

Interested Stakeholders,

The transition process continues to move forward and on September 15-16, the Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) will consider draft alternatives for a recommended legislative declaration and mission statement for the unified agency. In addition, the Commission will consider draft alternatives for statutory language defining the composition of the permanent Parks and Wildlife Commission. These draft alternatives were developed using existing language as a starting point and then incorporating input received from stakeholders, the general public, employees and individual members of the PWC.

Attached is a copy of the Request for Input on the draft alternatives. Feedback on the draft alternatives will be taken throughout the month of September, including a specific period for public comment at the September PWC meeting. This Request for Input is also available on the transition web page along with a revised Communications Plan which outlines the timeline for remaining steps in the transition process. To track the progress of the transition and to learn about opportunities to provide your input, visit the Division of Parks and Wildlife Transition website at:

<http://dnr.state.co.us/DPW/Pages/Default.aspx>

This site will be maintained throughout the transition process and will be the most comprehensive source of information about the merger.

Meanwhile, groups of employees continue working to develop recommendations for a merger implementation plan focused on ways to accomplish three primary objectives: 1) eliminating unnecessary duplication, 2) identifying the means to achieve the greatest possible efficiencies in the delivery of products and services, and 3) identifying strategies to enhance the effectiveness of our programs and operations while fulfilling a joint mission. We expect to have the initial package available for review in mid October.

Your input and participation will be critical to the success of the merger. Please take a few moments to review and respond to the Request for Input.