

## SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

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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>COMPLETED</b> ; briefing occurred at March 6-7, 2009 meeting.
Department to prepare a report on the <b>Pilot Grazing Project</b> , to include 1) 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	<b>COMPLETED</b> ; briefing occurred and talking points provided at Feb. 6-7, 2009, Commission meeting.
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>COMPLETED</b> ; and ongoing through the Lands Committee.
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> .	Shirley Solomon	10/3-4/2008	Jan. or Feb. 2009	*Wildlife Program	<b>COMPLETED</b> ; briefing occurred at the Feb. 6-7, 2009, Commission meeting.  <i>Commissioner Perry may be submitting a new request about habitat and economic benefits of forestry.</i>

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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.	Jerry Gutzwiler	10/3-4/2008	Oct. 2008 work session; and Nov. 7-8 update.	*Director's Office	<b>COMPLETED</b> ; and ongoing. Updated information will be provided regularly to the Commission.  Next budget work session is scheduled for Apr. 2, 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>COMPLETED</b> ; briefing occurred at the February 6-7, 2009, Commission meeting.
Department to provide status report on implementation of Chapter <b>WAC 232-13, Public conduct on Department Lands</b> , regulations.	Chuck Perry	12/7-8/2007	Spring or Summer 2009	*Wildlife Program	<b>On schedule</b> ; Enforcement Program briefing April 3-4, 2009; and Wildlife Program briefing at summer 2009 meeting.
Department to facilitate a briefing by <b>Washington Association of Conservation Districts (WACD)</b> on outcomes and recommendations of a year-long effort that resulted in recommendations concerning WDFW land acquisitions, land management and wildlife conflicts. Briefing to include recommendations and considerations for adopting /implementing what WACD has proposed.	Jerry Gutzwiler	02/6-7/2009	April 3-4, 2009	*Wildlife Program	<b>On schedule</b> ; briefing scheduled for April 3-4, 2009, meeting.

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<p>Department to develop a plan to build alliances with constituent groups and enhance public support with the Legislature, Governor's Office, other public agencies and stakeholders. These relationships are intended to <b>improve support for the Department</b> in attaining favorable budget/policy support and cooperation through outreach and proactive solicitation.</p>	Jerry Gutzwiler	02/6-7/2009	<p>Dec. 4-5, 2009, meeting.</p> <p><i>Briefing on final plan due before the end of the year, with periodic status reports provided during Commission meetings.</i></p>	DO?	?
<p>Department staff to brief the Commission on the <b>economic importance of (shellfish) aquaculture</b> in Washington state, including the Department's authority and responsibilities.</p>	Miranda Wecker	03/6-7/2009	April 3-4, 2009, meeting	*Fish Program	<b>On schedule;</b> briefing scheduled for April 3-4, 2009, meeting.
<p>Department staff to work with Commissioner Mahnken to draft a <b>Commission Policy on Hatchery Reform</b>. Staff briefing to include information on implementation of HSRG recommendations and long-term hatchery strategies linked with selective fisheries.</p>	Connie Mahnken	03/6-7/2009	May 8-9, 2009, meeting	*Fish Program, with IRM, DO	
<p>Department staff to brief the Commission on <b>Puget Sound Rockfish</b> status and recovery plans, including population status, stock structure, trends, EAS status, life history characteristics, monitoring, cause(s) for decline, impact of listing on fisheries for other species, research needs.</p>	Connie Mahnken	03/6-7/2009	June 5-6, 2009, meeting	*Fish Program	

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<p>Department staff to brief the Commission on the current status and future plans for the <b>pheasant release program</b>, recognizing budget constraints that could impact this historic and popular small game hunting program.</p>	Ken Chew	03/6-7/2009	June or July 2009	*Wildlife Program	
<p>Department staff to review current <b>citizen advisory groups</b> for effectiveness / relevance, including citizen members' satisfaction with the process, number of meetings, fiscal impacts, etc.</p>	Miranda Wecker	03/6-7/2009	as practical	*Commission Office, with PA	<b>Ongoing;</b>