



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** April 19, 2022

**Agenda Item:** Kokanee Regulations for Georgetown Lake (R2)

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 minutes

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**Background:**

On Georgetown Lake the commission adopted the Western District fishing regulation for kokanee salmon of 20 daily and 40 in possession for the 2022 Fishing Regulations. The 2022 Fishing Regulations were approved at the October 2021 commission meeting and went into effect March 1. The department has recently become aware of public input that was missed during the review process.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:**

This regulation was part of the 2022 Fishing Regulation package presented to the commission as a proposal in August. The department took public comment from Aug. 27 to Sept. 26, and no comments were received on the Georgetown proposal.

**Alternatives & Analysis:**

The commission could keep the adopted 2022 kokanee regulation, which is the current Western District standard of 20 fish daily and 40 in possession. The commission could reinstate the 2021 regulation of kokanee salmon: no daily or possession limit. The commission could also consider an alternate regulation. Alternate regulations have not been analyzed by the department or have received any public scoping or comment.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move the commission reinstate the 2021 Georgetown Lake kokanee regulations of no daily or possession limit, effective immediately.

Or

The commission could choose not to make a motion which would leave the 2022 regulation for Georgetown Lake in place.