

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council

Draft Agenda

May 11 - 12, 2010

FWP Region 5 Office

(2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT)

Objectives:

- 1) Continue development of strategic plan:
 - a. Confirm previous strategic plan agreements from previous meeting.
 - b. Continue discussion on remaining items on Strategic Plan Outline.
 - c. **Initial review of all items of the draft strategic plan.**
- 2) Continue discussions on UGBHEP contract revision and ARM and Statute as they pertain to Council recommendations.
- 3) Review licensing trends – council to discuss potential impacts to local economies.
- 4) R5 presentation on habitat projects.
- 5) Tour a sage-grouse lek (if the lek is still active).
- 6) Review Regional planning for inputs to local regional plan.
- 7) Update on UGBHEP on State lands
- 8) Receive public comments.
- 9) Identify FWP and Council tasks.

Agenda:

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

7:45 am Gather at Crowne Plaza parking lot. A van will take the Council to R5 office. Breakfast on your own.

8:00 – 8:15 General housekeeping, acceptance of March 24 minutes.

8:15 – 10:15 Continue discussions on UGBHEP contract revisions; recording of abstract and what that means; ARM/Statute review and Council recommendations on pheasant releases and emergency feeding. (*Bob Lane, Chief legal Counsel, Council*)

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:00 Update on UGBHEP on State lands. (*Matt Walker, Gordon Haugen*)

11:00 – 12:00 Review licensing trends and discuss potential impacts to Montana's economy. (*Hank Worsech*)

- 12:00 – 12:30 Lunch. *Lunch will be provided.*
- 12:30 – 1:30 R5 presentation on local habitat projects. *(Jay Watson, Dennis Yurian)*
- 1:30 – 2:30 Review Regional plans. Items that will be reviewed include identifying regional focus areas, biological characteristics of the region (species specific), economic and recreational opportunities/limitations, resource needs, other issues. *(FWP staff, Council)*
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 5:00 Continued discussion on strategic plan outline and review items in the updated strategic plan outline to ensure Council recommendations are captured. Address new items in the strategic plan outline *(Council, FWP staff)*
- 5:00 Closing remarks. *(Rep. French)*

Dinner will be on your own

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Meet at FWP Region 5 Office for an open house meeting with local sportsmen, landowners, and other interested parties.



Wednesday, May 12, 2010

- 4:45 am** Gather at the Crowne Plaza parking lot to board vans to tour a sage-grouse lek. **Note: FWP staff will verify if the lek is still active. At this time of year, leks are generally not very active. Staff will confirm with the Council on May 11 if the tour will happen. This trip is also weather-permitting. Please bring a pair of binoculars!**
- 6:30 am** **We will stop for breakfast and return to R5 office to begin meeting.**
- 8:00 – 10:00 Continued discussion on strategic plan outline and review items in the updated strategic plan outline to ensure Council recommendations are captured. Address new items in the strategic plan outline *(Council, FWP staff)*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:00 Continued discussion on strategic plan outline and review items in the updated strategic plan outline to ensure Council recommendations are captured. Address new items in the strategic plan outline (*Council, FWP staff*)

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch. *Lunch will be provided.*

12:30 – 2:30 Conduct an initial review of the draft strategic outline. (*Council, FWP staff*)

2:30 – 3:00 Public comment.

3:00 Closing remarks. (*Rep. French*)

Timeline: Strategic Plan Development

