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The annual Fort Peck walleye spawn will go on without volunteers

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Fort Peck Reservoir walleye spawn/egg-take effort will be completed using only Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 6

staff. Unlike prior years, no volunteers will be participating in this popular spring event.

FWPs' number one priority is the health and safety of the public and its employees. FWP Fisheries Chief, Eileen Ryce, determined that with the current social distancing guidelines, this was the best decision for all those involved. Many other projects across the state that oftentimes use volunteers, in addition to FWP personnel, have also been reformed this year.

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FWP changes reporting requirements for spring black bear hunters

With the ongoing need to follow social distancing directives, for the spring black bear season, which starts April 15, all successful bear hunters must report their harvest through the Harvest Reporting Line 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) within 48 hours of harvest.

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Winter survival looks promising for big game in southwest Montana

Bozeman, MT — Milder winter conditions this year compared to last year will likely mean better wildlife survival in southwest Montana. Some surveys are still being conducted, but biologists have not seen significant mortality for wildlife in most parts of Region 3.

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Certified Boater training for Tiber Reservoir now available online

Certified Boater training for Tiber Reservoir is available online at cleandraindrymt.com. While Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices are closed to the public, persons interested in applying for the Certified Boater designation must complete the training online.

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FWP, Bureau of Reclamation to partner on flow modification to investigate potential benefits to pallid sturgeon

BILLINGS, MT - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks is partnering with the Bureau of Reclamation to conduct research on endangered pallid sturgeon in the upper Missouri and lower Marias rivers. The research effort will include modified flow releases out of Tiber Dam.

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Open Fields Enrollment Period

It's time for landowners enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program to sign up for the state-sponsored Open Fields for Game Bird Hunters. Open Fields is a voluntary extra incentive offering aimed at further conserving productive game bird habitat enrolled in CRP and expanding access.

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Fish and Wildlife Commission to meet April 23

The Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission will meet April 23 using the video conferencing platform Zoom. Details on how to access the meeting will be posted on fwp.mt.gov closer to the meeting date. The meeting will also be audio streamed online at fwp.mt.gov. The meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.

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