



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

On **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2011**, the Commission will hold a special meeting to continue receiving briefings on and discuss various aspects of the Department's final Environmental Impact Statement/Recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan. The Commission will accept in-person public testimony near the end of the day. The agenda and latest information is available for viewing on the Internet at the following webpage:

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Meeting

October 7-8, 2011

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

Preliminary* AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Times are approximate and subject to change

8:30 AM 1. CALL TO ORDER:

1 hr 45 mins.

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

10:15 am

BREAK

15 mins.

10:30 AM 2. COMMISSION'S ANNUAL MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR:

60 mins

*Location**:* Governor's Office, Legislative Building, Olympia

In accordance with RCW 77.04.055, the Commission will meet with Governor Gregoire to review and prescribe basic goals and objectives, and review the performance of the Department in implementing fish and wildlife policies.

** Following lunch break, the Commission meeting will resume in NRB Room 172.

PLEASE NOTE: *times are estimates only; the Commission reserves the right to move agenda items as needed.*

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11:45 AM LUNCH BREAK

60-90 mins.

1:15 PM 3. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

20 mins.

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NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that are not on the agenda for decision action.

1:35 pm **4. UNGULATE POPULATION OBJECTIVES – BRIEFING**

1 hour & 45 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on criteria for setting population objectives for deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and big horn sheep.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program
Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer and Special Species Manager; Wildlife Program

3:20 pm **BREAK**

15 mins.

3:35 pm **5. LICENSE ISSUANCE RULES – RULE BRIEFING, PUBLIC HEARING & RULE ACTION:**

20 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to license issuance regulations to make them consistent with statutory changes approved by the 2011 Legislature, in addition to clarifying exchanges and refunds and updating WAC language to reflect recent changes to special permit applications.

AMEND:

WAC 220-55-040, Recreational license, tag, permit and stamp refunds and exchanges;

WAC 220-55-115, Recreational license dealer fees;

WAC 220-55-180, Point-of-sale transaction fee; and

WAC 232-12-168, Fishing contests

REPEALERS:

WAC 220-55-120, Recreational licenses, stamps and tags – inventory return;

WAC 220-55-132, Migratory bird validations and stamps; and

WAC 220-55-175, Special license application for permanent annual combination

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

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3:55 pm **6. HABITAT PROGRAM OVERVIEW – BRIEFING:** 60 mins.

Department staff will brief the Commission on the current structure, expertise, collaboration and proactive approach to protecting, conserving and restoring fish and wildlife and the ecosystems they depend on.

Staff Report: Lisa Veneroso, Assistant Director, Habitat Program

4:55 pm **7. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** 15 mins.

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5:10 PM RECESS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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8:30 AM **8. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** 15 mins.

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8:45 am **9. NORTH WASHINGTON COAST WINTER STEELHEAD – BRIEFING:** 60 mins.

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on the stock status of steelhead on the north coast within the context of the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan, the status of the Snider Creek Hatchery Program and the Department's management of Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis virus (IHNV) in hatchery steelhead stocks.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Regional Fish Program Manager, Fish Program
Kirt Hughes, Regional Fish Manager, Fish Program
Mike Gross, District Fish Biologist, Fish Program

9:45 a.m. **10. 2012 COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR - DECISION:** 30 mins.

The Commission will consider final approval of dates and locations for its 2012 meeting calendar. The Commission held a public hearing on this topic during its August 5-6, 2011, meeting in Olympia.

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10:15 am **BREAK** 15 mins.

10:30 am **11. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 30 mins.
The Commissioners will discuss recent activities of the various Commission committees.

11:00 am **12. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:** 15 mins.
The Commission and Director will discuss and make updates to the current list of Commission requests to the Department and may consider new requests.

11:15 am **13. 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.

11:35 AM ADJOURN # # #

Next Meeting: October 21, 2011, Olympia via conference call

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