

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 25, 2015

Agenda Item: 2015 CSKT Waterfowl Regulations

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the State of Montana have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation that provides for presentation and approval of Tribal waterfowl season frameworks to the Fish & Wildlife Commission. FWP is included in the development of Tribal waterfowl regulations, which are set within federal frameworks in the Pacific Flyway. Tribal recommendations are first presented to the Flathead Reservation Fish and Wildlife Board. The board votes on tentative proposals and opens them to general public review and comment. The board then meets for final adoption. Adopted final proposals are then presented to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council. The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission endorsement is subject to final Tribal Council approval.

The significant differences between these Tribal regulations and the current or proposed FWP waterfowl regulations are:

- No hunting with falcons on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Public Involvement Process & Results

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal process includes public comment.

Alternatives and Analysis

None considered at this time.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Recommend endorsement of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes waterfowl regulations subject to Tribal Council approval.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission endorse the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes regulations as presented and subject to final Tribal Council approval.