

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

July 18, 2018

TO: Fish & Wildlife Commissioners

FROM: Michelle McGree

SUBJECT: Future Fisheries Improvement Program Applications
(Summer 2018 Funding Cycle)

Enclosed are copies of the applications that are being considered for the Summer 2018 funding cycle of the Future Fisheries Improvement Program. Electronic copies of the applications, including design details, are available on the FWP Future Fisheries webpage: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/habitat/fish/futureFisheries/2018summerApps.html>.

The 14-member citizen review panel met on June 14 in Seeley Lake to review the 13 proposed Future Fisheries projects. Their funding recommendations and a summary of project rankings are provided for your consideration; these recommendations will be discussed during the August 9th commission meeting. The Review Panel recommended funding 10 of 13 projects for a funding level of \$285,979.50 (nearly a 5 to 1 match). This would leave approximately \$298,000 of funding for the Winter 2019 funding cycle.

A summary of public comments that were received from the posting of all applications onto the FWP website and from the Environmental Assessment process will be included in the commission meeting informational packet and a status update can be provided at the meeting, if desired. The Environmental Assessment comment period will end on August 5th.

Please feel free to contact me at 444-2432 if you have any questions. Thank you.