

**Motion to the Fish and Wildlife Commission**

TO: Brad Smith, Chair, Fish and Wildlife Commission

NOW COMES the ADA Advisory Committee, by and through its Chairman, Dan Dickerson, and conveys to the Commission as follows:

On August 6, 2018, the ADA Advisory Committee met, with quorum present, and discussed the matter of WDFW's legislative proposal to amend the reduced fees provision for persons with disabilities.

Whereas,


-The Commission has been advised that the current reduced fee law for persons with disabilities could be considered discriminatory under Federal ADA law because it only provides for a reduced fee to a subset of those with disabilities; and,

-The ADA Advisory Committee has met with senior executives of the Department several times over the last few months, as set forth in its Committee meeting notes, to discuss this issue. Further, the ADA Advisory Committee has reviewed the Ruckleshaus Report, and the reduced fees offered by other state agencies; and,

- The ADA Advisory Committee has been presented with five potential proposals to address this issue, and after discussion and deliberation, unanimously endorsed the legislative proposal attached hereto. The ADA Advisory Committee endorses this specific proposal because it is non-discriminatory, is fiscally responsible, revenue neutral, simple, fair, and aligns DFW reduced fees with the fee reductions offered by other agencies for persons with disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, the ADA Advisory Committee, after review and discussion of WDFW's proposed 2019 legislative proposal to amend the reduced fee provision, makes known its support, and endorses this proposed legislative package.

This the 6th day of August, 2018.

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Dickerson,

As Chairman, for and on behalf of the ADA Advisory Committee

By email to: Brad Smith, Chair, Fish and Wildlife Commission

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