



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

NOTE: On **Thursday, August 4, 2011**, the Commission will hold a special meeting to receive Department briefings and discuss the final Environmental Impact Statement /Recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. Following the briefing and Commission discussion, there will be an opportunity for public input.

Meeting

August 5-6, 2011

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

AGENDA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 AM 1. CALL TO ORDER

90 mins.

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

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

15 mins.

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

15 mins.

** Agenda is subject to change.*

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- 10:30 a.m. **3. PROPOSED 2012 DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST – BRIEFING AND DECISION:** *45 mins.*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed supplemental operating budget for 2012. Following the public input opportunity, the Commission will consider approval of the request package for submittal to the Governor's Office.

Staff Report: David Giglio, Assistant Director, Technology & Financial Management

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- 11:15 a.m. **4. PROPOSED 2012 DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – BRIEFING AND DECISION:** *45 mins.*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed supplemental capital budget for 2012. Following the public input opportunity, the Commission will consider approval of the request package for submittal to the Governor's Office.

Staff Report: Bill Phillips, Assistant Director, Capital & Asset Management

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12:00 PM LUNCH BREAK *90 mins.*

- 1:30 PM 5. PROPOSED 2012 DEPARTMENT REQUEST LEGISLATION – BRIEFING AND DECISION:** *30 mins.*
Following a briefing by Department staff and opportunity for public input, the Commission will consider approval of the Department's proposed 2012 request legislation package for submittal to the Governor's Office.

Staff Report: Ann Larson, Legislative Liaison, Director's Office

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- 2:00 p.m. **6. DISCOVER PASS IMPLEMENTATION – BRIEFING:** *45 mins.*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the Discover Pass, created through the passage of legislation this year. The briefing will include coordination between state agencies, public outreach, communications and marketing, tribal issues, accounting and accountability.

Staff Report: Jennifer Quan, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

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2:45 p.m. **7. PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS – DECISION:** 15 mins
The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions, including a proposed easement along 720 feet of highway north of Wenatchee in Chelan County to ensure responsible property management and public safety.

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

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

3:15 pm **8. PUGET SOUND KEY GROUND FISH SPECIES TREND ANALYSIS – BRIEFING:** 50 mins.

As a follow-up to a Commission request and memo from the Director, staff will brief the Commission on the status of specific groundfish species in Puget Sound.

Staff Report: Theresa Tsou, Senior Research Scientist, Fish Program; and Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Fish Program

4:05 p.m. **9. COUGAR SEASONS AND REGULATIONS – RULE BRIEFING, PUBLIC HEARING & RULE ACTION:** 60 mins

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC rules to manage harvest guidelines as outlined in the Game Management Plan, increase recreational opportunities and address public safety issues related to human-cougar interactions. Following public input, the Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments.

**WAC 232-28-272 Black bear and cougar hunting seasons and regulations
WAC 232-28-287 cougar permit hunting seasons and regulations; and
WAC 232-12-243 Public safety cougar removals**

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

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4:50 p.m. **10. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** 20 mins.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

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8:30 AM 11. **OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:**

15 mins.

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8:45 a.m. 12. **GAME RESERVES AND WATERFOWL CLOSURES – RULE ACTION:**

10 mins.

The Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments to **WAC 232-16-700 Swinomish Spit Game Reserve**, and repeal of **WAC 232-16-130 Ellensburg Game Farm Reserve** and **WAC 232-16-360 South Tacoma Game Farm Reserve** to update the list of game reserves and clarify boundary descriptions. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposals at its June 3-4, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

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

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9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

15 mins.

10:00 a.m. 13. **MIGRATORY WATERFOWL SEASONS – RULE BRIEFING, PUBLIC HEARING & RULE ACTION:**

60 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to **WAC 232-28-435, 2011-2012 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations**; and proposed repeal of **WAC 232-28-434, 2010-11 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations**, and **WAC 232-28-433, 2009-10 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations**. Following the public input opportunity, the Commission will consider adoption of permanent amendments.

Staff Report: Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program; and Bill Hebner, Region 4 Captain, Enforcement Program

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11:00 a.m. 14. **POTENTIAL 2012 COMMISSION MEETING DATES – DISCUSSION:**

20 mins.

The Commission will discuss potential dates for setting its 2012 meeting calendar. The Commission will consider final approval of a 2012 meeting calendar during its August 19 or September 2, 2011, conference call meetings.

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11:20 a.m. **15. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:** 20 mins.
Commissioners will review the current list of Commission requests to the Department and may consider new requests.

11:40 a.m. **16. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** 15 mins.
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11:55 a.m. **17. 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.

12:10 PM ADJOURN

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**WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
2011 UPCOMING MEETINGS**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
August 29 ^o	Ellensburg
October 6 ^o , 7-8	Olympia
November 3 ^o , 4-5	Olympia
December 2-3	Olympia

^o *Proposed special meetings*

The Commission also meets by telephone conference call on the first and third Friday mornings of each month, except on the dates scheduled for in-person meetings.

CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS

- August 19, 2011
- September 2 & 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16

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