

BEFORE THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the adoption of New Rule I pertaining to the use of remote-controlled devices and drones while fishing) NOTICE OF DECISION ON PROPOSED ADOPTION))

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On November 6, 2020, the Fish and Wildlife Commission (commission) published MAR Notice No. 12-535 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed adoption of the above-stated rule at page 1956 of the 2020 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 21.

2. A public hearing on the notice of proposed adoption of the above-stated rule was held on December 1, 2020.

3. The commission felt there was not enough information on the issue for them to move forward with the proposal at this time. The commission did indicate it would consider a proposal in the future if the department were to bring forward more compelling information and consider other alternatives such as a possible ban of remote-controlled devices on rivers but not lakes, and provide corresponding specific rule language for the commission to consider.

/s/ Rebecca Dockter
Rebecca Dockter
Rule Reviewer

/s/ Lesley Robinson
Lesley Robinson
Chair
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Certified to the Secretary of State April 6, 2021.