

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 25, 2019

Agenda Item: Madison River Recreation Rule Update (R8)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background:

The Madison River Negotiated Rulemaking Committee has met 4 times since December 2018 for the purpose of revising the April 2018 recreation rule by FWP to the Commission. A process called “Structured Decision Making” has been used by the facilitator (Mike Mitchell of the U of Montana) to try to find areas of consensus. Products of the committee have included a problem statement, objectives and a variety of alternatives. One more meeting has been scheduled for May 2.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

All negotiated rulemaking meetings are open to the public and all have been well attended by members of the public. The public is not allowed to participate in the deliberations of the committee, but a half-hour segment is set aside at the end of each day’s meetings to allow verbal comments from the public. Opportunity for the public to provide written comments is also provided on the FWP website. Written transcripts of the meetings are provided on the website as well.

Alternatives and Analysis:

Informational item only. There are currently no alternatives to consider.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

This is an informational item. No commission action is currently requested.