

**FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** October 17, 2018

**Agenda Item:** Madison River Recreational Rulemaking (R3)

**Division:** Fisheries

**Action Needed:** Informational

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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**Background:** At the June 2018 meeting, the Commission directed FWP to begin a Negotiated Rulemaking Process (MCA 2-5-101 to 110) to revise the River Recreation Rule which it had presented to the Commission on April 19, 2018. The Department has initiated this process and is taking applications from the public to form a Rulemaking Committee. The Department will provide an update to the Commission on this process.

The Commission had also asked the department to provide them with an update on the River Recreation Rules that had been approved for the West Fork of the Bitterroot River in December 2017. The department will describe the timeline for providing that update early in 2019.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** No actions are proposed so no new public involvement process is needed.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** No action will be taken

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** No recommendations presented.

**Proposed Motion:** None needed