### Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council Draft Agenda

March 26-27, 2018 Montana Wild 2668 Broadwater Avenue, Helena, MT

## **Objectives**

- 1) Report work plans and associated strategic plans; receive Council's feedback for the 2018 field season.
- 2) Provide program updates to Council
- 3) Discuss 2018 pheasant release applications
- 4) Guest presentations: Jason Kool (FWP), Matt O'Connor, Farm Bill Biologists
- 5) Receive public comments.

# Agenda

#### Monday, March 26, 2018

| 8:00 am  | Gather Montana Wild. Beverages provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 8:15 am  | <ul> <li>Introductions, general housekeeping (Tribby and Hohler)</li> <li>Purpose of Council meeting (Northrup)</li> <li>Meeting highlights, overview and acceptance of October 2, 2017 minutes (Tribby)</li> </ul>                                           |
| 8:30 am  | Division update (Ken McDonald)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:00 am  | Message from the Chairman, Dale Tribby                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:30 am  | Strategic Plan Implementation and Program Objectives; program updates (Hohler)  ◆ Fiscal reporting and payments; Habitat Forever contract updates  ◆ Database  ◆ 2018 Open Fields (status)  ◆ 2018 Pheasant release applications (status)  ◆ Grown in Montana |
| 10:15 am | Strategic Plan implementation and work plans: Jake Doggett (R4), Kenny Plourde (R6), and Justin Hughes (R7)                                                                                                                                                   |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch. Lunch will be provided.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| 1:00 pm | Strategic Plan implementation and work plans for Regions 1, 3, 4, and 5 (Matt O'Connor, Debbie)                               |
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| 2:00 pm | PF State Rep Chad Harvey and PF Farm Bill Biologists (Aaron Clausen, Hunter VanDonsel, Erin Fairbank, Heather Brower) updates |
| 2:45 pm | Council feedback on work plans                                                                                                |
| 3:45 pm | Council Rotations                                                                                                             |
| 4:30 pm | Wrap up for today's meeting                                                                                                   |

## Tuesday, March 27, 2018

| 8:00 am  | Gather at Montana WILD.                                                                    |
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| 8:15 am  | Overview of today's topics (Chair)                                                         |
| 8:30 am  | Pheasants releases: looking ahead to opportunities and challenges.                         |
| 9:30 am  | Jason Kool, FWP Access Bureau Chief: update                                                |
| 10:00 am | Promoting forest health and enhancing wildlife habitats: 2018 work plan Dave Nikonow, NWTF |
| 10:30 am | Open discussion on program topics                                                          |
| 11:30 am | Public comment                                                                             |
| 12:00 pm | Lunch provided for Council                                                                 |
| 1:00 pm  | Wrap up, next council meeting.                                                             |

## **Helpful Info**

Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan: <a href="http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736">http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736</a>
<a href="Next Meeting">Next Meeting</a>: Conrad: October 1 and 2