

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2017

**Agenda Item No. 7.c.**

**Agenda Item:** Commission Challenge Process  
Guidance

**Bureau Chief Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background:** The Commission has expressed desire to use license funds to partner with their regional sportsman for various projects of mutual interest to further hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities and benefit sportsmen. To support this endeavor, the Commission approved a FY18 budget enhancement of \$100,000, termed the Commission Challenge Grant, which was approved by the 2017 Legislature.

At the August Commission meeting, staff provided information about a previous Fish and Game Watershed Initiative challenge grant framework, which was administered through a competitive application process as an administrative example of elements to consider. The Commission had a brief discussion about various ways to administer Commission Challenge Grant funds and gave guidance to staff to provide a draft proposal.

A draft proposal for Commission consideration is attached for discussion.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:** An administrative framework for the Commission Challenge Grant is necessary to communicate funding process and criteria to partners and to meet state and federal policy and procedures for use of license funds.

**Public Involvement Process:** The public has opportunity to address the Commission as a framework is implemented.

**Staff Recommendation:** Give staff direction regarding the draft implementation framework to either proceed with implementation or refine according to Commission policy guidance.

**Justification:** An administrative framework is necessary to implement the Commission Challenge Grant.