FW COMMISSION AGENDA

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Location: Virtually via Zoom
Date: **Thursday – October 14, 2026**
Time: **8:00 a.m.**

This regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission is scheduled to be held at the conference facility inside the Montana Heritage Center (225 N. Roberts St, Helena) and virtually via Zoom. The Commission will accept public comments on agenda items in person and from registered commenters via Zoom. If you wish to make a comment via Zoom, registration will open on the Fish, Wildlife & Parks' website https://fwp.mt.gov/ on September 30 and close at noon on October 13. The Commission Chair will call upon registrants by name to comment. When public comment is opened by the Commission Chair on an agenda item, please click the "raise hand" button on the Zoom screen or dial *9 if participating by phone. You will be notified when you have been unmuted. Before making your comment, please state your name, city, and the organization you are representing if applicable.

Administrative Items

8:00 a.m. - Call to Order *(Commission Chair Lesley Robinson presiding)*

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (*all please stand*)
- Approval of Minutes (August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting and September 24, 2026 Special Meeting)
- Approval of Commission Expenses (FY 2027 Current)
- Commissioner Reports & Meeting Disclosures
- FWP Director's Report - Christy Clark, FWP Director

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Action Items

Fisheries Division

- 2027-2028 Fishing Regulations
  - **Presenter:** Adam Strainer, Division Administrator

- Upper Flathead Drainage Brown Trout Regulation
  - **Presenter:** Adam Strainer, Fisheries Division Administrator

Wildlife Division

- Grizzly Bear Release Sites
  - **Presenter:** Ken McDonald, Division Administrator

- Approval of Northern Leopard frog transplants from eastern Montana to FWP Regions 1 and 2
  - **Presenter:** Ken McDonald, Division Administrator

Parks & Outdoor Recreation Division

- Temporary Full Closure of Kona Bridge Fishing Access Site
  - **Presenter:** Renee Lemon, Division Administrator

- Public Use and Commercial Use Fee Schedules
  - **Presenter:** Renee Lemon, Division Administrator

Land & Water Unit

- Thompson Island Acquisition
  - **Presenter:** Bill Schenk, Unit Manager

- Hannah Ranch Term Conservation Easement
  - **Presenter:** Christy Clark, Director

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Legal Unit

- Citizen Petition – Swan Lake Motorized Use Restriction
  - **Presenter:** Marty Tuttle, Interim FWP Chief Legal Counsel

- Decision on Final Adoption of Bitterroot River Motorized Watercraft Closure
  - **Presenter**: Kevin Rechkoff, Chief of Operations

Public Comment- Items Not on the Agenda

Adjournment

Special Meeting

- Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
  - Litigation Strategy Discussion (Closed to Public)

Adjournment

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