

SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Updated July 9, 2008

REQUEST	LEAD COMMISSIONER	DATE OF REQUEST	REQUEST DUE	PROGRAM(S) (* Lead)	STATUS
Department to provide a briefing on Puget Sound recreational crab fishery to include information on enforcement issues, problems with lack of compliance, tribal harvest, and a status report on data compiled from the first half of the season.	Miranda Wecker	9/21/2007	Nov. 2-3, or Dec. 7-8, 2007 Apr-May 2008	*Enforcement, IRM/Fish IRM	COMPLETED ; Briefing at Feb. 1-2, 2008, meeting in Olympia; and at June 6-7, 2008, meeting in Ocean Shores.
Department to provide a report on the public elk hunt at Mount St. Helens . Report to include participation and effectiveness of volunteers. Additional direction: Briefing should include a panel of landowners and timber company representatives.	Chuck Perry	11/2-3/07	March 7-8 or April 11-12, 2008	*Wildlife Program	COMPLETED ; Panel briefing at June 6-7, 2008, meeting in Ocean Shores.
Department to provide a briefing on the Federal Farm Bill and its importance to WDFW; benefits for land management and other projects throughout Washington. Also, Identify additional opportunities. Additional direction to Dept.: Briefing to include information on funds available from 2008 Federal Farm Bill to for hunter access on private lands and action steps/time frames to secure these funds. Explore all possible avenues for securing funds achieve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) additional support for securing additional access to private lands by the hunting public; b) increased value of habitat provided by private lands for wildlife; and <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(cont'd)</i></p>	Chuck Perry Jerry Gutzwiler	12/7-8/2007 1/11-12/2008	Spring 2008 <i>(or 2 meetings after passage of the Farm Bill)</i>	*Wildlife Program	On schedule ; Briefing scheduled for the August 8-9, 2008, Commission meeting in Lynnwood.

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c) improved communications and hunting administration between private landowners and the hunting public.					<i>(Cont'd from page 1)</i>
Department to provide a briefing on the state Agricultural Preservation Commission [Office of Farmland Preservation].	Shirley Solomon	12/7-8/2007	Summer 2008	*Wildlife Program	On schedule ; briefing scheduled for August 8-9, 2008, Commission meeting in Lynnwood.
Department to provide a briefing on expansion of hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and conservation activities. Briefing to include possibilities for collaborating on road use and/or closure policies, recreation access, or other items of mutual interest that further the Department's agenda. Contact state & regional BLM offices, USFWS, and NPS to obtain information per the President's directive to Federal agencies to advance " Hunter Heritage ."	Jerry Gutzwiler	1/11-12/2008	June 6-7, 2008	*Wildlife Program	Postponed ; Briefing scheduled for August 8-9, 2008, Commission meeting in Lynnwood. <i>Director Koenings will provide an update during the Director's Report portion of the agenda.</i>
Department to provide a presentation on annual statewide salmon forecast data , including implication for fisheries, conservation of stocks, and options for shaping fisheries. Provide information to Commission on an annual basis.	Connie Mahnken	3/7-8/2008	June 6-7, 2008	Fish Program	Postponed ; briefing to occur at January or February 2009 meeting; and annually thereafter.
Review costs of Commission meetings held outside of Olympia, including staff travel, meeting rooms. Include historical data on public attendance at meetings in various locations around the state.	George Orr	3/7-8/2008	July 18-19, 2008	*Operations/ Business Svcs	Postponed ; Briefing scheduled for August 8-9, 2008, meeting in Lynnwood.

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Department to provide a briefing assessing the conservation benefits associated with the recent change in lower Columbia spring chinook allocation (Policy C-3617).	Shirley Solomon	3/7-8/2008	April 11-12, 2008	*IRM, Fish Program	COMPLETED ; briefing at June 6-7, 2008, Commission meeting in Ocean Shores.
Department to present a briefing on the development of salmonid runs spawning above the falls on the south fork of the Skykomish River , e.g., stock origin, makeup of returning fish – marked v. “wild”, is the run self-sustaining?, etc. If unknown, what would we need to do to determine that (cost, etc.).	Will Roehl	3/7-8/2008	June 2008, or as time allows	*Fish Program	Postponed ; briefing at August 8-9, 2008, Commission meeting in Lynnwood.
Department to evaluate possibility of barbless hook rules for sport fisheries to reduce hook & release impacts on listed species (Columbia River salmonids) and present a briefing to the Commission on findings.	Chuck Perry	3/7-8/2008	Late 2008	* IRM, Fish Program	On schedule ; briefing to occur at Sept. 5-6 or Oct. 3-4, 2008, meeting.
1. Department to prepare a report on the Pilot Grazing Project , to include information on partnerships with local and county governments, cattle industry’s responsibility, environmental protection, WSU scientific studies, and research, cost, legislative mandate, and public benefit of increased lands for public use. 2. Develop a “press release” with talking points for staff and Commissioners to help the public understand benefits of grazing project.	George Orr	4/7-8/2008	Dec. 2008 or Jan. 2009	*Wildlife Program	On schedule ; briefing at Dec. 11-12, 2008, or Jan. 2009 Commission meeting.

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<p>Department to provide a briefing regarding the species delisting process under state law, including extent of Commission's discretion in adoption of the recovery plan.</p> <p>Briefing to include a plain English fact sheet explaining status of gray wolf in the state under federal law (include discussion of federal policy for Washington state outside the DPU) and under state law (include process for delisting and any standards/criteria generally used in delisting).</p> <p>Briefing to provide: (1) understanding of legal authority and discretion of Commission in the wolf delisting process; and (2) communication tool to assist public and Commission in understanding legal constraints and delisting process.</p>	Miranda Wecker	5/2-3/08	Nov. 7-8, 2008	*Wildlife Program	On schedule;
<p>1. Department to prepare 1-2 page memo on the status of Willapa SAFE [Select Area Fisheries Evaluation] analyses to date by June 30., 2008 <i>[completed]</i>.</p> <p>2. Full briefing to include history review of SAFE areas, including location, output, returns, costs, sources of funding and who harvests, value of harvest, and potential for expansion in Columbia River and in Willapa Bay.</p>	Miranda Wecker	6/6-7/08	August 8-9, 2008	*Fish Program	<p>1. Completed; Memo to Commissioners on June 30, 2008.</p> <p>2. On schedule; Briefing scheduled for August 8-9, 2008, meeting in Lynnwood.</p>

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<p>Staff to provide a memo and briefing on survey development, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How the CSU and 2008 Wildlife surveys were developed to support sound and credible decisions and to meet the intent of Goal IV, Objective 1B, of the Director's Performance Agreement; b) How the CSU study was developed to not be redundant with the 2008 survey and additive where possible; and c) A work plan and timeline for the CSU survey project. 	Shirley Solomon	6/6-7/08	August 8-9, 2008	*Wildlife Program	On schedule; Briefing scheduled for August 8-9, 2008, meeting in Lynnwood.