

## SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

January 22, 2009 -sdy

REQUEST	LEAD COMMISSIONER	DATE OF REQUEST	REQUEST DUE	PROGRAM(S) (* Lead)	STATUS
Department to provide a presentation on annual statewide <b>salmon forecast data</b> , 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, IRM	<b>Postponed;</b> briefing to occur at March 2009 meeting, and annually thereafter.
<p>1. Department to prepare a report on the <b>Pilot Grazing Project</b>, 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.</p> <p>2. Develop a "press release" with talking points for staff and Commissioners to help the public understand benefits of grazing project.</p>	George Orr	4/7-8/2008	Dec. 2008 or Jan. 2009	*Wildlife Program	<p><b>Partially completed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Postponed;</b> briefing scheduled for January 9-10, 2009, meeting was postponed to February 5-6-7, due to weather conditions.</li> <li>2. News release and talking points distributed to Commissioners.</li> </ol>
Department to brief the Commission on its <b>operations and capital budget priorities for the Lands Division</b> , how the LD is integrated into the Dept. to meet wildlife goals, and review whether it should be a separate program within the Department. Include discussion on how funding could be improved within the existing budget over the next few years and responsibilities of the Habitat Program and Lands Division.	Chuck Perry	9/5-6/08	TBD	*Wildlife Program	<b>Ongoing;</b> Phil Anderson to provide information to the Commission during Director's Report.

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<p>Department to brief the Commission on follow-up information to the <b>Wishkah timber salvage sale operation</b> as described during public testimony at the Oct. 3-4, 2008, Commission meeting. Briefing to include current condition of the property and timber, as well as an <b>overview of WDFW forestry program</b>. At least 60-minutes for briefing &amp; discussion.</p>	Shirley Solomon	10/3-4/2008	Jan. or Feb. 2009	*Wildlife Program	<b>Postponed;</b> briefing was scheduled for Jan. 9-10, 2009, Commission meeting, but was postponed to the February 5-6-7, 2009, meeting.
<p>Department staff to work in concert with the Commission on WDFW's strategic response to <b>budget adjustments</b>, review budget needs vs. potential budget cuts and develop an agree-upon contingency plan for budget shortfalls.</p>	Jerry Gutzwiler	10/3-4/2008	Oct. 2008 work session; and Nov. 7-8 update	*Director's Office	<p><b>Partially Completed; Ongoing.</b> FWC Work sessions conducted Oct. 14, Nov. 6, and Dec. 10**, 2008, Jan. 6, 2009. Next session: Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><i>**Tom Davis provided talking points for Commissioners re: budget adjustments at Dec. 10 meeting.</i></p>
<p>Department to provide a report to the Commission, Okanogan County Commissioners and the public on development of a comprehensive overview of the Department's plan for land acquisitions in Okanogan County. Include specific purpose/goal of these lands, necessary actions to protect targeted species, timeframe for the acquisitions, and plans for land management.</p> <p>1) Present the plan to FWC at December 12-13, 2008, Commission meeting; and</p> <p>2) Then make a decision on how to best communicate this to the Okanogan County Commissioners.</p>	Jerry Gutzwiler	10/3-4/2008	<p>Part 1) Dec. 12-13, 2008; and</p> <p>Part 2) TBD</p>	*Wildlife Program	<p><b>Completed:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Briefing occurred at FWC Dec. 12-13, 2008, Commission meeting.</li> <li>2) <b>Phil Anderson</b> designated Dennis Beich as lead for communicating with Okanogan County Commissioners on this issue during the Dec. 12-13, 2008, FWC meeting.</li> </ol>

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Department to provide the context and overview of the state's <b>Oil Spill Response Program</b> , identifying the extent of the Program and all participating organizations and agencies. Department is to include a discussion of volunteer training and engagement.	Shirley Solomon	11/7-8, 2008	Feb. or March 2009	*Habitat Program	<b>On schedule;</b> briefing <i>tentatively</i> planned for March 6-7, 2009.
Department to provide a progress report on the implementation of the <b>new mining rules</b> , including cooperation with miners, meeting Commission requests and protecting fish life.	Chuck Perry	11/7-8/2008	Nov. 2009	*Habitat Program	<b>On schedule;</b>
Department to provide a briefing on <b>Grays Harbor salmon hatchery</b> production, escapement goals, actual escapement, and harvest over the past 10 years. Include information on treaty harvest and process for developing season allocations.	Miranda Wecker	11/7-8/2008	Feb. or March 2009	*Fish Program	<b>On schedule;</b> briefing scheduled for the February 5-6-7, 2009, meeting.
Department to invite those engaged with <b>environmental education</b> of children & adults -- in various organizations and through various institutions and programs -- to brief the Commission as a way of broadening the base of understanding of what other constituencies are doing ( <i>per Director Anderson's approach and in coordination with Commissioner Solomon</i> ).	Shirley Solomon	12/12-13/2008	TBD[ <i>medium urgency</i> ]		<b>Phil</b> will provide the proposed scope and timing for fulfillment of this Commission request during Jan 9-10 FWC meeting.