had concern that the increase in camping nights allowed would encourage tent camps and overstays to occur at the two urban FASes listed above. FWP requests these two FAS locations remain consistent with the current ARM 12.12.107, and only allow camping for 7 nights in a 30-day period.

Department Response: *(see above language)*