Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Council

Draft Agenda

September 10-11, 2012 Montana Wild Outdoor Education Center, 2668 Broadwater Ave Helena, MT

Objectives:

- 1) Report on program accomplishments for 2012 (all program staff)
- 2) April 2012 EQC meeting update
- 3) Review draft outline of the UGBEP Legislative report
- 4) Council input on "Topic List" (Tuesday morning)
- 5) Opportunity for public comment

Monday, September 10, 2012

7:45 am	Meet at the Montana Wild Center. Beverages and light snacks will be provided.
8:00 am	Introductions, general housekeeping – per diem, facilities, acceptance of minutes, etc.
8:05 am	Ken to define fall meeting purpose and outcomes: Department to report 2012 accomplishments and receive input from Council on reporting efforts for legislative report. Highlights of spring meeting also identified.
8:15 am	April 2012 EQC meeting update – Joe Perry
8:45 am	ARM Rule Changes – proposed changes, public comment, current status
9:15 -Noon	2012 Accomplishments . Presentations from FWP program staff with ongoing discussions and input from Council.

- Summary of UGBEP Habitat Enhancement Projects Underway or Completed (summary of number of new contracts, number of each project type, number of acres, number of access acres,)
- CRP Enhancement description, interest, projects enrolled
- 2012 Pheasant Release figures (number birds, number contracts, dollar spent)
- 2011-12 Winter Feeding what was done, cost

- Open Fields Program description, number of contracts, number of acres, dollars obligated
- Cooperative Agreement Accomplishments (Lewistown, Billings, Sheridan Co.)
- UGBEP database progress update
- FY 2012 budget review including a comparison of the past 2 fiscal years. Summary of fiscal years revenue, expenditures and obligations.
- Overview of the new details of the Hunt Planner

Regional Reports. Review of Regional Strategies and work completed towards those strategies

- 2012 field accomplishments for Region 4 Diane Boyd
- 2012 field accomplishments for Region 6 Ryan Williamson
- 2012 field accomplishments for Region 7 Steve Atwood
- 12 noon Lunch. Lunch will be provided. Opportunity to tour FWP's Wild Center.
- 1:00 pm Regional Reports (continued)
- 2:30 pm Program priorities for FY 2013 per Strategic Plan with input from Council: Program refinements resulting from adoption of new or revised rules, renew Habitat Forever MOU (Denton and Billings), revise UGBEP Field Manual, cost-lists, and developing a communication strategy. Council feedback requested for prioritizing future program efforts.
- 3:30 pm Review the draft outline for the UGBEP legislative report; make recommendations for additional information to include
- 4:30 pm Opportunity for public comment
- 5:00 pm Meeting adjourned

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

7:45 am Meet at the Montana Wild Center. *Beverages and light snacks will be provided*

8:00 am **Topic list for Council input**:

- Opportunity for additional discussions from Monday
- Procurement guidelines for UGBEP implementation
- Wildlife technicians for UGBHEP field biologists

- UGBEP projects on Block Management areas
- Council membership terms (Will likely need to fill a Republican Senator seat January 2013. Any other vacancies?)
- Next Council meeting: where and when?

12:00 noon Meeting adjourned.