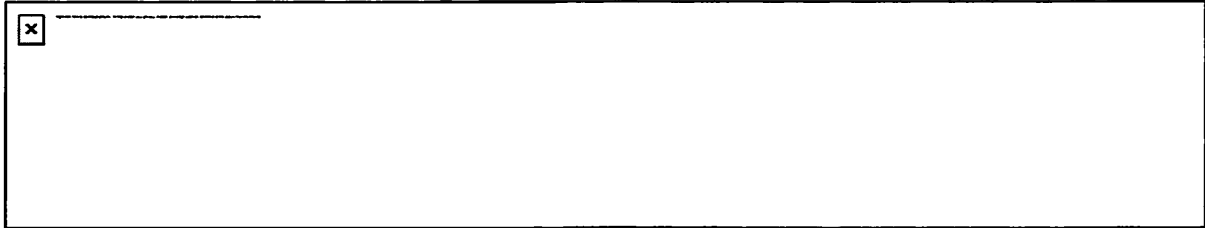


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FWP holds meetings in Helena and Townsend to review Local Boater Program

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is holding two public meetings to review the 2017 Local Boater Program and discuss the plans for the program in 2018.

“We want to give people an opportunity to provide us with feedback on the program and hear what we have planned for the coming year,” said FWP’s aquatic invasive species bureau chief Tom Wolf.

The meetings are set for Nov. 28 in Helena at Montana WILD from 6 - 8 p.m., and in Townsend on Dec. 5 at the Community School Room from 6 - 8 p.m.

The intent of these meetings are for information sharing and gathering and requesting feedback on the program. No 2018 stickers will be available.

The Local Boater Program was established on Tiber and Canyon Ferry Reservoirs after suspect detections of invasive mussel larvae at Canyon Ferry and positive larvae samples from Tiber. Each reservoir had their own program, which required participants to go through some training on aquatic invasive species and clean, drain, dry techniques. Each participant signed an affidavit pledging to have their watercraft decontaminate should they use it anywhere other than Tiber or Canyon Ferry.

The program allowed participants to avoid the need for decontamination if their next boating trip was on the same waterbody. The purpose of the program was to decrease the volume of boats at the decontamination stations and allow FWP to focus on boats traveling elsewhere.

For more information on the meeting, contact Beth Giddings at 444-7815.

