FW COMMISSION AGENDA

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Location: Montana Heritage Center
Date: **Thursday December 10, 2026**
Time: **8:00 a.m.**

This regular meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held Montana Heritage Center. The Commission will accept public comments on agenda items for 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 November 25, 2026 and close noon on December 9, 2026. 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)
- Approval of Commission Expenses (FY2027 Current)
- Commissioner Reports & Meeting Disclosures
- FWP Director's Report – Christy Clark, FWP Director
- 2027 Commission Meeting Dates Discussion

Informational Items

- **Legislative & Department Bills Updates**
  - Lena Havron, Chief Financial Officer

- **Tech Updates**
  - Mikal Wilkerson, Chief of Administration

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- **A Briefing on the schedule for biennial season setting for the 2028-2029 and 2029-2030 seasons**
    - Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief

Action Items

Fisheries Division

- **Sacajawea Lagoon Bass Removal Project**
    - **Presenter:** Adam Strainer, Fisheries Division Administrator

- **'27-'28 Commercial Seine License Approved Waterbody List**
    - **Presenter:** Adam Strainer, Fisheries Division Administrator

Wildlife

- **27-'28 Flathead Indian Reservation Nonmember Fishing & Bird Hunting Regulations**
    - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief

- **Defining Management Subunits for use during Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Outbreaks**
    - **Presenter:** Brian Wakeling, Game Management Bureau Chief

- **Administrative Rulemaking Petition- Brazilian Smooth Snake,** *Hydrodynastes Gigas*
    - **Presenter:** Phil Kilbreath, Permitting & Compliance Specialist/Boating Law Administrator

- **Amendments to Permits, Quotas, Quota Ranges, Season Length, and open areas for Deer, Elk, and Turkey for the 2027 Seasons**
    - **Presenter:** Brian Wakleling, Game Management Bureau Chief

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Land & Water Unit

- **Upper Thompson Conservation Easement- Phase 2, Region 1**
  - **Presenter:** Bill Schenk, Land & Water Unit Manager

- **Johnson Reservoir FAS Land Use License**
  - **Presenter:** Bill Schenk, Land & Water Unit Manager

Public Comment- Items Not on the Agenda

Adjournment

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