



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

ITEM D.

General Discussion

FWC conf call

Feb. 18, 2011

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Meeting

March 4-5, 2011

Spokane Convention Center
Second Floor, Room 206 A/B
334 West Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201

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Preliminary* AGENDA

THURSDAY, March 3

Wildlife Committee

Times are approximate and subject to change

FRIDAY, March 4

8:30 AM 1. CALL TO ORDER

90 mins.

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes *5 mins.*
- b. Commissioners' Discussion *20 mins.*
- c. Director's Report & Legislative Update (Phil Anderson) *40 mins.*
- d. Budget & Operations Update (Joe Stohr) *25 mins.*

10:00 a.m. **2. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:**

30 mins.

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10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

15 mins.

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. LAND TRANSACTIONS – DECISION:** 15 mins.

The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, provide public recreation opportunities and address responsible property management.

- Proposed acquisition of 77.9 acres in Grays Harbor County
- Proposed acquisition of 473.11 acres in Douglas County; and
- Proposed conservation easement on 320 acres in Okanogan County

Staff Report: Dan Budd, Real Estate Manager, Wildlife Program

5 mins.

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11:00 a.m. **4. PUGET SOUND RECREATIONAL CLAM AND OYSTER SEASONS –** 10 mins.

RULE ACTION:

The Commission will consider adoption of permanent 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 held a public hearing on the proposals at its February 4-5, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Jim Scott, Assistant Director, Fish Program

5 mins.

11:10 a.m. **5. 2011 SALMON FORECASTS, CONSERVATION NEEDS AND FISHING** 30 mins.

OPPORTUNITIES – BRIEFING:

As requested by the Commission, Department staff will present a summary of the 2011 salmon abundance forecasts and discuss implications for addressing conservation of stocks and fisheries planning through the North of Falcon process, including outcomes of discussions with stakeholders at the first 2011 North of Falcon public meeting; March 1, 2011, in Olympia.

Staff Report: Jim Scott, Assistant Director, Fish Program

20 mins.

11:40 AM LUNCH BREAK *TENTATIVE: catered per diem lunch (buffet)?* 90 mins.

Executive Committee

(cont'd discussion. Susan perf. criteria)

1:10 PM 6. HUNT TAG DRAWINGS, STATUS REVIEW – BRIEFING: 30 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will provide a briefing on results from rules implemented last year that created new categories for permit hunts.

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program

15 mins.

- 1:40 p.m. **7. PUBLIC CONDUCT ON PRIVATE LANDS UNDER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT-UNLAWFUL ACTS – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 20 mins.
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 232-13-160 Public conduct on private lands under cooperative agreement with the Department-Unlawful Acts**, creating a new section to allow enforcement of private lands access rules that are mutually agreed to by the landowner and the Department. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its April 8-9, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Mick Cope, Upland Game Section Manager, Wildlife Program
5 mins.

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- 2:00 p.m. **8. LANDOWNER HUNTING PERMITS – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 20 mins.
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 232-28-295 Landowner hunting permits**, which would help increase hunter access and address damage issues. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its April 8-9, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Mick Cope, Upland Game Section Manager, Wildlife Program
5 mins.

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- 2:20 p.m. **9. BALD EAGLE PROTECTION – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 40 mins.
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 232-12-292 Bald eagle protection rules**, which would remove the requirement for a Bald Eagle Management Plan unless the bald eagle is federally or Washington state listed as endangered or threatened, and shifting responsibility for bald eagle management to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Staff Report: Greg Schirato, Region 6 Wildlife Program Manager
20 mins.

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3:00 p.m. **BREAK** 15 mins.

- 3:15 p.m. **10. ELECTED OFFICIALS – INVITED PANEL DISCUSSION:** 60 mins.
The Commission has invited various local elected officials to discuss issues of importance to their constituents relating to the management of this state's fish and wildlife resources.

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4:15 p.m. **11. COMMISSION WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT:** 20 mins.
The Commissioners will discuss recent activities of the Commission's wildlife committee. In preparation for Friday's hunting rule items.

4:35 p.m. **12. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** 20 mins.
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4:55 PM RECESS

FWC committees are not staffed away from Olympia, unless at no extra travel cost.

SATURDAY, March 5

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8:30 AM 13. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT: 15 mins.
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8:45 a.m. **14. SPRING BLACK BEAR SEASONS AND REGULATIONS – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 20 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 232-28-286 2010, 2011, and 2012 Spring Black Bear Seasons and Regulations.** The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its April 8-9, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer, and Special
5 mins. Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 9:05 a.m. **15. MOOSE, BIGHORN SHEEP, AND MOUNTAIN GOAT SEASONS AND PERMIT QUOTAS – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 25 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 232-28-273 2009-2011 Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Seasons and Permit Quotas**. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its April 8-9, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer, and Special Species
10 mins. Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 9:30 a.m. **16. BOUNDARY REGULATIONS, GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 30 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to boundary descriptions that would simplify the descriptions, reduce verbiage, update road name changes or usage, and close known gaps in boundaries. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its April 8-9, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

**WAC 232-28-331 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region one;
WAC 232-28-332 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region two;
WAC 232-28-333 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region three;
WAC 232-28-334 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region four;
WAC 232-28-335 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region five;
WAC 232-28-336 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region six; and
WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk areas.**

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program
10 mins.

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- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK** 15 mins..

- 10:15 a.m. **17. DEER GENERAL SEASONS AND DEER AND ELK SPECIAL PERMIT REGULATIONS – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:** 110 mins

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to deer general season and deer and elk special permit regulations that would address crop and property damage problems, changes in population levels due to environmental conditions or disease outbreaks and to balance harvest levels with established population objectives. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments at its April 8-9, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

**WAC 232-28-351, 2009-2011 Deer General seasons and definitions;
WAC 232-28-355, 2011 Deer special permits; and
WAC 232-28-354, 2011 Elk Special Permits.**

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program
20 mins.

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12:05 p.m. **18. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:**

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12:20 p.m. **19. 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.

12:40 PM ADJOURN

**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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Occupation: Environmental public health
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