

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 17, 2018

Agenda Item: Administrative rule proposal pertaining to amendments to current no-wake zones and adoption of new no-wake zones on Canyon Ferry Reservoir

Division: Enforcement

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 min

Background

Canyon Ferry Reservoir is a large impoundment of the Missouri River in central Montana near Helena. Canyon Ferry is a very popular destination and sees a large volume of recreational boating and camping during the summer months. All commercial marinas around the lake have no-wake zones in place and several public boat ramps do as well. This proposal seeks to proactively address safety and maintain consistent regulations at all major public boat launches by adding no-wake zones to areas of heavy usage, which include Shannon Boat Launch, Court Sheriff Bay, Chinamen's Bay, Kayley Bay, Hellgate Bay, Silos campground area, and White Earth Bay. Additionally, several changes are proposed to the existing ARM rules to clarify them and ensure that wake zones are organized and listed under the correct ARM rule for that body of water.

Public Involvement Process & Results

The public has not had the opportunity to review or comment on this recommendation. Upon the commission's approval to propose the amendments and adoptions, FWP would conduct the appropriate public review and comment process, which would include a public hearing.

Alternatives and Analysis

The commission may propose the recommended amendments and adoptions to no-wake zones on Canyon Ferry Reservoir, which will allow for public review and comment.

The commission may also not propose the recommended amendments and adoptions, which will result in no changes to the current wake zone regulations on Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks recommends the commission propose the recommended amendments and adoptions pertaining to no-wake zones on Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Proposed Motion

I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission propose the recommended administrative rule amendments to current no wake zones and adoptions of new no wake zones on Canyon Ferry Reservoir