

**FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

**Meeting Date:** June 19, 2019

**Agenda Item:** Adoption of Administrative Rule Pertaining to Kill Site Verification

**Division:** Enforcement

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 10 min

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**Background**

As a condition of hunting and trapping in Montana, the commission has previously adopted kill site verification requirements in their annual hunting regulations to allow department enforcement the ability to visit the site to verify that an animal was legally harvested. Kill site verification is not something that is likely to change on a frequent basis and therefore does not need to be reconsidered and re-adopted every year in the hunting regulations, but rather, would be more appropriately adopted in administrative rule. The proposed language also clarifies when and how this rule applies to hunters.

**Public Involvement Process & Results**

The public has not had the opportunity to review or comment on this recommendation. Upon the commission's approval to propose the adoption of the administrative rule, FWP would conduct the appropriate public review and comment process, which would include a public hearing.

**Alternatives and Analysis**

If the Commission chooses not to propose the administrative rule, the Commission annual rule would remain in effect as is.

The Commission can choose to propose the recommended administrative rule language making the rule clearer for both the public and FWP staff.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

The department recommends the Commission propose the recommended administrative rule language in order to provide clarity to the public about the rule's requirements

**Proposed Motion**

I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission propose to adopt the administrative rule pertaining to kill site verification.