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Agenda Item 13

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Meeting: June 3-4, 2011
Agenda Item 13: Draft Wolf Management & Conservation Plan Process Update - **Briefing**
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Background:

Department staff will brief the Commission on the status of its progress on developing a draft Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (plan).

The plan is intended to guide state wolf management while wolves naturally disperse and re-establish a sustainable breeding population in the state. The plan contains recovery objectives that would allow the state to eventually remove wolves from protection lists, as well as management strategies to address wolf-livestock conflicts.

Policy Issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

NA

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The briefing will include an overview of the substantive changes made to the revised plan following the public review, peer review, and blind peer review. Staff will also review the proposed timeline for plan completion.

The 17-member citizen Wolf Working Group, which helped draft the plan, will meet June 8-9, 2011 to review the proposed revisions. WDFW will consider guidance from the working group and may release further draft plan revisions, along with an updated draft environmental impact statement (EIS), before the August Commission meeting. Staff will provide the Commission a thorough briefing of the draft plan and EIS in August and will hold public workshops in September and October. The commission is scheduled to consider adoption of the plan during its December 2011 meeting.

Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):

NA

Draft motion language:

NA

Justification for Commission action:

NA

Communications plan:

NA
