



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Special Meeting Agenda

***November 3-5, 2011**

**Ramada Spokane Airport
8909 West Airport Drive
Spokane, WA 99224

**Note: At this time, the Commission expects to conclude business by end of Friday and not meet on Saturday, November 5th*

***Note: This meeting was originally scheduled in Olympia and has been moved to Spokane*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Times are approximate and subject to change

- 9:00 AM WORK SESSION - WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:** *3 hrs*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the final Environmental Impact Statement /Recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (Plan) process to date, including activities of the Wolf Working Group, comments received from the public and through scientific peer reviews and the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) process. The Commission may consider approval of a final Wolf Conservation and Management Plan later this year.
- Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program
Rocky Beach, Wildlife Diversity Division Manager, Wildlife Program
Harriet Allen, Endangered Species Section Mgr, Wildlife Program
- 12 NOON LUNCH BREAK** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM COLVILLE TRIBE WOLF MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION** *15 min*
Members of the Colville Tribe will make a presentation to the Commission.
- 1:15 PM WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN:** *2.75 hrs*
The Commission will continue its discussions with Department staff on the FEIS/Plan, followed by an opportunity for public input.
- PUBLIC INPUT (This Item Only)**
- 4:00 PM ADJOURN**
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

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7:30 AM 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *90 min*

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission will meet 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.

No action will be taken in executive session, and the public is not permitted to attend the executive session.

9:00 AM 2. CALL TO ORDER: *60 min*

- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Commissioners' Discussion
- c. Director's Report / Operations Review (Joe Stohr)

10:00 AM 3. PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS – Decision *30 min*

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 acquisition of 7,711.2 acres in Kittitas County

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

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10:30 AM BREAK *15 min*

10:45 AM 4. IMPORTATION AND RETENTION OF DEAD NONRESIDENT WILDLIFE – Rule Briefing, Public Hearing, and Rule Action: *15 min*

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed amendments to WAC 232-12-021 Retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

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

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11:00 AM 5. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT: *30 min*

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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.

11:30 AM 6. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS: *30 min*

The Commissioners will discuss recent activities of the various Commission committees.

- 12:00 PM** **LUNCH BREAK** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM** **7. DETECTING UNGULATE POPULATION DECLINES - Briefing:** *60 min*
At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on how the Department detects declining ungulate population for deer and elk.

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program
- 2:00 PM** **8. HABITAT PROGRAM OVERVIEW – Briefing** *60 min*
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
- 3:30 PM** **9. MISCELLANEOUS AND MEETING DEBRIEF:** *30 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.
- 4:00 PM** **10. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:** *30 min*
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- 4:30 PM** **ADJOURN** ###

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Next Meeting: November 18, 2011, Olympia via conference call

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