

MONTANA TRAPPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
First Meeting Agenda July 10 - 11, 2018
Montana Wild 2668 Broadwater Ave., Helena, Montana

OBJECTIVES

1. Meet each other, affirm the Committee's Charter, and clarify roles in the process.
2. Develop understanding of trapping as it relates to the Montana Constitution, the Public Trust doctrine, and FWP's Vision and Guide for 2016-2016.
3. In general, collectively learn about trapping in Montana including history, the 1999 Trapping Advisory Committee work, and current regulations and practices.
4. Review the collaborative process and timeline intended to result in consensus recommendations from the Committee.

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 10: 10:00 AM to Noon (lunch provided for Committee members)

Getting started:

- Why we're here; reviewing the Committee Charter; clarifying the use of the word "agenda" in the Charter - *John Vore, FWP Game Management Bureau Chief*
- Welcome from the Director; decision making related to trapping regulations - *Martha Williams, FWP Director*
- Role of the facilitator
- Establishing ground rules in support of civil and productive discussion
- Introductions:
 - "Who am I, who do I think I represent, and why did I volunteer to be part of this Committee?"
 - Others present who are not part of the Committee

The Legal Framework/Legislative Clarification

- The Public Trust Doctrine and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation - *Chris Smith, Wildlife Management Institute*
- The Montana Constitution & Preservation of Harvest Heritage - *Becky Dockter, FWP Chief Legal Council*
- FWP's Vision and Guide document for 2016-2026 – *Greg Lemon, FWP Communication and Education Division Administrator*
- FWP & the Commission – How it works, who makes what decisions and why - *Becky Dockter, FWP Chief Legal Council*
- Questions and discussion

Noon to 12:45 PM

- Public comment period
- Working lunch while Committee members hear public comment

Afternoon: 1:00 to 5:00 PM

Exploring and learning about Trapping in Montana

- History and background – *John Vore, FWP Game Management Bureau Chief*
- Trapping Best Management Practices (BMP's) – *Tim Hiller, Wildlife Ecology Institute*
- Current regulations and practices in Montana – *Harold Guse – FWP Warden Captain*
- Traps and trapping equipment – *Jay Kolbe, FWP Biologist*
- Questions and discussion

Summarizing today's meeting; prepping for tomorrow – see back for tomorrow's agenda

Wednesday, July 11: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (lunch provided)

Refocusing...

Exploring and learning about Trapping in Montana – Continued as necessary

- Clarifying questions and discussion
- Committee members' requests for additional information/materials

Developing collective understanding about the facilitated collaborative process:

- Revisiting/affirming the ground rules and any needed process agreements; developing collective understanding/acceptance of the collaborative process we'll be using
- Recognizing the "Hard Facts"
- Identifying individual Committee member "interests" related to this process and starting work toward mutual understanding of those interests
- "Important Questions" that need to be discussed... addressed in this process in order to reach consensus recommendations
- Revisiting the process timeline; setting the calendar for the next meetings

Homework

- Committee members
- FWP
- Facilitator

Summarizing the session

"Gifts" to each other