



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

DECEMBER 11, 2014

Doubletree Hotel – 417 Capitol Way N Olympia, WA 98501- Thursday Only

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

8:00 AM

1. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission will meet in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

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

4:30 PM

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**Preliminary Meeting Agenda
DECEMBER 12-13, 2014 – REGULAR MEETING**

Capital Events Center 6005 Tyee Drive SW Tumwater WA 98512

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014

8:30 AM

2. Call to Order

15 min

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Meeting Minute Approval

8:45 AM

3. Open Public Input

30 min

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9:15 AM

4. Director's Report

60 min

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

10:15 AM

Break

15 min

10:30 AM

5. Petition to Change Rules - Decision

30 min

The Commission will formally consider a petition for changes to rulemaking pursuant to RCW 34.05.330:

- Grazing (Kavanaugh)

Staff Report: Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

11:00 AM **6. Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Rules – Decision** *30 min*
Department staff will request approval on revisions to coastal commercial Dungeness crab rules needed to improve the intent and enforceability of rules for issuing replacement buoy tags and submitting coastal Dungeness crab logbooks. New provisions are needed to implement gear retrieval requirements to improve enforceability and minimize derelict crab gear. Changes to the pre-season gear set period are also proposed based on recommendations from the Tri-State Dungeness Crab Committee.

Staff Report: Heather Reed, Coastal Marine Policy Coordinator and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement

11:30 AM **7. ALEA Grant Program Overview and Proposal to Offer Grants once per Biennium – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission with an overview of the ALEA grants program, as well as propose a modification to the application submittal requirement from an annual to a biennial timeframe.

Staff Report: Josh Nicholas, ALEA Grants Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

12:00 PM **Lunch** *60 min*

1:00 PM **8. Game Management Plan – Decision** *60 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission and request adoption of the proposed 2015-2021 Game Management Plan.

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager

2:00 PM **9. 2015 - 16 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing** *45 min*
Department staff will provide a briefing of the Commission’s North of Falcon Policy C-3608 (currently in effect until December 31, 2014) and propose modifications for the Commission’s consideration of a January, 2015 through December, 2016 policy.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Deputy Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Salmon Management and John Long, Statewide Salmon Manager

2:45 PM **Break** *15 min*

3:00 PM **10. 2015 - 16 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Briefing and Public Hearing** *120 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2015-16 season and provide a summary of public comments received to date.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager; Chris Donley, Inland Fish Program Manager; Jeff Korth, Region 2 Fish Program Manager; John Easterbrooks, Region 3 Fish Program Manager; and John Weinheimer, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

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- 8:00 AM** **11. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 8:30 AM** **12. Hatchery Scientific Review Group Willapa Bay Planning Model – Briefing** *30 min*
A member of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group will brief the Commission on the principles of hatchery reform and a planning model developed to analyze options for the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy.

Briefing: Andy Appleby, Hatchery Scientific Review Group
- 9:00 AM** **13. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing** *120 min*
The Department will brief the Commission on Willapa Bay Salmon Management challenges, describe the public process, and seek guidance on draft policy sideboards.

Staff Report: Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 11:00 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 11:15 AM** **14. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review – Briefing** *45 min*
Department staff will provide an annual review regarding management and population status of Lower Columbia River sturgeon to the Commission as set forth per policy C-3001.

Staff Report: Brad James, Fish and Wildlife Biologist and Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator
- 12:00 PM** **15. Director Recruitment Discussion – Discussion** *60 min*
Commissioners will discuss the qualifications of finalists for the position of Director.
- 1:00 PM** **16. 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.
- 1:15 PM** **Adjourn**

MEMBERS

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Occupation: Director of the Marine Program, UW Olympic Natural Resources Center
Current Term: 07/08/13 - 12/31/2018

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(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)
Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Huxley College of the Environment
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Larry Carpenter, Mount Vernon
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)
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Term: 04/16/2013 - 12/31/2018

Robert Kehoe, Seattle
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Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island
(At-Large position, Kitsap County)
Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist
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Rolland Schmitt, Lake Wenatchee
(Eastern Washington position, Chelan County)
Occupation: Marine resources consultant
Current Term: 06/18/2009 - 12/31/2014

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