

Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program Advisory Council
Draft Agenda



**UPLAND GAME BIRD
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**
MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

September 23-24, 2019
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1919 North Merrill Ave, Glendive, MT 59330

Objectives

- 1) Summarize outcome of 2019 field season.
- 2) Receive Council's recommendations on the 2019 field season based on the UGBEP strategic plan.
- 3) Participate in a habitat tour.
- 4) Provide program updates to the Council.
- 5) Discuss pheasant release statutes proposed by the department.
- 6) Strategizing program enrollment: receive input from the Council on ideas for ranking and enrolling habitat applications.
- 7) Guest presentations: NWTF, Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologists
- 8) Receive public comments: The public is welcome to attend the UGBEP CAC meeting and provide comment as scheduled.

Agenda

Monday, September 23, 2019

- 8:30 am Meet at Holiday Inn Express & Suites meeting room.
- Introductions
 - General housekeeping (Justin and Debbie)
 - Meeting highlights
 - Review May 2019 minutes.
- 8:45 am Overview of the UGBEP's history plus the role of the CAC (Northrup).
- 9:00 am Department updates (McDonald)
- 9:30 am Tour overview (Justin)
- 10:00 am Board vans to tour Region 7's habitat projects.
- 3:00 pm Return to Holiday Inn
- 3:30 pm Program updates (Debbie Hohler): FY 2019 fiscal reporting, including revenue, expenditures, and obligations. Status on pheasant releases and partnerships' contracts (HF/PF/NWTF).
- 5:00 pm Conclude for the day.

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

- 8:30 am Gather at Holiday Inn Express & Suites meeting room.
- 8:45 am Public Comment period.
- 9:00 am Habitat Specialists: Field season reporting (30 minutes each plus discussion). Debbie to provide updates on Region 1, 3, and 5.
- 11:00 am PF Farm Bill Biologists season update (Heather Brower)
- 11:20 am National Wild Turkey Federation season update (Dave Nikonow)
- 11:40 pm Keeping pace with declining interest in pheasant releases and pheasant release statutes. Council and department to discuss and plan for the next legislative session.
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Proposal submission and selection process: Council to provide input on the department's ideas for selecting projects for funding.
- 2:00 pm Open discussion on program topics, setting dates for meetings in 2020; action items for spring 2020 meeting.
- 3:00 pm Wrap up.

Helpful Info

Link to the UGBEP Strategic plan: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fwpDoc.html?id=51736>