



FW COMMISSION AGENDA

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Location: Virtually via Zoom
Date: Friday, February 16, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m.

This regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held virtually only, online via Zoom. The Commission will take public comment on agenda items for registered commenters on Zoom. If you wish to make a comment, registration will open on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks' website <https://fwp.mt.gov/> by noon on February 2 and close at noon on February 15. The Commission Chair will call upon registrants by name to comment. When public comment is opened by the Commission Chair on an agenda item, please click the "raise hand" button on the Zoom screen or dial *9 if participating by phone. You will be notified when you have been unmuted. Before making your comment, please state your name, city, and the organization you are representing if applicable.

Agenda Items:

8:30 a.m.- Call to Order

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Minutes (Dec. 14, 2023, Dec. 15, 2023, Jan. 30, 2024, and Feb. 9, 2024)
- Approval of Commission Expenses (YTD FY 2024)
- Commissioner Reports
- Director's Report (Dustin Temple, FWP Director)

Fisheries

- Future Fisheries Improvement Program, Winter 2024 Funding Cycle
 - **Presenter:** Dr. Eileen Ryce, Division Administrator, Fisheries Division
- Lake Trout Removal from Swan Lake
 - **Presenter:** Dr. Eileen Ryce, Division Administrator, Fisheries Division

Wildlife

- 2024 – 2025 Upland Game Bird Seasons and Regulations and the Sage Grouse Adaptive Management Plan
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Big Game Bureau Chief, Wildlife Division

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- 2024 – 2025 Black Bear Seasons and Regulations
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Big Game Bureau Chief, Wildlife Division
- Approval of Request to Translocate Sage-Grouse to Alberta, Canada, in 2024-2026
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Big Game Bureau Chief, Wildlife Division
- Peregrine Falcon – Falconry Take for 2024-2025 Biennium
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Big Game Bureau Chief, Wildlife Division
- Repeal of ARM 12.9.101, Big Game Management - Rulemaking
 - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Big Game Bureau Chief, Wildlife Division

Parks and Outdoor Recreation

- Block Management ARM Rule – Final Adoption Action
 - **Presenter:** Deb O’Neill, Division Administrator, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division
- Elk Hunting Access ARM Rule – Final Adoption Action
 - **Presenter:** Deb O’Neill, Division Administrator, Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division

Legal

- Half Moon Slough Petition – Draft Language
 - **Presenter:** Sarah Clerget, Chief Legal Counsel, FWP Legal Unit

Public Comment- Items not on agenda

Adjournment

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