



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

JANUARY 8, 2015

WA State Parks Bldg – 1111 Israel Road SW Olympia WA 98504

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

- 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.

3:30 PM **Recess**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda
JANUARY 9-10, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING**

PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

**Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference Center
1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501 – Evergreen Room
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2015

- 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*
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.
NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.
- 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. State Wildlife Action Plan Revision Process – Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the beginning stages of the

State Wildlife Action Plan revision process. This briefing overviews the key elements of the Plan and highlights opportunities for stakeholder and public engagement.

Staff Report: Eric Gardner, Diversity Division Manager and Lynn Helbrecht, State Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator

- 11:00 AM** **6. 2015 - 16 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Decision** *45 min*
Department staff will request adoption of the Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2015-16 season.
- 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
- 11:45 AM** **Lunch** *75 min*
- 1:00 PM** **7. ALEA Grant Program Proposal to Offer Grants once per Biennium – Decision** *15 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission for a modification to the application submittal requirement for ALEA grants from an annual to a biennial timeframe.
- Staff Report: Josh Nicholas, ALEA Grants Manager
- 1:15 PM** **8. 2015 - 16 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing and Public Hearing** *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
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 2:00 PM** **9. Review of the Columbia River Fishery Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing and Public Hearing** *90 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission an annual briefing on Columbia River fishery management as set forth per policy C-3620.
- Staff Report: Guy Norman, Region 5 Director and Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator and Robin Ehlke, Columbia River Harvest Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 3:30 PM** **10. Columbia River Commercial Catch Area Amendments – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on inclusion of new commercial catch areas to aid in management of existing and emergent commercial fishing opportunities within the Columbia River.

Staff Report: Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator

Public Input – This Item Only

- 4:00 PM** **11. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon – Briefing and Public Hearing** *45 min*
Department staff will update the Commission on lower Columbia River sturgeon management considerations for 2015.

Staff Report: Cindy Le Fleur, Region 5 Fish Program Manager and Brad James, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Public Input – This Item Only

- 4:45 PM** **Recess**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015
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- 7:00 AM** **12. Executive Session** *60 min*
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- 8:00 AM** **13. Department Director Selection – Decision** *60 min*
The Commission will consider selection of a final candidate, who will be offered the position of Department Director.

- 9:00 AM** **14. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:30 AM** **Break** *15 min*

- 9:45 AM** **15. 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

- 11:45 AM** **16. Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair – Decision** *30 min*
Pursuant to RCW 77.04.060, the Commission will elect a chair and vice chair, each to serve a term of two years or until a successor is elected.
- 12:15 PM** **17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *45 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.
- 1:00 PM** **Adjourn**

MEMBERS

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Miranda Wecker, Chair, Naselle
(Western Washington position, Pacific County)
Occupation: Director of the Marine Program, UW Olympic Natural Resources Center
Current Term: 07/08/13 - 12/31/2018

Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Bellingham
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)
Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Huxley College of the Environment
Western Washington University
Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

Larry Carpenter, Mount Vernon
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)
Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.
Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

Jay Holzmillier, Anatonie
(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)
Occupation: Equipment Operator, Asotin County Public Works, Rancher
Term: 06/10/2013 – 12/31/2018

Jay Kehne, Omak
(At-large position, Okanogan County)
Occupation: Conservationist
Term: 04/16/2013 - 12/31/2018

Robert Kehoe, Seattle
(At-large position, King County)
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine Vessel Owners' Association
Current Term: 07/08/2013 – 12/31/2014

Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island
(At-Large position, Kitsap County)
Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist
Current Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

Rolland Schmittin, Lake Wenatchee
(Eastern Washington position, Chelan County)
Occupation: Marine resources consultant
Current Term: 06/18/2009 - 12/31/2014

Vacant
(Eastern Washington position)

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