



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda JUNE 13-14, 2014

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014

- 8:30 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*
- a. Commissioners' Discussion
 - b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*
- The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.
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- 9:15 AM** **3. Director's Report** *75 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:30 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:45 AM** **4. Proposed Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and 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.
- Staff Report: Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 11:15 AM** **5. Regional Fish Enhancement Groups - Briefing** *45 min*
- Staff from the Regional Fishery Enhancement Groups (RFEGs) will present information on the RFEG program, showcasing a variety of projects and programs from around the state. The briefing will cover the program in general, community involvement, funding, leveraging, and take a closer look at project and program accomplishments in several different groups.
- Staff Report: Dave Price, Restoration Division Manager, Habitat Program
Guest: Colleen Thompson, Managing Director, Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group Coalition
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*

- 1:00 PM** **6. Cowiche Land Presentation – Briefing** *20 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the planned acquisition of 2900 acres in the Cowiche watershed in Yakima County and explain the unique partnership we have created to protect this shrub-steppe parcel.

Staff Report: Mike Livingston, Region 3 Director
- 1:20 PM** **7. Update on the Biological Status of the Pinto Abalone – Briefing** *40 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission with a briefing on the status of Pinto Abalone in regards to hatchery recovery program, population assessment, reasons for population decline, and ramifications of petition to list as a threatened or endangered species,

Staff Report: Bob Sizemore, Research Scientist, Fish Program; Josh Bouma and Betsy Peabody, Puget Sound Restoration Fund; and Scott Rumsey, NOAA
- 2:00 PM** **8. Puget Sound Smelt Fishery Regulation Proposals – Decision** *35 min*
The Commission will consider the three options for recreational and commercial smelt fishing regulations in Puget Sound for Commission action.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Manager, Fish Management Division and Dayv Lowry, Research Scientist
- 2:35 PM** **Break** *15 min*
- 2:50 PM** **9. Puget Sound Rockfish Conservation Plan – Briefing** *50 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission with an evaluation of the implementation status for the Puget Sound Rockfish Conservation Plan.

Staff Report: Dayv Lowry, Research Scientist and Dr. Theresa Tsou, Research Scientist
- 3:40 PM** **10. Executive Session** *90 min*
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission will meet in executive session to review the performance of a public employee.
- 5:10 PM** **Recess**
- SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014**
- 8:30 AM** **11. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:00 AM** **12. Strategic Priorities – Discussion** *90 min*
The Director and Commissioners will discuss the Department’s strategic priorities for 2015. Committee chairs will canvass members for priorities.
- 10:30 AM** **Break** *15 min*

10:45 AM 13. 2015 Performance Agreement – Discussion

60 min

The Director and Commissioners will discuss the proposed 2015 Performance Agreement Expectations and how to incorporate strategic priorities into the new agreement.

11:45 AM 14. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

15 min

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

12:00 AM Adjourn

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