

# Future Fisheries Review Panel

*Statutory Citation: Section 87-1-273, MCA*

The Future Fisheries Review Panel is responsible for assisting the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks in reviewing projects submitted by public or private entities for funding and determining which projects are appropriate for inclusion in the Future Fisheries Improvement Program.

## Membership

The Speaker of the House and the Senate Committee on Committees each choose a legislative member to serve on the panel. Eleven other members, representing the interests listed below, are appointed by the Governor or the Governor's designee. The Panel is required to meet at least once every 6 months.

The Future Fisheries Review Panel must consist of at least 13 members, including but not limited to:

- two legislators;
- a representative of conservation districts;
- a representative with expertise in commercial agriculture;
- a representative with expertise in irrigated agriculture;
- a private fisheries restoration professional;
- two members who are licensed Montana anglers;
- a representative with expertise in silviculture;
- a Montana high school student;
- a representative with expertise in mining reclamation techniques;
- a representative with expertise in fisheries; and
- one ex officio member from the Montana Department of Transportation who has experience in highway impacts mitigation.

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