



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Jan. 21, 2011

Meeting

February 4-5, 2011

Natural Resources Building
First Floor, Room 175
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, Washington 98501

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Preliminary* AGENDA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Times are approximate and subject to change

8:30 AM 1. CALL TO ORDER

90 mins.

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes
- b. Commissioners' Discussion
- c. Director's Report (Phil Anderson)
- d. Legislative Update (Ann Larson)
- e. Budget & Operations Update (Joe Stohr)

10:00 a.m.

BREAK

15 mins.

10:15 a.m.

2. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

30 mins.

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PLEASE NOTE: All listed times are estimates only.

The Commission reserves the right to move agenda items as needed.

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- 10:45 a.m. **3. PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS – DECISION:** 15 mins.
The Commission will consider approval of one proposed land transaction:
Acquisition of a 960-acre conservation easement in Kittitas County.
Staff Report: Dan Budd, Real Estate Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 11:00 a.m. **4. COLUMBIA RIVER SUMMER CHINOOK FISHERY POLICY, PROPOSED UPDATES – DECISION:** 30 mins.
The Commission will consider adoption of updates to **Policy C-3618**. The Commission received a briefing and held a public hearing on proposed policy updates at its January 7-8, 2011, meeting in Olympia.
Staff Report: Cindy Le Fleur, Columbia River Policy Coordinator, Director's Office
Bill Tweit, Columbia River/Distant Waters Policy Lead, Dir. Office

11:30 AM LUNCH BREAK 90 mins.

- 1:00 PM 5. BUYING OR SELLING GAME – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 30 mins.
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to [WAC 232-12-071](#) **Buying or selling game unlawful–Game-farmed meat exception**, which would specifically prohibit trafficking edible parts of wild game animals. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent rule amendments at its March 4-5, 2011, meeting in Olympia.
Staff Report: Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Program

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- 1:30 p.m. **6. NORTH OF FALCON FISHERY, PROPOSED POLICY UPDATES – DECISION:** 30 mins.
the Commission will consider adoption of updates to Commission **Policy C-3608, North of Falcon**. The Commission received a briefing and held a public hearing on proposed policy updates at its January 7-8, 2011, meeting in Olympia.
Staff Report: Pat Pattillo, Special Assistant to the Director; and
John Long, Statewide Salmon Manager, Fish Program

- 2:00 p.m. **7. ELWHA RIVER FISHING CLOSURE – RULE ACTION:** 45 mins.
The Commission will consider adoption of proposed amendments to **WAC 232-28-619 Washington food fish and game fish – Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules**, which would establish a recreational fishing closure in conjunction with the removal of dams on the Elwha River beginning in 2011. The Commission received a briefing and held a public hearing on proposed policy updates at its January 7-8, 2011, meeting in Olympia.
Staff Report: Ron Warren, Regional Fisheries Manager, Fish Program

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2:45 p.m.

BREAK

15 mins.

3:00 p.m.

8. PUGET SOUND CRAB FISHERY MANAGEMENT REGULATION CHANGE – RULE ACTION:

60 mins.

The Commission will consider adoption of proposed amendments to the Puget Sound Dungeness crab fishery regulations. The Commission held a public hearing on proposed amendments to **WAC 220-56-330, Crab—areas and seasons**, at its December 2-4, 2010, Commission meeting in Olympia, and was briefed on this subject at its January 7-8, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager, Fish Program

4:00 p.m.

9. CLAM AND OYSTER BEACH SEASON – BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

35 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 220-56-350**, Clams other than razor clams, mussels --Areas and seasons, and **WAC 220-56-380**, Oysters – Areas and seasons. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its March 4-5, 2011, meeting in Spokane.

Staff Report: Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager, Fish Program

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10. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

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4:55 PM

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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8:30 AM 11. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

15 mins.

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8:45 a.m. **12. ALTERNATIVES TO BOTTOMFISH MANAGEMENT IN MARINE AREA 4 – RULE ADOPTION:**

45 mins.

The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments to bottomfish regulations that would enhance the quality of consumptive and non-consumptive recreational opportunities in Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh Line. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposals at its December 2-3-4, 2010, meeting in Olympia.

WAC 220-16-890 through WAC 220-16-950 (new sections);
WAC 220-20-100 General provisions—Marine protected areas; and
WAC 220-56-235 Possession limits—Bottomfish.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager; and
Heather Reed, Coastal Marine Resources Policy Coordinator

9:30 a.m. **13. SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS, MINOR CYCLE AMENDMENTS – RULE ACTION:**

25 mins.

The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments to sportfishing regulations that are necessary for conservation of the resource. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposals at its December 2-3-4, 2010, meeting in Olympia.

WAC 220-55-160, Free fishing weekend;
WAC 220-55-220, Two pole endorsement;
WAC 220-55-230, Columbia River endorsement;
WAC 220-56-240, Daily limits forage fish and other food fish not otherwise provided for;
WAC 220-56-270, Smelt - Areas and seasons; and
WAC 232-28-619, Washington food fish and game fish—Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Fish Program

9:55 a.m. **BREAK**

15 mins.

10:10 a.m. **14. PUGET SOUND COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS – RULE ACTION:**

45 mins.

The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments to commercial fishing regulations for Puget Sound commercial bottom fish, forage fish and shrimp fisheries that would reduce impacts to populations of rockfish in Puget Sound. The Commission held a public hearing on these proposals at its December 2-4, 2010, meeting in Olympia.

WAC 220-48-005 Puget Sound bottomfish—General provisions;
WAC 220-48-011 Beam trawl and otter trawl—Gear;
WAC 220-48-013 Beam trawl and otter trawl logbooks;
WAC 220-48-015 Beam trawl and otter trawl—Seasons;
WAC 220-48-016 Pelagic trawl—Gear—Licensing;
WAC 220-48-017 Pelagic trawl—Seasons;
WAC 220-48-028 Set net—Dogfish—Gear;
WAC 220-48-029 Set net—Dogfish—Seasons;
WAC 220-48-031 Set line—Gear;
WAC 220-48-032 Set line—Seasons;
WAC 220-48-062 Drag seines—Seasons;
WAC 220-48-071 Bottomfish pots—Gear and seasons;
WAC 220-52-051 Shrimp fishery—Puget Sound; and
WAC 220-52-069 Scallop fishery—Puget Sound.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Fish Program

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11:10 a.m. **16. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS/NEW REQUESTS:** 30 mins.
The Commission and Director will review the current list of Commission requests to the Department and may consider new requests.

11:40 a.m. **17. MISCELLANEOUS AND MEETING DEBRIEF:** 20 mins.
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK 20 mins.

12:20 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION: 60 mins.
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission will meet in executive session to review the performance of a public employee or employees. No action will be taken during the executive session. The public is not permitted to attend the executive session.

1:20 PM ADJOURN

NEXT Meeting: March 4-5, 2011, in Spokane.

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WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
January 7-8	Olympia
February 4-5	Olympia
March 4-5	Spokane
April 8-9	Olympia
June 3-4	Olympia
August 5-6	Olympia
October 7-8	Olympia
November 4-5	Olympia
December 2-3	Olympia

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Current Term: 01/01/07 - 12/31/2012

Gary Douvia, Vice Chair, Kettle Falls
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Occupation: Financial consultant
Current Term: 01/15/07 - 12/31/2012

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Occupation: Environmental public health
Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island
(At-Large position, Kitsap County)
Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist
Current Term: 11/4/05 - 12/31/2010

Chuck Perry, Moses Lake
(Eastern Washington position, Grant County)
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Current Term: 01/01/07 - 12/31/2012

Rolland Schmitten, Lake Wenatchee
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Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

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Occupation: Dean, Huxley College of the Environ.,
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Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

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