

Open House

Region 5 Citizen Advisory Council/Legislative Open House

December 17, 2014
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
Fish, Wildlife & Parks
2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105

Meeting called by: Gary Hammond/Paul Sihler

Type of meeting: Open House

Location: Region 5 Headquarters

Facilitator: Gary Hammond/Bob Gibson

CAC Attendees: Thomas Miller, Chris Fleck, Lee Fleming, Bill Milton, Brady Norland, Gary Schaff

CAC Absent: Barb Beck, JW Westman, Lee Brunkhorst

Legislators: Vince Ricci, Dale Mortensen, Elsie Arntzen, Roger Webb, Cary Smith, Tom Richmond, Doug Kary, Virginia Court, Taylor Brown, Kathy Kelker, Robyn Driscoll, Mary McNally

FWP: Paul Sihler, Gary Hammond, Bob Gibson, Harold Guse, Doug Habermann, Ken Frazer, Ray Mulé, Dianne Stiff, Laura LeGris

Guests: Various members of the public.

Topics

6:30-8:00 p.m.	Welcome, Introductions	Gary Hammond
	Choices for the Future/FWP Budget	Paul Sihler
	Presentation/FWP Proposed	
	Legislation	
	General Legislation Discussion	
	Wrap Up	Bob Gibson

Discussion:

Paul presented Montana has Choices for the Future. He then gave a budget presentation explaining FWP's funding model, what the Department has done up until now to address funding issues, the outcome of the Licensing and Funding Advisory Council with its charge of evaluating license complexity, structure, and long-term funding solutions and EQC's proposed FWP license fee increase legislation.

Proposed FWP Bills for this session:

- Electronic signature.
- Dock on Wild Horse Island.
- Automatic loss of hunting and trapping privileges – fraud with duplicate licenses.
- Prohibit statewide transport of live fish.
- Creating an Enterprise Fund for educational purposes – Fish and Wildlife.
- Specify exception for state park contracts under procurement laws – way for investments in infrastructure without state parks to fund it – concessionaires.

Open discussion was exchanged between legislators, CAC members and the general public of proposed legislation, views and concerns.