

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: May 12, 2016

Agenda Item: Wolf Creek Bridge Fishing Access Site Construction Closure (R4)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Min

Background

The Wolf Creek Bridge construction project will include paving and lining the parking area, re-locating four camp sites, adding two tent camp sites, installing a second vault latrine and developing a storm water retention area.

Public Involvement Process & Results

FWP conducted an Environmental Assessment with a 30-day public comment period for the Wolf Creek Bridge FAS construction project. There were 23 comments. Sixteen people were in support of the project, five were opposed either in full or in part and two comments were from DOT requesting further project detail clarifications. FWP Design and Construction staff has been in contact with DOT to address their questions and concerns.

Alternatives and Analysis

Site enhancements will have a positive impact on both public safety and natural resources. Drainage problems will be resolved, reducing future maintenance issues and the road and other improvements will provide for safer and more enjoyable public use. Wolf Creek Bridge will provide two ADA campsites and allow for a defined parking area and flow of traffic. Designated tent camping sites will also be provided.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

For public safety and to facilitate construction, FWP recommends that the Commission approve our request to temporarily close public access to the Wolf Creek Bridge FAS during the construction scheduled this summer.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Commission endorse FWP's request to temporarily close public access to the Wolf Creek Bridge FAS during construction scheduled this summer.