



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION FWP PROPOSAL & INFORMATION SHEET

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Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

Agenda Item: Repeal of Administrative Rule 12.9.101 Big Game Management Policy

Action Needed: Decision whether to repeal the Administrative Rule establishing the Big Game Management Policy.

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Minutes

Background: At its February 2024 meeting, the Commission authorized FWP to file an administrative rule notice with the Montana Secretary of State (SOS) to repeal ARM 12.9.101, which established the Big Game Management Policy.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Rulemaking was initiated by publishing a proposal notice in the Montana Administrative Register (MAR) on March 22, 2024. The public involvement process was executed by the Montana SOS under the Montana Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA) for Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM). A public comment period was open between March 22, 2024 and April 22, 2024. FWP held an online public hearing on April 19, 2024, and accepted written and oral comments on the rules as proposed. Two weeks in advance of the June 20, 2024 commission meeting, the department will post on the Commission's website all comments in their original form, and a draft rule adoption notice that includes summary responses to the comments received.

Alternatives & Analysis:

Alternative A: Repeal the rule establishing the Big Game Management Policy.

Alternative B: Decide not to repeal the rule establishing the Big Game Management Policy.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: The department recommends the commission repeal ARM 12.9.101.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife repeal rule 12.9.101, repealing the Big Game Management Policy administrative rule.

Alternative Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission to reject the proposed repeal of rule 12.9.101, keeping the Big Game Management Policy.