

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
March 29, 2021--Draft Agenda

Join Zoom Meeting

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Objectives

- 1) Report the Program's fiscal updates to the Council (FY 21, biennium outlook, obligations, balances)
- 2) Program updates and statuses: VPA-HIP, pheasant releases, partnerships.
- 3) Progress review of strategic plans; input from council; develop timeline for final revision.
- 4) Report regional work plans and associated strategic plans; receive Council's feedback for the 2021 field season.
- 5) Partner presentations: Farm Bill Biologists, NWTF Biologist. Update on planned field season activities.
- 6) Receive public comments.

Agenda

Monday, March 29, 2021

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| 9:00 am | Teleconference begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Introductions and Roll call (Noland)◆ Meeting highlights, overview, and acceptance of 9/14/20 minutes (Noland) |
| 9:15 am | Division/Legislative update (Ken McDonald) |
| 9:45 am | UGBEP Fiscal report (Hohler) <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Balances and obligations◆ Biennium outlook |
| 10:15 am | UGBEP Updates and Statuses <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ VPA-HIP Grant◆ 2021 Pheasant Releases◆ Partnerships: overview of fiscal commitments |

- 10:45 am Work Plans and Strategic Plan implementation and work plans: FWP staff to provide an overview of projects for the 2021 fields season. Evan Rodgers (R4), Kenny Plourde (R6) and Justin Hughes (R7)
- 12:30 pm Break for lunch
- 1:00 pm Partner updates: Dave Nikonow (NWTF), Aaron Clausen, Hunter VanDonsel, Erin Fairbank, and Heather Brower (PF Farm Bill Biologists)
- 2:00 pm Presentation on TIP (Hunter) with open discussions on leveraging with UGBEP and other FWP habitat programs.
- 2:30 pm FWP staff to update Council on progress with State and regional strategic plans. Council to provide input on specific points of the plan. Develop a workable timeline with the goal to have plan reviewed by the council before the September meeting, afterwards released for public review fall of 2021.
- 4:30 pm Public Comment
- 5:00 pm Update on Council rotation schedule; setting up agenda items for September council meeting in Missoula; and closing remarks.

Next Meeting with tour: Sept. 13 – 14, Missoula