

BEFORE THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF
ARM 12.11.501, 12.11.610,) COMMENT PERIOD ON
12.11.630, 12.11.640, 12.11.645,) PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND
12.11.2206, 12.11.4101 and the) ADOPTION
adoption of NEW RULES I through X)
pertaining to recreational use on)
rivers in Montana)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On November 25, 2016, the Fish and Wildlife Commission (commission) published MAR Notice No. 12-465 pertaining to the public hearings on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules at page 2094 of the 2016 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 22.

2. The commission held public hearings on January 3, 2017, January 4, 2017, and January 5, 2017.

On January 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., the commission will hold a public hearing at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 5 Office, 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules.

On January 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., the commission will hold a public hearing at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 4 Office, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules.

On January 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., the commission will hold a public hearing at the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Headquarters, 1420 East 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules.

3. The commission is extending the comment period due to the complexity of the rules and requests received for more time to comment.

4. The department will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the department no later than January 20, 2017, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Kaedy Gangstad, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, Montana, 59620-0701; telephone (406) 444-4594; or e-mail kgangstad@mt.gov.

5. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to: Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Attn: Quiet Waters Petition, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, Montana, 59620-0701; or e-mail QuietWaters@mt.gov, and must be received no later than February 12, 2017.

/s/ Rebecca Dockter
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/s/ Dan Vermillion
Dan Vermillion
Chairman
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Certified to the Secretary of State December 27, 2016.