

Madison River Work Group



Agenda – *January 24, 2022*

- Michigan Recreational Use Plan
- BH2 History and Experiences
- Current Status of the Work Group
- Timeline and Work Assignments for the following:
- Calendar for Next Meetings
- Public Comment

Status Update: *So where are we?*

- Four meetings to date:
 - ✓ Established Work Group objectives & rules of the road
 - ✓ Recommended FAS improvements & toured FAS's with FWP
 - *Funding for immediate improvements secured*
 - ✓ Recommendation on Rest Rotation & Reynolds-Lyons adopted
 - ✓ Madison FAS Ambassador Pilot in works
 - ✓ 2020 Use Survey & Shocking Surveys reviewed
 - ✓ Commercial Use/Peak vs Shoulder/Upper vs Lower discussed
 - ✓ Recreational Use definitions reviewed

Role of the Madison River Work Group

- The Work Group may develop *recommendations* to the Commission for approval, regarding:
 - a) The allocation of commercial use trips to outfitters
 - b) A process to permit new outfitters on the Madison River
 - c) Rule language to address all recreational use on the Madison River, including walk/wade sections and rest rotation proposals to replace those in ARM 12.11.6702 and 12.11.6706
 - d) Consequences of permit violations

Next Steps: *Outstanding Work to Do?*

- Plan for Recreational Use Limits & Management
- Establish Commercial Use Limit Recommendations
- Recommendation to permit new outfitters
- Fishing regulation recommendations?

Work Group Leader Assignments

- Recreational Use Recommendations: Brian McGeehan
- Commercial Use Recommendations: Dan Larson
- New Outfitter Permits: Allison Treloar
- Fishing Regs Recommendations: Mac Minard
- FAS Improvement Plan: John Sampson
- River Ambassador Pilot: Dave Kumlien & Mac Minard

Commission Meeting Dates & Timeline

<u>Comm Mtg</u>	<u>Notice</u>	<u>Public Comment</u>	<u>Final Action</u>
• 4/21/22	5/3/22	5/13/22	6/23/22
• 6/23/22	6/28/22	7/8/22	8/25/22
• 8/25/22	9/13/22	9/23/22	10/27/22
• 10/27/22	11/9/22	11/18/22	Too late for 2023

Public Comment?