

3. 2009 COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR – DECISION

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“GREEN SHEET”

10/02/2008

Meeting dates:	October 3-4, 2008, Commission Meeting
Agenda item #3:	2009 Commission Meeting Calendar – Decision
Staff Contact:	Susan Yeager, Commission Executive Assistant
Presenter(s):	Jerry Gutzwiler, Commission Chair

Background:

Each fall, the Commission determines its public meeting calendar for the coming year. State law requires that the Commission meeting calendar be posted in the Washington State Register before January. The Commission is also required by statute (RCW 77.04.060) to “...hold at least one regular meeting during the first two months of each calendar quarter...”

At the September 5-6, 2008, Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed potential dates and locations for its 2009 regular meeting calendar and held a public hearing on the proposals.

The Commission discussed a potential option of holding meetings in Olympia with a videoconference link to each of the Department’s region offices to provide the public with opportunities to testify during public portions of the agenda remotely.

Also during the September 5-6 meeting, the Commission voted to move its October 3-4 and November 7-8, 2008, regular meetings to Olympia. This action was the result of the Governor’s August 2008 directive to reduce travel and expenditures. Department staff is currently reviewing the feasibility of videoconferencing the November 5-6, 2008, meeting from Olympia to the Department’s region offices.

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

Does the Commission wish to reduce the number of regular meetings held per year? Does the Commission wish to hold more meetings in Olympia to reduce overall travel expenses related to Commission meetings?

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Commission received a few requests from individuals and organizations over the past year to hold meetings in their local area:

- Steelhead Summit Alliance – FORKS
- Stevens County Commissioners – COLVILLE

One email comment was received suggesting the Commission utilize web casting to televise meetings over the Internet.

At the September 5-6, 2008, Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, one person testified during the public hearing portion on the 2009 proposed meeting calendar.

Following the September meeting and in response to the announcement that the October and November 2008 meeting locations had changed to Olympia, the Commission office received two emails from people opposed to holding most or all of its meetings in Olympia.

Action requested:

Adoption of a 2009 Commission meeting calendar for submittal to the Code Reviser for posting on the Washington State Register.

Draft motion language:

“I move to adopt the 2009 Fish and Wildlife Commission Regular Meeting Calendar as discussed.”

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Justification for Commission action:

RCW 77.04.060 Commission – Meetings – Officer – Compensation, travel expenses; and

RCW 42.30.075 Schedule of regular meetings – Publication in state register – Notice of change – “Regular” meetings defined.

Communications Plan:

Following adoption of a 2009 Commission meeting calendar, the list will be transmitted electronically to the Office of the Code Reviser for publication in the Washington State Register. The list will also be posted on the Department’s website on the Commission meeting calendar webpage at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/com/meetings.htm> .

Starting with the November 7-8, 2008, Commission meeting, the 2009 Commission Meeting Calendar will be included with the agenda distribution and sent to those individuals who have requested to receive Commission meeting notices and agendas; as well as to Department staff, the media and legislative contacts.

PREFERRED DATES/LOCATIONS & TENTATIVE* AGENDA ITEMS

for
FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
2009 MEETING CALENDAR

AGENDA ITEM # 3

Updated Sept. 30, 2008, sdy

DATES	LOCATION	TENTATIVE* AGENDA ITEMS
<p>◆ January 9-10 or January 16-17</p> <p>NOTES: <i>January 12th - Legislative Session begins</i></p> <p><i>Jan. 19th - MLK Day</i></p>	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDFW-DNR Land Exchange (decision), WP • Public Conduct on Department Lands Rules Update, Status Report – WAC 232-13 (briefing) WP • Pilot Grazing Update/report, WP <i>(if not in Dec. 2008)</i> • 2009 Mainstem Columbia River Spring (Policy C-3617) and Summer (Policy C-3618) Chinook Mgmt & Allocation for Non-Indian Fisheries (briefing & public hearing) IRM • North of Falcon Policy Review (briefing) IRM • WDFW Director Goals & Objectives, Performance Agreement Status, DO
<p>◆ February 6-7 or Feb. 13-14</p> <p>NOTES: <i>February 14th - Valentine's Day</i></p>	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission's Annual Meeting with the Governor? <i>(TBD by Gov's calendar)</i> • 2009 Mainstem Columbia River Spring (Policy C-3617) and Summer (Policy C-3618) Chinook Mgmt & Allocation for Non-Indian Fisheries (decision) IRM • Sturgeon Accord (briefing) IRM • 2009-2010 Sportfish rule proposals (rule action) FP • Recruitment of Enforcement Officers (briefing) EP • Efforts to eradicate marijuana on public lands (briefing) EP • Wildlife Areas and HPA/HCPs - HP
<p>◆ March 6-7 or March 13-14</p>	<i>Eastern Washington? (public hearing on hunting rules)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009-2011 General Hunting Seasons and Permit Levels (rule briefing & <u>public hearing</u>) WP • Purse Seine/Gillnet Chum fishery and North of Falcon Fishery Update (briefing) IRM • Public Records Act Update (briefing) EP

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DATES	LOCATION	TENTATIVE* AGENDA ITEMS
<p>◆ April 3-4</p> <p><u>Notes:</u> <i>April 12th is Easter Sunday</i></p> <p>Wildlife Program: <i>Must have earlier date for pamphlet printing.</i></p> <p>Turkey season opener:</p> <p>Fishing season opener: April 25, 2009 - Lowland Lakes</p> <p>April 4 is when N of Falcon ends, PSC beings</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2009-2011 General Hunting Seasons and Permit Levels (rule <u>action</u>) WP • Accreditation of Enforcement Officers, EP • WAC 232-12 housekeeping rule changes (briefing), EP • AIS Enforcement (briefing), EP
<p>◆ May 8-9????</p>	<p>Video conference from Olympia?</p>	<p>(Is a May meeting necessary?)</p>
<p>◆ June 5-6, or June 12-13</p> <p>Fishing season opener: June 1, or 1st week in June – stream fishing</p>	<p>Olympia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan (decision) DO • 2010 Supplemental Budget Request (decision) DO • Special Trapping Permits (briefing) EP • 2008-2009 PSCR's (briefing), EP • Deer & Elk Damage Claims and Methods to Reduce Damage (briefing) EP • Hunter Education (briefing) EP • Falconry Regulations (rule briefing & public hearing) WP • Integrated Project Review and Mitigation Tool (IPRMT) pilot project in Clark County (briefing), HP • Hydraulic Project Approvals (briefing), HP

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DATES	LOCATION	TENTATIVE* AGENDA ITEMS
<p>◆ July 10 WAFWA is July 12-18(?)</p>	<p><i>One-day video conf?</i></p> <p>Is a July meeting necessary?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cougar Permit Seasons - (rule briefing & public hearing) WP • Game Reserves and Waterfowl Closure (rule briefing and public hearing) WP
<p>◆ August 6-7-8* or August 14-15</p> <p>* Wildlife Program: <i>Need the earlier date due to the opening of waterfowl seasons; goose season begins early Sept.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game reserves and waterfowl closure (rule action) WP • Falconry Rule Changes (rule action) WP • Migratory Waterfowl Seasons (rule briefing & public hearing, and decision) WP • Cougar Permit Seasons (rule action) WP • 2009 Department Request Legislation (briefing) (decision on next conference call; must occur prior to August ____ to accommodate OFM deadline) DO • 2010 Supplemental Budget Request (decision) DO • PS Crab Catch Record Card Regulations (rule briefing & public hearing) IRM
<p>◆ September 11 or Sept 11-12</p>	<p>Placeholder only</p>	<p>Is a Sept. meeting necessary?</p>
<p>◆ October 2-3 or Oct 9-10</p> <p>Hunting season opener: Oct. 12 <i>Modern deer season; duck hunting</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010-2011 Sportfishing Rules (briefing) FP • 2009 Commission Meeting Calendar (decision) FWC • National Wind Power Guidelines Recommendations – Briefing, HP
<p>◆ Nov. 5-6-7 or Nov. 13-14</p> <p>Hunting season opener: Nov. 14 <i>Late buck season</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2010-11 Sportfish Rule Proposals (public hearing) FP • 2010 Spring Bear Seasons (rule briefing & public hearing), WP

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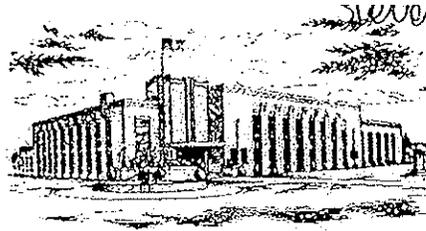
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◆ Dec. 3-4-5, or Dec. 11-12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 (briefing) <i>Decision in Jan. 2010</i>• 2010 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 (briefing) <i>Decision in Jan. 2010</i>• 2010 Spring Bear Seasons (rule action), WP

***Please note:** This list is not all-inclusive and is subject to change; items may be added and/or deleted as deemed necessary by the Commission Chair and Deputy Director.

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September 16, 2008

Department of Fish and Wildlife
ATTN: Director Jeff P. Koenings, Ph. D.
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Dear Dr. Koenings:

It's hard to believe that more than three months have passed since your department and the Fish and Wildlife Commission held their May monthly meeting Colville. We are still receiving positive feedback from the public and we would be honored to host another meeting.

Please accept this letter as our official invitation to the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Fish & Wildlife Commission to hold a regular monthly meeting in Colville in 2009.

We appreciate your consideration,

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Stevens County Fish & Wildlife Advisory Committee

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From: Steve & Lori
To: Yeager, Susan [DFW]
Date: 09/18/2008 5:55:23 AM
Subject: Meetings in Olympia

I am extremely disappointed to learn that as a cost saving measure future meetings of the Commission will be held in Olympia. I see that decision as just another way for the Commission to isolate itself from the sportsmen and women who live on the east side of the state. While we are smaller in numbers than the west side constituency, we represent a large part of the state's resources that are important to everyone. I urge you to reconsider your decision to conduct fewer face to face meetings on the east side. Teleconferences, video feeds, and such are a poor substitute for face to face meetings. Older or handicapped individuals will nearly be cut off from face to face contact with the Commission by this change. While I applaud the Commission's desire to save money, I suspect you can find other ways to save this money without isolating yourself from half the state.

Steve Kruger

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>>> Tom 09/16/2008 5:34:09 AM >>>

So your goal is to isolate yourselves from a big part of the hunting community east of the Cascades. Your goal is to only gain input from a very small number of hunters or others that represent the west side of the state.

Even if this is called a cost savings measure you are distancing yourselves from the hunting community and limiting your input to a very small number of interest groups and are not getting a balanced view from a wide variety of groups. Your decisions will then be skewed towards those small interest groups right around Olympia.

How do you intend to get a fair and balanced input from more than just those few that live in the Olympia area?

Tom Oxford

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Susan Yeager - Re: Meetings only in Olympia

From: Fish & Wildlife Commission (Susan Yeager)
To: "troutflywa@charter.net".API.GWDFW
Date: 09/16/2008 11:27:10 AM
Subject: Re: Meetings only in Olympia

(Response)

Dear Mr. Oxford,

Thank you for contacting the Fish and Wildlife Commission about public input opportunities regarding proposed hunting regulations. Your comments are being forwarded to each Commission member.

Let me assure you that Commission does value public input from citizens all across the state about proposed rule changes. During its September meeting, the Commission discussed the importance of holding its March 2009 meeting — which includes the public hearing opportunity for the 3-year hunting regulations — in Eastern Washington.

The Commission will be voting to set a 2009 meeting calendar during the October 3-4, 2008, Commission meeting in Olympia. As you may have heard, the Commission has also been discussing providing the public with opportunities to testify via video conference from the Department's regional offices when they meet in Olympia. The first test of this may occur as early as November 7-8, 2008.

In addition, both the Department's Wildlife Program < wildthing@dfw.wa.gov > and Commission Office < commission@dfw.wa.gov > accept written testimony on proposed hunting rules, including e-mail comments on any and all proposed rule changes. I have added your information to our e-mail distribution list for receiving meeting notices and agendas. If you do not want to receive these notices, simply reply with a request to have your e-mail address removed from the list.

Commission meeting agendas and additional information can be viewed on our website at:
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Information about the Commission is found at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/com/comintro.htm> . I have added your information to our e-mail distribution list for receiving meeting notices and agendas. If you do not want to receive these notices, simply reply with a request to have your e-mail address removed from the list.

I hope this helps answer your concerns. Thank you again for sending your comments to the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions about Commission's public meeting process.

Sincerely,

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Calendar for year 2009 (United States)

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Holidays and Observances:

Jan 1 New Year's Day
 Jan 19 Martin Luther King Day
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb 16 Presidents' Day
 Apr 12 Easter Sunday

May 25 Memorial Day
 Jul 3 'Independence Day' observed
 Jul 4 Independence Day
 Sep 7 Labor Day
 Oct 12 Columbus Day (Most regions)

Oct 31 Halloween
 Nov 11 Veterans Day
 Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
 Dec 25 Christmas Day

Fish and Wildlife Commission MEETING CALENDARS

2008

DATE	CITY	FACILITY
January 11-12, 2008	Vancouver	Red Lion Hotel
February 1-2	Olympia	NRB 172
March 7-8	Olympia	NRB 172
April 11-12	Pasco	Red Lion Hotel
May 2-3	Colville	Sheriff's Conf. Room
June 6-7	Ocean Shores	Shilo Inn
July 18 (<i>rule hearings</i>)	Spokane & Olympia	WDFW
August 7,* 8-9	Lynnwood	Embassy Suites
September 5-6	Olympia	NRB 172
October 3-4	Olympia	NRB 172
November 7-8	Olympia	NRB 172
December 11*	Portland, OR	Embassy Suites
December 12-13	Olympia	NRB 175A & B

2007

January 12-13, 2007	Olympia	NRB 172
February 2-3, 2007	Olympia	NRB 175A & B
March 9-10, 2007	Olympia	NRB 175A & B
April 6-7, 2007	Ellensburg	Ellensburg Inn
May 23, 2007*	Olympia	NRB 172
July 25-26, 2007*	Olympia	Governor Hotel
June 1-2, 2007	Spokane	Mirabeau
August 3-4, 2007	Anacortes	SeaFarers' Park
August 20-21*	Olympia	Phoenix Inn
October 12-13, 2007	Olympia	NRB 172
November 2-3, 2007	Chelan	Campbell's
December 7-8, 2007	Port Angeles	Red Lion Inn

2006

January 13-14, 2006	Olympia	NRB 172
February 10-11, 2006	Olympia	NRB 172
March 10, 2006	Pasco	Red Lion Inn
March 23-24, 2006*	Issaquah	Hatchery
April 7-8, 2006	Tumwater	Comfort Inn
June 9-10, 2006	Wenatchee	Red Lion Inn
June 11, 2006*	Wenatchee	Red Lion Inn
August 4-5, 2006	Mount Vernon	BW Cotton Tree Inn
October 6-7, 2006	Olympia	NRB 172
November 3-4, 2006	Vancouver	Red Lion Inn @ Quay
December 8-9, 2006	Tumwater	Comfort Inn

**Special meetings*