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BRIAN CEBULL

Region 5 Commissioner

August 16 to November 8, 2024

Wickman, Erik

From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal Updates schedule

Please send me a calendar invite when you get the chance. Thanks, Brian

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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:00 PM
To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal Updates schedule

Got it, sir! I have you set for the 23rd at 10am.

~E

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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 10:12 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Legal Updates schedule

I can do 9/23 at 10 AM. Thanks, Brian

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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 7:39 AM
To: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: Legal Updates schedule

Good morning, commissioners,

Here are the Legal Update Sessions again with the current availability:

9/17 @ 1pm Brooke – Lane - ??? (1 opening remaining)

9/23 @ 10am (3 openings remaining)

9/30 @ 10am Robinson – Tabor - ??? (1 opening remaining)

For the remaining three commissioners, please advise if you are able to attend any of the dates/times listed above.

Respectfully,

~E

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From: Ty Stubblefield <ty@montanawsf.org>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2024 12:55 PM
To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: Montana Wild Sheep Foundation/Montana Outfitters and Guides Association Proposal

Thank you!

On Mon, Aug 26, 2024 at 12:21 PM <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Ty,

Thank you for submitting this. I will review and get back to you with any questions.

Regards,

Brian

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From: Ty Stubblefield <ty@montanawsf.org>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 11:41 AM

To: CommissionerRegion5@mtfwp.org

Cc: Will Israel <director@mogamt.org>

Subject: Montana Wild Sheep Foundation/Montana Outfitters and Guides Association Proposal

Dear Commissioner Cebull,

My name is Ty Stubblefield and I'm the Executive Director for Montana Wild Sheep Foundation. I wanted to reach out directly to you and let you know we, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation (MTWSF) and Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA) submitted a proposal on the Unlimited Bighorn units. This proposal was a collaborative effort that stemmed from Vice Chair Tobors proposals at the December 2023 commission meeting. MTWSF and MOGA formed an Unlimited working group to address concerns with our treasured Unlimited Bighorn sheep hunts in regions three and five. This collaboration included FWP staff who provided history and interpretations of the regulations and have been extremely helpful through this process which has taken eight months to reach our final proposal.

For your review I've attached said proposal. Also for some background and education I've included a link to a short 20 minute video of Region 5 FWP Wildlife Biologist Shawn Stewert's presentation on the 69 year history and current state of the Unlimited units.

<https://youtu.be/RG8JkQUb354> [\[youtu.be\]](https://youtu.be/)

Thank you for your time and consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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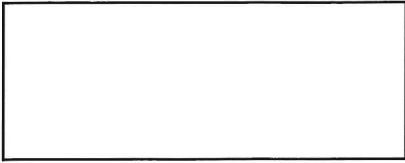
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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 11:35 AM
To: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org
Cc: Wickman, Erik
Subject: October Meeting Absence

Chair Robinson and Vice Chair Tabor,

I had let Erik know in late August that I would likely not be able to attend the upcoming Commission meeting and can now confirm that I will indeed be absent on October 10.

Sorry to miss the meeting. I have kept my calendar clear and do plan to participate in our December meeting.

Thanks,

Brian

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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 11:32 AM
To: 'MT TWS President Elect'
Subject: RE: Request to speak in plenary session for Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Thanks Rebecca.

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From: MT TWS President Elect <mttws.preselect@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 1:10 PM
To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: Re: Request to speak in plenary session for Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Hello Commissioner Cebull,

In case you were still considering this, I wanted to let you know we have switched gears a little bit and think a plenary speaker from FWP Headquarters might be more appropriate for the panel discussion, so we are pursuing that. You're off the hook!

Thank you, and I hope you have a great weekend.

Rebecca

On Mon, Sep 9, 2024 at 11:31 AM MT TWS President Elect <mttws.preselect@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Commissioner Cebull,

The board of the Montana Chapter of the Wildlife Society (MTTWS) is in the process of planning our annual conference, which is to take place March 4-7 in Billings at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. MTTWS is a professional organization for wildlife managers and biologists across many employments, from state and federal agencies to universities, NGOs, and others. We also have a strong contingent of wildlife students across Montana universities. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologists and specialists make up a significant portion of our membership.

Our conference theme this year is conservation policy, with an aim of informing our membership how policy development works, and how our members, through MTTWS and the national Wildlife Society (www.wildlife.org [wildlife.org]), can and should be more involved. To that end, we are putting together a panel of speakers currently active in conservation policy throughout the state and beyond; we are aiming for a legislator, federal agency representative, tribal representative (ideally from the Crow tribe), NGO lobbyist, and policy specialist from the national Wildlife Society. As an active FWP Commissioner, we would love if you would be willing to sit on this panel, which usually consists of a short presentation by each speaker followed by a panel discussion at the end. The time slot is Wednesday, March 5 from 1-5pm. Typically, we expect about 200-250 people at the plenary session.

Please let me know if you are interested. I see online that your term as commissioner expires on January 1; regardless if you are reappointed, we would love for you to speak about your experiences serving on the commission.

Thank you,
Rebecca Mowry, MTTWS President-Elect

Wickman, Erik

From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 4:07 PM
To: Cooper, Emily
Cc: Wickman, Erik
Subject: Fishing Regulations Addition

Importance: High

Emily,

I left you a phone message as well.

In response to requests from some of my constituents, I would like to request that we add language to the fishing regulations that clearly states that fishermen have a grace period (5 days) after the expiration of their fishing license to get a new one, as long as they are in possession of the previous year's license. The issue has come up more than once with fishermen on Fort Peck (and other places) who are ice fishing when their licenses expire on 2/28. If they are unable to buy a license online at midnight, they are technically fishing without a license. More than one fisherman has had to quit fishing and spend nearly a whole day buying a new license. I realize that most wardens would not ticket someone for this, but I believe it is something we need to add and make very clear so there is no confusion or ambiguity.

Is this a change that the Commission can authorize?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help.

Brian

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From: Ruggles, Mike <mikeruggles@mt.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 5:09 PM
To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Roundup Deer Hunt 2024

Thanks

Mike

From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:49 PM
To: Ruggles, Mike <mikeruggles@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Roundup Deer Hunt 2024

Mike,

Reading the report, it looks like the hunt is working and the deer are getting more wary, and, hopefully, fewer in numbers.

I approve the Roundup deer hunt again for the 2024-25 season. As such, I have signed and attached the Public Notice.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,

Brian

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From: Ruggles, Mike <mikeruggles@mt.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 12:55 PM

To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: FW: Roundup Deer Hunt 2024

Hi Bryan,

Here is the annual Roundup Deer hunt information. We hope to continue this special hunt. With your approval I will approve this again as well.

Updates-the elk kill permit resulted in 2 smaller bulls being taken and provided to a processor to put into a social services food bank. They didn't need the 3rd one and it helped reduce the number of animals in the corn fields.

The Grandp'sa farm pumpkin patch hunt has had at least one deer harvested by a game damage hunter. I hope to get a full report in the next week or so from Matt. Other hunters participated but not certain of additional harvest.

Hope all is well. Let me know if you have questions for the Roundup hunt.

Thanks

Mike

From: Taylor, Ashley <ataylor@mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 12:06 PM
To: Ruggles, Mike <mikeruggles@mt.gov>; Ladd, Matt <jladd@mt.gov>
Subject: Roundup Deer Hunt 2024

Hey Mike and Matt,

The Roundup Mayor, Sandra Jones contacted me about getting the Roundup Deer Hunt set up. Attached are all the documents to get the hunt set up for this year. I have contacted licensing about the sale date and hunting dates and they agreed to these details. Once we have approval from Mike and Commissioner Cebull I will send Payton these documents for his records. I left the public notice as a word document to make editing easier for signatures and dates.

Thanks for your help setting up this hunt,
Ashley

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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Wickman, Erik
Subject: RE: Honorariums

Erik,

Can you please check on the honorariums in the message below to see if they have been paid?

Also, please add the following to my expenses:

August 2024- Commission Meeting (Online) Honorarium
August 2024- Region 5 CAC Meeting Honorarium
August 2024- Region 5 CAC Mileage (36 mile RT)
September 2024- Legal Update Honorarium

Also, as I indicated via Text to you on 8/26, I will NOT be able to attend the October Commission meeting, so please go ahead and cancel my hotel reservation.

Thank you,

Brian

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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 11:41 AM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: Honorariums

Erik,

I noticed at the June meeting that I had not requested honorariums for meetings starting February 2024.

Can you please submit Honorariums for me for the following:

Feb 2024	Commission Meeting
April 2024	Commission Meeting
April 2024	Legal Update Meeting
May 2024	Legal Update Meeting
June 2024	Commission Meeting
July 2024	Legal Update Meeting

Thank you,

Brian

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From: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:12 PM
To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hotels for November 12th Commission Meeting

Great! Looking forward to seeing you here, sir!

~E

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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Hotels for November 12th Commission Meeting

Erik,

I have the meeting on my calendar and should be able to make it in person. Thanks, Brian

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Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 3:29 PM
To: commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Subject: Hotels for November 12th Commission Meeting

Good afternoon again, commissioners,

Please find your hotel arrangements for the upcoming November 12 meeting.

The confirmation numbers have all been verified. If you seen something missing or in need of change, please reach out anytime.

Respectfully,

~E

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From: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 12:45 PM
To: 'Philip Gilbert'
Subject: RE: I hope I have sent this in a timely manner regarding the next commission meeting.

Phil,

Thank you for your message.

It is heartbreaking to see injured animals suffering on the side of the road and to not be able to do something to end their suffering quickly. I will look into the current laws/regulations and see if there is anything we can do as a Commission to better clarify the public's role in the process, especially in rural areas. It is likely any major changes to the process would have to be done by the Legislature but I'll find out more.

Thank you,

Brian

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From: Philip Gilbert <scrounge2@hotmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:04 PM

To: commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org

Subject: I hope I have sent this in a timely manner regarding the next commission meeting.

Mr Brian Cebull,

I normally try to only include one issue per letter to my representative. However, if I understand it correctly, the next commission meeting is still to be held to discuss changes to the fishing regulations. I have expressed my desire to have my proposed changes to the regulations made not once but twice. The first time, they were summarily dismissed. However, it appears that the second time I submitted them, that the Region 1 commissioner felt that they had merit and should be considered. I ask that you read the email, shown in

italics, that I sent to him as seen at the bottom if this email. I also would ask that you support the requested changes as the idea and the support comes from Region 5 residents. Perhaps in the future, the regulations can be expanded to allow diving for several different species throughout Montana.

On a completely different subject, I would ask for your input on how to rectify a problem that is of a concern to many. I recently was driving home from Yellowstone Park at 10 o'clock and saw the lights of the car ahead swerve hard to the right. As I approached, I saw a large fawn sitting in the number 1 lane with broken legs. Apparently, the car ahead had just hit it. Since I did not have a weapon at the time, I chose to drive on. I assume that one of the cars behind me probably hit it. I asked at the region 5 headquarters what would have happened if I had killed it to put it out of its misery and to safely get it off the road. I was told that it was illegal for me to shoot it. I then called the head of law enforcement in Helena and asked her what I should do. She gave me the standard boilerplate answer, Call for a warden or highway patrol and that I should not kill it myself unless I had their permission. After some discussion about the safety aspects of having a large animal thrashing about in the middle of the night far from any town, she advised me that if I had shot it that no warden would cite me. I talked to Lee Demming about this and he said that although logical, I could still be open for citation. I would ask that you address this issue in a formal manner. It is cruel to let an animal suffer any longer than necessary when the outcome is that it will eventually be put down. It is also incredibly unsafe to have a car that is disabled on the side of the road in proximity to an animal that could at any second decide to make an ultimate effort to dash out into traffic and cause another accident. NO ONE should be attempting to move a live animal from the road. I have no problem with calling authorities when in town or close to town and asking for guidance. But there needs to be some guidance on what to do when out of reach of cell phone contact to get officer response in a timely manner. One option is to have FWP come up with some sort of certificate, such as required for bear hunting, that an individual could pass that indicates what is required to allow for the dispatch of injured animals as a result of a collision with a car. Anything would be better than what we have now.

Thank you for your time.

Phil Gilbert
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Letter to Region 1 Commissioner follows.

Hello,

Thank you for considering my request to add diving as a means of take for northern pike. I submitted this request early this year. The item was dismissed without any word to me on why it was removed. I had talked to Mike Hensler of Kalispel about this and he was very negative about the possibility. He seemed very much to want to protect the rod-and-reel group from having competition. To say that the waters would be too crowded if divers were present seems to me to be a weak excuse. I subsequently contacted the local dive shop and they were excited about having this opportunity to expand their sport to encourage more participation in Montana diving and submitted this as well earlier this year. They felt that having divers in Montana would add to our economy as opposed to having them go to the Caribbean for a diving vacation.

If you would like additional input in crafting a diving regulation, I am sure that our dive shop would be happy to help. In my experience, there are a couple of possible ways to regulate this. In many areas, diving for sport is

limited to "free" diving. A diver must hold their breath when pursuing their desired quarry. The other means is to allow divers to use air tanks as well to increase their time underwater to hunt for the desired quarry. I would suggest that the biologists indicate what depths the fish are likely to be found at and if most are found less than 25 feet, then restrict take to free diving.

I am sorry to hear that my other proposal to allow all ice fishing to be pursued with 6 lines throughout Montana was not acted on. Other states and certain areas of Montana allow for 6 lines. It seems foolish to limit many of our waters to only two lines. It only confuses ice fishermen and requires them to verify what the limit is on the lake they are fishing on. Rod and reel fishermen can cast all over a lake or troll when there is no ice. The ice fisherman is burdened by having to drill holes and only setting 2 lines in many of our waters.

My observations, based on discussion with friends and on the participation of the public in providing input to FWP at their meetings, is that it would seem that many feel that their input is ignored. I attend as many meetings in my area as I can. I drive some distance and spend a lot of time to talk to the biologists and officers to get a handle on what kind of input they want from us. The fact that I spend a number of hours at the meeting, reviewing information and crafting input is apparently considered insignificant by FWP as they don't bother to send a comment back to us to say good, bad, or thank you. Sorry for the rant.

Thank you for your efforts to improve fishing in Montana! I look forward to the final wording of the next set of regulations.

Wickman, Erik

From: FWP Commissioner Region 5 <commissionerregion5@mtfw.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 12:40 PM
To: Tuttle, Marty
Subject: Fwd: Jack Racicot - ADA Reasonable Accommodation for Archery

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From: Jack <wetlandgrass@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 12:06 PM
Subject: Jack Racicot - ADA Reasonable Accommodation for Archery
To: <commissionerregion1@mtfw.org>, <commissionerregion2@mtfw.org>, <commissionerregion3@mtfw.org>, <commissionerregion4@mtfw.org>, <commissionerregion5@mtfw.org>, <commissionerregion6@mtfw.org>, <commissionerregion7@mtfw.org>

Good afternoon Commissioners,

Thank you for allowing me to speak in front of you on October 19th. As a C-5 quadriplegic, I'm asking for a reasonable ADA accommodation to allow hunting for those who cannot hunt with a compound bow and are medically qualified to hunt with a crossbow in archery season.

I grew up competing in 4-H archery. Hunting in archery season are some of my fondest memories. I'm coming up on five years where I have not been able to experience this passion due to my life altering injury. I have my PTMAE license but the laws and regulations do not accommodate for my disability. In rifle season, I'm only able to go out a couple times at most. Due to the significance of my injury. My wheelchair and I do not handle the cold weather well. I also have restricted access with my wheelchair do to the terrain and changing elements Montana is famous for, particularly snow. To hunt in archery season again would allow me a greater opportunity to put meat in the freezer and lower my food bill.

In hunters education, we were rigorously lectured about ethics and safety when using a weapon. While using a compound bow and draw lock, I can not perform either. Due to my weak body, low stamina and spasms, I am putting my companion and I at risk of weapon misfire; resulting in injury or death. I'm also potentially placing a poor unethical shot on the targeted game.

Please ask yourself. If you or a loved one was to experience an injury such as mine. Would you with the appointed power you possess prevent a rule amendment to allow reasonable ADA accommodation for medically qualified individuals to hunt with a crossbow during archery season?

If I may, I would like to know the reason(s) why the Commission believes the draw lock is a reasonable ADA accommodation for an individual with a disability such as myself.

Please have some empathy and try to put yourself in my shoes.

Respectfully,
Jack Racicot

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