



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: March 3, 2022

Agenda Item: 2023 Fish, Wildlife and Parks Budget Goals

Time Needed on Agenda: 15 Minutes

Background:

The Executive Planning Process (EPP), coordinated through the Governor's Office, is ready to begin for the 2023 Legislative Session. Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) internal process involves establishing priorities that will drive preparation of proposed budgets. The Board's and Commission's role is to review and approve FWP's proposed budget. Between February and June, the Department will develop budgets based on the approved priorities and submit them to the Governor.

Public Involvement Process:

No formal public process is undertaken directly related to budget and priorities. However, the FW Commission priorities are based on FWP's ongoing dialogue with constituents and regional staff. The public is also afforded the opportunity to comment on budget proposals through the FW Commission meeting process.

Alternatives & Analysis:

The FW Commission can approve or suggest modifications to FWP's proposed priorities. FWP will make every effort to implement these priorities based on Commission approval, executive direction, and the long-term benefits to the agency.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

FWP recommends the FW Commission approve the priorities as presented.

Proposed Motion: I move the FW Commission approve Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposed budget for the 2023 Legislative Session as presented.