



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: Apr. 17, 2024

Agenda Item: Resident SuperTag Administrative Rule (ARM)

Action Needed: Approval to initiate rulemaking

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background: During the 2023 legislative session, the 68th Legislature adopted House Bill (HB) 456 that provides for a free SuperTag opportunity for a Shiras moose, mountain sheep, or a mountain goat for a resident purchasing a General Deer or General Elk License. HB 456 also requires that the commission determine the species offered in the lottery. FWP is proposing to initiate rulemaking related to the passage of HB 456 passed in the 2023 Legislative session.

Public Involvement Process & Results: The Montana secretary of state defines and implements the ARM development and amendment process, including process steps and timeline. This includes opportunities for public participation. If the commission approves the department's proposal to initiate rulemaking, the next step would be to begin the MAPA process.

Alternatives & Analysis:

Alternative A: Allow FWP to initiate rulemaking to propose new administrative rules for the Free Resident SuperTag.

Alternative B: Do not allow FWP to initiate rulemaking.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: FWP recommends the commission allow the department to initiate rulemaking as proposed in Alternative A to implement HB 456.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve initiation of rulemaking for the Free Resident SuperTag.