
“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates: September 5-6, 2008

Agenda item 16: 2009 Commission Meeting Calendar – Discussion and Public Hearing

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Presenter(s): Commission Discussion

Background:

Each fall, the Commission determines its public meeting calendar for the coming year. RCW 42.30.075 (below) requires that the list be posted in the Washington State Register before January. Last year, the Commission set a meeting calendar to include 12 regular meetings; 8 locations of which were away from Olympia and 4 were in Olympia. The Commission will take public testimony regarding its selection of dates and locations for the 2009 calendar.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Does the Commission wish to alter the number of meetings held per year in order to reduce travel expenses related to Commission meetings held outside of Olympia?

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The public is invited to provide comments during the public hearing portion of this agenda item. The Commission office received one email from the Steelhead Summit Alliance requesting that a 2009 Commission meeting take place in Forks. Other comments received during the past year include requests for live web casting of Commission meetings and posting of the audio from past meetings on the Department's Internet site.

Action requested:

None at this time. The Commission is scheduled to consider adopting a final meeting calendar for 2009 during the October 3-4, 2008, Commission meeting.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

Excerpts from the Revised Code of Washington*

RCW 77.04.060 Commission -- Meetings -- Officers -- Compensation, travel expenses.

The commission shall hold at least one regular meeting during the first two months of each calendar quarter, and special meetings when called by the chair and by five members [...]

RCW 42.30.075 Schedule of regular meetings — Publication in state register — Notice of change

— **"Regular" meetings defined.** State agencies which hold regular meetings shall file with the code reviser a schedule of the time and place of such meetings on or before January of each year for publication in the Washington state register. Notice of any change from such meeting schedule shall be published in the state register for distribution at least twenty days prior to the rescheduled meeting date.

For the purposes of this section "regular" meetings shall mean recurring meetings held in accordance with a periodic schedule declared by statute or rule.

*Retrieved from the Internet 08/21-2008 at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx>
