

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
March 28, 2022-- March 29, 2022
Draft Agenda

Meeting Location: Montana Wild
2668 Broadwater Ave, Helena, MT 59602

We are unable to do Zoom at Montana Wild.

Objectives

- 1) Director Hank Worsech 's visit (Dates/Times TBD)
- 2) Report the Program's fiscal updates to the Council (FY 22, obligations, balances)
- 3) Planned 2022 field work with input from Council
- 4) Program updates and statuses: Pittman-Robertson grants, VPA-HIP, pheasant releases, partnerships.
- 5) Partner presentations: Farm Bill Biologists, NWTf Biologist. Update on planned field season activities.
- 6) Receive public comments.

Agenda

Monday, March 28, 2022

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| 9:30 am | Meeting begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introductions (Kleppen)◆ Meeting highlights, overview, and acceptance of Sept. 21 minutes (Kleppen)◆ History of UGBEP and purpose of Council meetings (Northrup) |
| 10:00 am | Division/Legislative update (Ken McDonald) |
| 10:30 am | UGBEP Fiscal report (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Balances and obligations◆ VPA-HIP Grant◆ PR grants
<p>UGBEP Updates and Statuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Strategic Plan◆ Summary of UGBEP fall enrollments◆ Open Fields◆ Pheasant Releases |

- 11:00 am FWP regional staff to provide updates and overviews to 2022 field season
Evan Rodgers (R4), Kenny Plourde (R6) and Justin Hughes (R7)
- 11:45 am Lunch and Social Time: Informal time to get acquainted and reacquainted.
Weather permitting, we may use the pavilion at Montana Wild for our get-together.**
- 1:45 pm Dave Nikonow: Introduction on partnership and update on NWTf 2022 field season activities.
- 2:15 pm PF Partner updates: Hunter VanDonsel, PF biologists,
Liam O'Connor: Update on WPA renovations (Region 1)
Debbie Hohler: update on habitat efforts in Billings and Denton
- 3:00 pm mid-afternoon break
- 3:15 pm Council's input on program activities; placeholder for general Council discussion
- 4:00 pm Closing comments and wrap up for the day.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

- 9:15 am Meet at Montana Wild
- 9:30 am Jason Kool. Updates on the Block Management Program
- 10:00 am Chris Hammond. Presentation and updates on the sharp-tailed grouse reintroduction efforts.
- 10:45 am Public comment period
- 11:15 am Setting up agenda items for Council's September meeting in Malta; closing remarks.
- 11:45 am Meeting adjourned. *Bagged lunches available.*