FWP proposal to be amended: Upland Bird Non-Resident Starting Date Change

Commissioner: Lesley Robinson, Commission Chair (Region 6 Commissioner)

Date Received by Commission:

Proposed Amendment: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission, for those upland bird species being hunted in the fall with a start date of Sept. 1, including falconry (fall turkey, mountain grouse, partridge, sage grouse, and sharp-tailed grouse), adjust the starting date for nonresidents from Sept. 1 to Sept. 15 *on public land*.

Requested by FWP: No

Rationale and Background: Public input regarding department amendments prompted consideration of additional approaches to addressing observed increases in nonresident hunting effort for upland game birds. This amendment is intended to further solicit public input on this topic, including potential resource concerns the public might identify.

Department Response: The department does not anticipate any adverse effects on upland game bird populations as a result of this amendment.