



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: December 20, 2022

Agenda Item: Commercial use permit fee rule renewal – fishing access sites and wildlife management areas

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background: FWP has two commercial use permit fee rules. One rule establishes commercial use fees for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas. The other rule establishes commercial use fees for state parks. The department is developing one consolidated commercial use fee rule that would apply to all department lands in 2024. Meanwhile, the existing commercial use fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas expires at the end of 2022 and needs to be renewed for 2023. No changes to the rule are proposed.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Public comment will be taken at the December commission meeting.

Alternatives & Analysis:

Alternative A: No action. The commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas would expire.

Alternative B: Renew the existing commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas (no changes) for the 2023 calendar year.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale: The department recommends the commission renew the existing commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas for 2023 with no changes while development of a consolidated commercial use permit fee rule for all site types is pending for 2024.

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission renew the existing commercial use permit fee rule for fishing access sites and wildlife management areas with no changes for the 2023 calendar year.