



Upper Missouri River Reservoirs Fisheries Management Plan Citizens Advisory Committee

Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Upper Missouri River Reservoirs Fisheries Management Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) and helping to provide information and input needed for FWP to make informed decisions for future management in the plan area. It is important that you review the application material before applying. **Applications must be received no later than 5PM March 3, 2022.**

General Information

The upper Missouri River reservoirs and associated river fisheries are some of the most heavily fished waters in Montana accounting for roughly 10 percent of the total annual statewide angling pressure. Because of the system's proximity to Bozeman, Great Falls, Butte, Missoula and Helena, recreational use of the reservoirs will continue to grow as the fisheries become even more integral to the quality of life for those who live and recreate in Lewis and Clark and Broadwater counties.

The Upper Missouri River Reservoirs Fisheries Management Plan (UMRRFMP) supports a common goal to “provide a cost-effective, quality multi-species fisheries by applying adaptive and responsive management strategies.” Annually, FWP will evaluate fisheries population trends throughout the plan area, consider potential management changes, and report potential management changes to the Fish and Wildlife Commission appointed CAC.

Information for Applicants

FWP will request and compile applications for the CAC on behalf of the commission. All applications will be provided to the commission. After reviewing applications, the commission may appoint one person to the CAC, or they may direct the department to solicit additional applications. Applicants should consider the following information before submitting an application to serve on the CAC.

Time Commitment

The CAC will meet at least annually for a 1-day meeting. Location of meetings will depend on availability of meeting rooms and travel distance for committee members. After selection of the committee, committee members may be provided with informational documents that will need to be reviewed prior to the annual meeting.

Travel Reimbursement

FWP will reimburse mileage and provide lunch for CAC members' travel to and from CAC meetings.

Participation

CAC members are expected to attend the annual meeting and CAC members may not be considered for reappointment if they miss meetings or are unprepared to participate. Exceptions will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

Advisory Role

CAC members are expected to participate in an advisory capacity while acknowledging the value of each advisors' comments and viewpoints and will create discussion ground rules to encourage a climate of respect. CAC members agree to bring information into the process and likewise, to communicate to constituents about the process as it goes forward.

Composition of the CAC

The commission will appoint a 5-member CAC each year to function in an advisory capacity to FWP for fisheries management decisions throughout the plan area. The CAC will consist of no more than one advocate from 5 of the following stakeholder groups:

- Unaffiliated warmwater anglers
- Unaffiliated coldwater anglers
- Organized warmwater-angler groups
- Organized coldwater-angler groups
- Ice-fishing anglers
- Conservation groups
- Kids' fishing
- Fishing-tournament organizer
- Landowner
- Outfitter
- Local government
- Local business
- Other interests

The composition of the CAC is an important aspect of the process. The commission is seeking a diverse committee to advocate for the various stakeholder categories that are affected by fisheries management decisions throughout the UMRRFMP area. Advocates with the ability to represent more than one stakeholder category are desirable. **There is currently one open position on the CAC.**

Questions

Please call (406) 495-3263 or email fwpfishcomments@mt.gov if you have questions about the UMRRFMP CAC application process.

2. Can you to commit to attending at least one CAC meeting in 2022?

- Yes
- No

3. Please indicate your availability to attend meetings and circle your preference:

- Weekdays
- Weekends
- Evenings
- Daytime

4. Have you participated as a member of an advisory committee tasked with developing recommendations for recreation or resource management? Please list examples:

5. Please check ALL categories that apply to you. CIRCLE the ONE you most identify with.

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- Unaffiliated coldwater anglers
- Organized warmwater angler groups
- Organized coldwater angler groups
- Ice-fishing anglers
- Conservation groups
- Kids' fishing
- Fishing-tournament organizer
- Landowner
- Outfitter
- Local government
- Local business
- Other interests: _____

If you would like to participate as a representative of an organized group, please indicate the name of that group here: _____

6. Please **CHECK** the waterbodies within the UMRRFMP you are familiar with. Circle the waterbodies you are **MOST** familiar with:

- Missouri River – Toston Dam to Canyon Ferry Reservoir
- Canyon Ferry Reservoir
- Hauser Reservoir
- Missouri River – Hauser Dam to Holter Reservoir
- Holter Reservoir

7. Do you have experience with advisory committee processes related fisheries or recreation issues? Can you collaborate in good faith working towards management recommendations that not only meet your personal interests but also the interests of other committee members and the public at large? Please give examples:

8. Use the space below to provide additional comments on why you would add value to the CAC:

FWP staff and a member of the commission may require an interview of potential candidates prior to selection.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Please sign and date your application.