



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**Meeting**

**June 3-4, 2011**

Natural Resources Building  
First Floor, Room 172  
1111 Washington Street SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

**2<sup>nd</sup> REVISED<sup>\*\*</sup> AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

*\*\* Revised 6/1/2011*

**8:30 AM 1. CALL TO ORDER**

*90 mins.*

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

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

*30 mins.*

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

*15 mins.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** All listed times are estimates only. The Commission may move agenda items as needed.

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10:45 a.m. **3. ENDANGERED SPECIES OVERVIEW – BRIEFING:** 50 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on the state endangered species process to list and delist species. The presentation will cover the process, from identifying candidate species for listing through the process steps identified in WAC 232-12-097 to list and delist species in Washington.

Staff Report: Harriet Allen, Endangered Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**11:35 AM LUNCH BREAK** 55 mins.

**~~COMMISSION'S ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR~~**

**\*\* DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE, THIS MEETING MUST BE RESCHEDULED.**

**12:30 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION** 90 mins.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission will convene in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is, or is likely to become, a party. The public is not permitted to attend the executive session.

**2:00 PM 4. CONSERVATION AND REBUILDING OF DEPRESSED SALMON AND STEELHEAD STOCKS – BRIEFING:** 50 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on the status of salmon, progress in salmon recovery and the Department's role.

Staff Report: Erik Neatherlin, Research and Monitoring Coordinator, Fish Program

2:50 p.m. **5. OVERVIEW OF STATE HATCHERY SYSTEM, PART 3 – BRIEFING:** 45 mins.

Department staff will continue briefing the Commission on the history of fish hatcheries in Washington State, including Federal ESA Listings and status of implementing hatchery reform. Part 2 was presented during the January 7-8, 2011, Commission meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Heather Bartlett, Hatcheries Division Manager, Fish Program; and James Dixon, Hatcheries Division, Fish Program

3:35 p.m. **BREAK** 15 mins.

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3:50 p.m.

**6. PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS – DECISION:**

30 mins.

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

- Proposed conservation easement on 480 acres in Okanogan County,
- Proposed acquisition of 39.10 acres in Grays Harbor County,
- Proposed acquisition of 1.32 acres in King County,
- Proposed easement exchange for lake access in Skagit County,
- Proposed lease/purchase in Okanogan County, and
- Proposed underground utility permit on access site in Clallam County.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT (This Item Only)**

4:20 p.m.

**7. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:**

20 mins.

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**4:40 PM RECESS**

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

**8:30 AM 8. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:**

15 mins.

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**9. COASTAL FORAGE FISH OVERVIEW – BRIEFING:**

40 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on the management approach for coastal forage fish under the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries Management Plan. The Commission received a briefing on Puget Sound forage fish at the April 8-9, 2011, Commission meeting in Olympia.

Staff Report: Michele Culver, Region 6 Director; and  
Lorna Wargo, Coastal Marine Fisheries Biologist, Fish Program

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9:25 a.m. **10. GAME FARM RESERVES AND WATERFOWL CLOSURES – RULE BRIEFING &** 15 mins.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to game farm reserves and waterfowl closure rules to update the list of game reserves and clarify boundary descriptions. The Commission will consider final adoption at its August 5-6, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

AMENDMENTS

**WAC 232-16-700 Swinomish Spit Game Reserve**

REPEALERS

**WAC 232-16-130 Ellensburg Game Farm Reserve, and**

**WAC 232-16-360 South Tacoma Game Farm Reserve**

Staff Report: Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**PUBLIC INPUT – THIS ITEM ONLY**

9:40 a.m. **11. COUGAR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT – BRIEFING:** 60 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on cougar management issues associated with the Department's Game Management Plan, including the status of public outreach efforts.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer and Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program; and  
Rich Beausoleil, Bear-Cougar Specialist, Wildlife Program

10:40 a.m. **BREAK** 15 mins.

10:55 a.m. **12. PREDATOR POPULATION TRENDS AND PREDATOR-PREY MANAGEMENT – BRIEFING:** 120 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on predator-prey issues associated with the Department's Game Management Plan, including population trends and public outreach efforts. This briefing will include a timeline for completion of an agency white paper that will be summarized at a future Commission meeting.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program; and  
Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer and Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**12:55 PM LUNCH BREAK** 35 mins.

**1:30 PM 13. DRAFT WOLF MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION PLAN PROCESS UPDATE – BRIEFING:** 30 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on the status of edits to the draft Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. *NOTE: item added 5/24/2011*

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program

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2:00 p.m. **14. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:**

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2:30 p.m. **15. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:**

15 mins.

Commissioners and the Director will review the current list of Commission requests to the Department and may consider new requests.

2:45 p.m. **16. MISCELLANEOUS AND MEETING DEBRIEF:**

15 mins.

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

**3:00 PM ADJOURN**

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*Next meeting: June 16, 2010, via conference call.*

**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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**2011 Conference Call Meetings**

Jan. 21	July 1, 15
Feb. 18	Aug. 19
March 18	Sept. 2, 16
April 15	Oct. 21
May 6, 20	Nov. 18
June <u>16</u> **	Dec. 16

*\*\* date changed 5/6/11*

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