

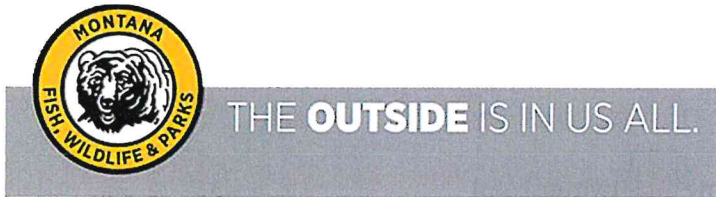
## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:34 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Mail

Good to know. Thanks!

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:21 AM  
**To:** Tabish, Dillon <Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Mail

Dillon

Sorry for late response I am out of country. You will have to send it to Helena c/o Erik Wickman. Legal has advised not to give out our personal address.

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

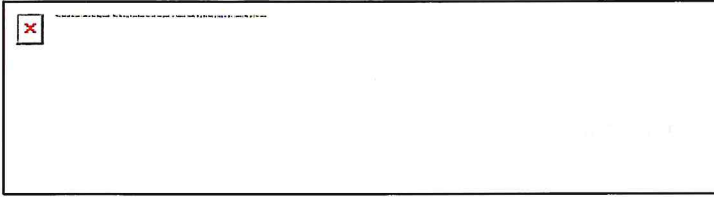
On Mon, Apr 8, 2024, 5:42 AM Tabish, Dillon <[Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov](mailto:Dillon.Tabish@mt.gov)> wrote:

Hey Pat,

I have mail that CAC member Don Wilkins wanted me to pass along to you but I don't have your mailing address. I apologize it's been here for a few weeks. If you send me your address, I'll get this in the mail today. Thanks!

Best,

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Rick,Diane Miller <grrizzz@q.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 1:06 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: Northern Pike Bowfishing Proposal

Will do – thanks!

**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:25 AM  
**To:** Rick,Diane Miller <grrizzz@q.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Northern Pike Bowfishing Proposal

Rick  
You need to contact the Region 1 fishery staff who are taking proposals for new fishing regulations now. Contact Mike Henslar Region 1 Fishing Chief Biologist at the FWP HQ on Meridian  
Thanks  
Pat Tabor  
Vice Chairman  
FWP Commission

On Mon, Apr 8, 2024, 9:23 AM Rick,Diane Miller <[grrizzz@q.com](mailto:grrizzz@q.com)> wrote:

Commissioner Tabor,

Hope this finds you well. I am writing to you with a fishing regulation proposal that might be a bit late in the process, but hopefully not too late? The concept has been talked about for some time now, with growing pike populations creating increased bow and arrow opportunities. I certainly appreciate you taking the time to consider my request.

Sincerely,

Rick Miller

Colstrip, MT

[grrizzz@q.com](mailto:grrizzz@q.com)

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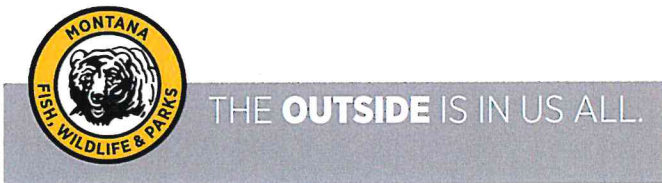
## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 4:55 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Public Comments in Commissioner Folders

Yessir. I'm on it...

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 4:48 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Public Comments in Commissioner Folders

Erik

Hopefully this won't be too big of an ask, but I noticed that somehow the public comments via email and letter regarding waterfowl made it way into the Fishery Amendment folder. This makes it confusing for Commissioners to view the input by selecting topic. I haven't checked yet to see if Fishing comments made were put into the waterfowl folder. If possible, could we correct the folders?

Thanks  
Pat Tabor  
Vice Chairman  
FWP Commission



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 10:07 AM  
**To:** K.C. Walsh  
**Subject:** Re: Struggling

I'm in but no Sarah

On Mon, Apr 15, 2024, 6:05 AM K.C. Walsh <[kennethcwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:kennethcwalsh@gmail.com)> wrote:

Pat,

I'm trying to get into the Zoom meeting, but struggling.

K.C.





## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:55 PM  
**To:** Ryce, Eileen; commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org; Temple, Dustin; Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Swan River agenda item

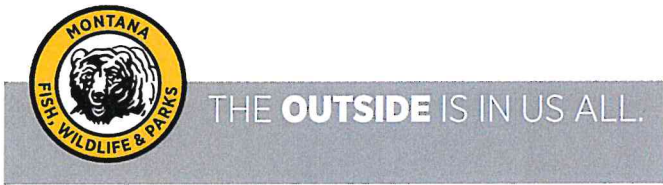
Get [Outlook for iOS \[aka.ms\]](#)thank you Eileen. I just visited with the Vice Chair- let's you and I visit asap.

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**From:** Ryce, Eileen <ERyce@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:53:37 PM  
**To:** commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>; Temple, Dustin <dtemple@mt.gov>; Kujala, Quentin <qkujala@mt.gov>; Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Swan River agenda item

Commissioner Tabor,  
I spoke to the Directors Office about this topic right after you and I discussed it. Director Temple was going to give you a call. I have not heard anything since then. I've copied the Director, Quentin and Erik hoping to get some direction. Eileen.

**Eileen Ryce** | *Division Administrator*  
Fisheries Division  
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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 9:41 AM  
**To:** Ryce, Eileen <ERyce@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Swan River agenda item

Dr Ryce  
I just received materials for April Commission meeting and the Swan River topic is not included. Please advise as I have informed everyone to expect it based on what you told me.  
Thanks  
Pat Tabor  
Vice Chairman  
FWP Commission



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:29 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: Work Session - Commission and FWP  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png;  
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I have no conflict

On Tue, Apr 9, 2024, 11:48 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, commissioners,

You will see a calendar invite dated May 16, 2024 from 1pm to 5pm. This work session, involving department staff and commissioners, is to be focused on fishing regulations on the Missouri River between Toston and Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

This date is the first time that I could find that fit current schedules and also fit within the public comment period for the June 2024 FW Commission Meeting so that we weren't interfering with other deadlines/actions.

Please advise of your availability for this work session. The work session is blocked out for four hours, but not locked into that amount of time.

Respectfully request that you advise,

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 5:51 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Swan River Fishing Regulations change  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; image003.png; image004.png; image005.png;  
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Thanks

On Fri, Mar 22, 2024, 12:07 PM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon, Mr. Vice Chair,

The amendment and the Department response have been posted. Public comment will be taken through April 11<sup>th</sup>, which gives us about three weeks of comment opportunity.

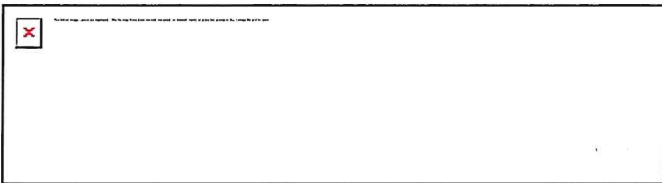
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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <[commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 2:48 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Swan River Fishing Regulations change

Erik

I never did see it get posted either on Monday or the rest of the week?

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

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On Mon, Mar 18, 2024, 3:19 PM FWP Commissioner Region 1 <[commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org)> wrote:

Thanks!

On Mon, Mar 18, 2024, 8:28 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

I spoke with Quentin, sir, and he anticipates having the amendment ready to post later today.

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <[commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 10:21 AM

**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Swan River Fishing Regulations change

Erik:

Can you find out status of the amendment I wrote up and get an eta on when it will get posted to Commission website? I have received several inquiries regarding it.

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission





**Wickman, Erik**

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 10:07 AM  
**To:** Clerget, Sarah  
**Subject:** Zoom Call still on?

I'm on now



## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 29, 2024 6:51 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: April 17 Materials

Yessir. Will do...

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:20 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: April 17 Materials

Erik  
Dr. Ryce was going to add to the agenda and then ask Region 1 to develop the materials. Can you ask her the status of that?  
Thanks  
Pat Tabor  
Vice Chairman  
FWP Commission

On Wed, Feb 28, 2024, 11:12 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Hello, sir! I remember hearing about something regarding the Swan River.

Do you have documents associated with that topic? Have not seen anything from Fisheries yet...

Was this an amendment?

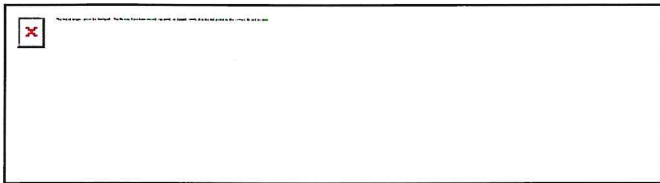
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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <[commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:43 AM

**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: April 17 Materials

Erik

I took a quick look at the materials and noticed that proposed changes to the Swan River fishing regulations was not included. I had asked Dr. Ryce to include this in April's meeting. Can you follow-up with her to determine if she is intending on adding?

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

On Wed, Feb 28, 2024, 5:08 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

The materials that we have so far for the April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting have been posted to the Google Drive for your review. Here is a link to help you get there:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aJdcCBGbgTqUtEBzd-37YSwCnvVFqxdf> [drive.google.com]

The materials will be posted to the website later today; this will give you a few hours to review the items and prepare for calls and emails.

The public comment period will also open today and will run through March 28.

As always, please reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback. I will be in Bozeman for the first part of the day at a meeting, but back in the office this afternoon.

The meeting on April 17 will be all virtual (via Zoom) so I will not be making hotel or other travel arrangements. Chair Robinson will be traveling so Vice Chair Tabor will preside.

Respectfully,

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 7:39 PM  
**To:** andy guy  
**Cc:** commissionerregion7@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion3@mtfwp.org; KC Walsh; commissionerregion5@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion2@mtfwp.org; commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org; Wickman, Erik; Kujala, Quentin  
**Subject:** Re: Commissioner Tabor Swan Proposal

Mr. Guy:

Thanks for reaching out. I'm not quite sure why your email or others were not posted to the website or made available to Commissioners in our meeting folders. I believe the process was such that all the emails that were sent to the email soliciting public response were going to be posted to the public portal once the comment period closed. I received a few phone calls from other folks asking the same question you pose. Many of them mentioned receiving a confirmation of receipt from FWP. I have copied Erik Wickman who is the Commissioner Office Manager, and I'm confident he will research what has happened and make every effort to get any missing emails posted for Commissioner review. I have also encouraged others to email Commissioners directly if you are concerned your opinions won't be heard.

Best Regards

**Patrick M. Tabor**  
**Vice Chairman, Region 1 Commissioner**  
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On Mon, Apr 15, 2024 at 7:09 PM andy guy <[flyfishin24@yahoo.com](mailto:flyfishin24@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Dear Commissioner Tabor

I am confused to not see all the emails posted on the public comment on the fwp website regarding the swan river proposal. I, along with many others have sent in emails and got an email back saying it was received but it didn't get posted. Im not sure why this is happening and did not know how to get answers. Thank you Andy Guy





## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2024 1:55 PM  
**To:** pat.tabor@rsmus.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: EXTERNAL PRE-COMMISSION - APRIL AGENDA  
**Attachments:** invite.ics

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Apr 1, 2024, 9:51 AM  
**Subject:** EXTERNAL PRE-COMMISSION - APRIL AGENDA  
**To:**  
**Cc:** [commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org)>, [commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org) <[commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion6@mtfwp.org)>

With Vice Chair Tabor. (Chair Robinson is traveling and will not be attending the April meeting. May still attend this meeting to provide input)

### ZOOM LINK:

Erik Wickman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: External Pre-Commission

Time: Apr 3, 2024 02:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/84445502408?pwd=ZkxKZnBmekVTOGxNbWFXWGIBV2JuUT09> [mt-gov.zoom.us]

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[84445502408@zoomcrc.com](mailto:84445502408@zoomcrc.com)

Join by H.323 (Polycom)

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 10:03 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: FW: 1099s  
**Attachments:** image006.png; image007.png; image008.png; image009.png; image010.png; image011.png; image009.png; image007.png; image008.png; image010.png; image011.png; image007.png; image007.png; image008.png; image009.png; image008.png; image006.png; image011.png; image011.png; image006.png; image009.png; image010.png; image010.png

Thanks Erik

On Mon, Mar 25, 2024, 6:46 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Sir,

Please see the information below regarding the 1099. Please reach out to DOA directly with issues or concerns.

If I can be of any help, please let me know.

~E

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**From:** Klein, Kristy <[KKlein2@mt.gov](mailto:KKlein2@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 10:30 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 1099s

We did not issue a 1099 MISC or 1099 NEC to Patrick as the amounts for box 3 and box 1 on the 1099 was under 600.00.



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**From:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Klein, Kristy <[KKlein2@mt.gov](mailto:KKlein2@mt.gov)>

Subject: RE: 1099s

Great, thanks! I am specifically looking for this one:

Patrick Tabor

335 Columbia Ave

Whitefish, MT 59937

He is our Fish and Wildlife Commission Vice Chairman and has reached out stating that he did not get his.

Could you check the system and see if you have that address as shown, please?

~E

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**From:** Klein, Kristy <[KKlein2@mt.gov](mailto:KKlein2@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 8:51 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: 1099s

1099's were mailed 1/31/2024. If they had a wrong address we resent the 3/18/2024. Do you have a list of who is missing a 1099? Also I need a correct mailing address to get the 1099 to them.



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**From:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 7:57 AM  
**To:** Klein, Kristy <[KKlein2@mt.gov](mailto:KKlein2@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** 1099s

Good morning!

Our Fish and Wildlife commissioners are asking when they can expect to see their 1099s. Do you have any idea when those might be available for them?

Thank you!

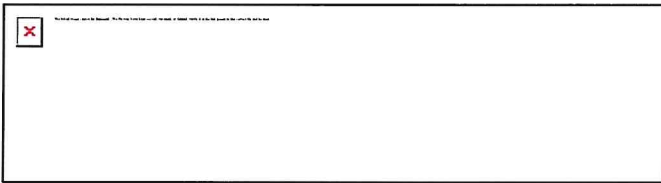
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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** MOGA <moga@mt.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:10 AM  
**To:** commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org  
**Subject:** Re: Andy Guy/Swan River

Sure. Fishing steelhead in Idaho right now. Home Thursday.

In reading this it like a non issue but I did not track at the last commission meeting. Limited harvest opportunity ( perhaps five is excessive) is not a bad thing. 90 percent or more of anglers volunteer c&r even when not mandated. Population is not in decline. The main question in my mind, if not here then where can a harvest opportunity be provided that is reasonably accessible.

Ramblings. High dark water, lots of fish but tough getting to them.

Mac Minard

On Mar 20, 2024, at 1:14 AM, FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org> wrote:

Mac

I would like to pick your brain, on the attached.

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

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**From:** Michael Bias <mikebias@3rivers.net>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 19, 2024, 8:30 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: Andy Guy/Swan River  
**To:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>

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**From:** David Brooks <david@montanatu.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 2:46 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Andy Guy/Swan River  
**To:** Michael Bias <mikebias@3rivers.net>

Hi Mike,

I know you've talked at length with Clayton about the Swan River regs and we're in an agree to disagree situation. I'm grateful that we have the kind of relationship that we're comfortable with being on different sides of an issue sometimes. Just to close the loop, I wanted to share with you the email I sent

a few folks – Linehan, Andy Guy, etc. – laying out MTU’s position. Not looking for an argument over it, just making sure we all understand each other. So, see my email below.

Thanks and hope G4F is going great,

David Brooks (he/him)

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**From:** David Brooks <[david@montanatu.org](mailto:david@montanatu.org)>

**Date:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 9:50 AM

**To:** andy guy <[flyfishin24@yahoo.com](mailto:flyfishin24@yahoo.com)>, [linehan@fishmontana.com](mailto:linehan@fishmontana.com)  
<[linehan@fishmontana.com](mailto:linehan@fishmontana.com)>

**Cc:** [brian@finfetchers.com](mailto:brian@finfetchers.com) <[brian@finfetchers.com](mailto:brian@finfetchers.com)>, Clayton Elliott  
<[clayton@montanatu.org](mailto:clayton@montanatu.org)>, Kirk Evenson <[kirk@troutmontana.com](mailto:kirk@troutmontana.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Andy Guy/Swan River

Thanks, as always, for keeping the world of people who care about trout connected, Tim. Nice to e-meet you, Andy. I’ve added Clayton to this email, in case I miss anything in explaining MTU’s position on the Swan River rainbow trout reg issue. I’ve also added Kirk Evenson, as he has inquired about it.

As Clayton explained in conversation with you, Andy, MTU and the Flathead Valley TU chapter, along with CSKT and USFS fisheries, support keeping the 5 rainbow trout limit on Swan River because:

- Swan River was historically a WCT fishery and, hence, the Statewide Fishery Management Plan dictates managing it in a way that helps conserve WCT. We, along with many others, such as CSKT and USFS advocated for a more aggressive approach to bolstering the remaining WCT population in Swan River through additional efforts to suppress rainbow trout. FWP opted against more aggressive efforts in favor of the current 5 fish limit. So rainbows won on the Statewide Plan front.

- Regular snorkel surveys continue to show a very robust rainbow trout population in the Swan, both in numbers and healthy size distribution. It is clear that the low levels of harvest are not having a negative impact to the rainbow population. There is no evidence that harvest levels are diminishing the rainbow population or healthy size distribution.
- All indicators are that rainbow harvest on the river is low, perhaps less than the catch-and-release mortality since most people fishing it are C&R anglers, and the mortality rates of C&R are pretty consistent (low but consistent). The snorkel surveys provide great evidence that even combining harvest and C&R mortality are not exceeding compensatory mortality.
- Allowing modest harvest of rainbows where the population can easily sustain that harvest, which is the case in the Swan River, takes harvest pressure off other places that would not be able to sustain it. In other words, if you get rid of harvest opportunity on Swan River, the few people who harvest fish there will shift to other rivers, including tributaries where the native fish populations are more vulnerable and have higher conservation value.

I apologize for my sluggish response. I was in Billings for the last few days at an interagency conference on other native fish we are helping to protect and restore. No shortage of work there.

Best,

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**From:** andy guy <[flyfishin24@yahoo.com](mailto:flyfishin24@yahoo.com)>

**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 10:16 PM

**To:** [linehan@fishmontana.com](mailto:linehan@fishmontana.com) <[linehan@fishmontana.com](mailto:linehan@fishmontana.com)>

**Cc:** David Brooks <[david@montanatu.org](mailto:david@montanatu.org)>, [brian@finfetchers.com](mailto:brian@finfetchers.com) <[brian@finfetchers.com](mailto:brian@finfetchers.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Andy Guy/Swan River

Dear Mr Brooks and Mr Linehan

I am writing to discuss the critical importance of adopting a catch-and-release policy for rainbow trout in the Swan River like it used to be a few years ago.

The delicate ecosystem of the Swan River relies on maintaining a healthy and sustainable trout population. Catch and release ensures the survival of these fish, contributing to the overall ecological balance. Additionally, it promotes responsible angling practices, fostering a conservation-minded approach among the angling community.

By implementing catch and release, we can preserve the genetic diversity of the rainbow trout population which has been in the Swan River since the 1920s. This measure will safeguard the Swan River's biodiversity, ensuring a thriving aquatic ecosystem for current and future generations. We don't have a cutthroat trout population and cant fish for bull trout so if we continue to let people harvest rainbows the Swan will be ruined. We CANT let this happen for future generations.

I kindly request your consideration of this proposal to protect and sustain the precious rainbow trout habitat on the Swan River. If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Andy Guy

Swan Lake, MT

Capt. Andy Guy

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On Mar 5, 2024, at 9:55 PM, andy guy <[flyfishin24@yahoo.com](mailto:flyfishin24@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Tim - thanks so much for getting me a phone call for Mr. Elliot. I appreciate you. I would love to talk with Mr Brooks as well as I don't think TU understands our unique fishery that needs their support for a very special place. We NEED to protect this amazing and wild place. I'm overwhelmed with support from a lot of other organizations that understand my stance. It's a no brainer. Thank you again, Tim for your amazing friendship. I'm learning a lot over the last few months. AG

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On Mar 4, 2024, at 1:15 PM, [linehan@fishmontana.com](mailto:linehan@fishmontana.com) wrote:

Hi David,

I wanted to put you in touch with Andy Guy from the Flathead. First, he's an outstanding human being, father, and husband, outfitter/guide. Next, he's a solid TU member, conservationist and has participated in Tip Of The Hat when Nielsen and I remember to contact him. In short, he drinks the TU kool-aid.

Andy is being particularly thoughtful about the current state of the Swan River. He understands the dynamics and politics of Montana TU's mission statement surrounding native species but just wanted to have a conversation with you on this matter.

Hoping maybe you two can connect.

Include me if you think you need too. Otherwise, know I appreciate you both.

Tim

Tim and Joanne Linehan

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:02 AM  
**To:** pat.tabor@rsmus.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Legal Update - Vice Chair Tabor  
**Attachments:** invite.ics

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024, 5:51 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Legal update.

Erik Wickman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Legal Update - Vice Chair Tabor

Time: Apr 15, 2024 10:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/82018811609?pwd=TDJYb1pTcFFNcU56U1NTUGtYZTNWQT09> [mt-gov.zoom.us]

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 10:01 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Legal Update with Sarah Clerget  
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That will work

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024, 5:58 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

I have you scheduled for the following week, on Apr 15, at 10:00 a.m. sir.

Thanks!

~E

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <[commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org](mailto:commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 9:43 AM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Legal Update with Sarah Clerget

Erik

I won't be in the country that week, I will have to catch up with Sarah the week before or after

Pat

On Wed, Mar 13, 2024, 3:10 AM Wickman, Erik <[Erik.Wickman@mt.gov](mailto:Erik.Wickman@mt.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, commissioners,

I have two sessions available with Sarah Clerget, Chief Legal Counsel, for the next legal update for commissioners:

**Session 1 - Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>                      10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**Session 2 - Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>              10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

Both sessions will be via Zoom and I will get you the Zoom link as soon as I know which session you are able to attend.

These legal updates are necessary during the interim period between meetings, so please let me know which session you can make it to.

Respectfully,

~E

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** Wickman, Erik <Erik.Wickman@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:40 PM  
**To:** FWP COMMISSIONERS  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: 417-20

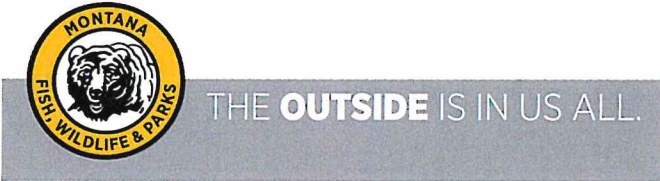
Good afternoon, commissioners,

Please find below the response from Brian Wakeling, Big Game Bureau Chief, for the question that was forwarded by Vice Chair Tabor.

Respectfully,

~E

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**From:** Wakeling, Brian <Brian.Wakeling@mt.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 7, 2024 12:12 PM  
**To:** robbins@midrivers.com  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: 417-20

Mark and Deanna Robbins:

Commissioner Tabor shared your query with me. Let me try to respond to your question. Let me know if you have further questions as well.

The commission acted on our biennial season recommendations in December 2023. At that meeting, we presented a recommendation for the 417-20 license-permit type for 225 permits for fall 2024. The commission approved that recommendation.

In prior years, we also asked the commission to approve quota ranges for deer and elk permits. Quota ranges allow the department to adjust license-permit quotas when deemed biologically relevant without a return to the commission for approval. This year, due to concerns expressed by the public, the department recommended that the commission remove quota ranges for deer and elk permits. Deer and elk permits are primarily for antlered (and some either sex)

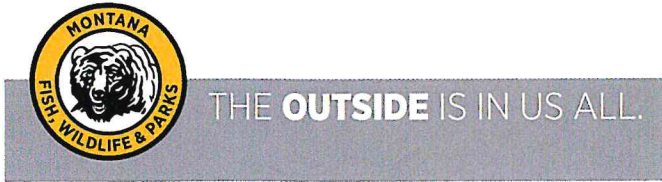
hunts, and consequently do not address population trajectory to the extent that B licenses, which target the antlerless segment, do. We asked the commission to retain quota ranges for B licenses, which they approved. What this means is that the department can no longer adjust permits unless we present a new recommendation to the commission for them to act on in a public setting. We may still adjust B licenses if our survey data indicate it is necessary.

That is a long way of saying that **there will be 225 permits for 417-20 for fall 2024**, unless the commission takes further action on it before the fall, and there is no intent to request that action by the department at this time. If the department proposes an adjustment to the fall 2025 permit level, then that will be noticed at a future public meeting of the commission and it will be acted on at some future meeting which would likely occur during fall 2024.

**Brian Wakeling**

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2024, 7:29 AM Robbins <[robbins@midrivers.com](mailto:robbins@midrivers.com)> wrote:

In 2023 FWP regulations indicated that HD 417 had a quota of 225 417-20 permits allocated.

When members of our family and some of our neighbors didn't draw a landowner preference permit, we requested a list of the successful Landowner Preference permits from FWP. We had to pay for it, but from that list we were able to figure out that sometime after the regulations were printed the 417-20 permits were apparently reduced by more than 50%, to 100.

The justification for such an arbitrary reduction after is a mystery, as HD 417 elk populations remain unchecked and near 1000% above objective, and landowners have requested a general elk season.

This year the regulations once again indicate an allocation of 225 permits for 417-20.

Can anyone tell us the number of permits that will actually be allocated in 2024, or could we again be blindsided by a significantly lower number than advertised?

Mark and Deanna Robbins

Lonesome Ridge Ranch LLC

Roy, MT

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## Wickman, Erik

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**From:** FWP Commissioner Region 1 <commissionerregion1@mtfwp.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 2:06 PM  
**To:** Wickman, Erik  
**Subject:** 1099

Erik

I still haven't received the 1099 from FWP for the stipend paid through out 2023. Can you get someone on that. Given that it will probably take a long time to process can you determine through the expense reports how much I was paid in 2023? This is the last item I need so time is of the essence.

Thanks

Pat Tabor

Vice Chairman

FWP Commission

