

MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: Apr. 17, 2024

Agenda Item: Commercial use permit fee rule renewal – fishing access sites and wildlife management areas

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background: FWP has two commercial use permit fee rules. One rule establishes commercial use fees for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas and the other rule establishes commercial use fees for state parks. The existing commercial use fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas expired at the end of 2023 and needs to be renewed for 2024. No changes to the rule are proposed.

Public Involvement Process & Results: The department will solicit public comment for a four-week period beginning Feb. 27. Public comments will be posted online and provided to commissioners at least two weeks prior to the April commission meeting.

Alternatives & Analysis:

<u>Alternative A</u>: No action. The commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas remains expired.

<u>Alternative B</u>: Renew the existing commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas with no changes for the 2024 calendar year.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: The department recommends the commission renew the existing commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas for 2024 with no changes.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission renew the existing commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas with no changes for the 2024 calendar year.

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