

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 31, 2010

Agenda Item: 2010 Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Upland Game Bird and Waterfowl Regulations

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Endorse Rule/Action

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

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Background

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the State of Montana have entered into a positive, cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation that provides for presentation of Tribal season-setting products to the FWP Commission. Regional FWP staff is included in the development of Tribal upland game bird regulations. 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. FWP commission endorsement is subject to final Tribal Council approval. As of this writing, the upland game bird regulations have been adopted by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council. Final Tribal Council adoption of waterfowl regulations is not scheduled until after Aug. 31.

Other than text style, format and/or presentation, the significant differences between these Tribal regulations and the current FWP upland bird and waterfowl regulations are:

- Tribal shooting hours primarily being sunrise to sunset;
- a requirement that only non-toxic shot be used 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 upland game bird and waterfowl regulations subject to Tribal Council approval.

Proposed Motion

I move that the FWP Commission endorse the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes upland game bird and waterfowl regulations as presented by FWP and subject to final Tribal Council approval.