



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda**  
**FEBRUARY 6 - 7, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING**  
Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 9851  
First Floor – Room 172

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

- 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.  
    **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**     **3. Director's Report** *60 min*  
    The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:15 AM**     **Break** *15 min*
- 10:30 AM**     **4. Geoduck Diver License Rulemaking – Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*  
    Department staff will brief the Commission on repealing WAC 220-52-01904, adopted at the end of 2014 due to changes to state law. WAC 220-52-01905 becoming effective January 1, 2015, makes WAC 220-52-01904 no longer necessary.  
  
    Staff Report: Frank Hawley, Licensing & Budget Policy Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 10:45 AM**     **5. Columbia River Commercial Catch Area Amendments – Decision** *15 min*  
    Department staff will request approval from 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
- 11:00 AM**     **6. 2015 - 16 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Decision** *30 min*  
    Department staff will present to the Commission for consideration of adoption the North of Falcon Policy C-3608 which would be effective through December 2016. The policy provides direction and guidance to the agency as it conducts the annual process for defining salmon fishing seasons throughout the state.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Deputy Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Salmon Management

**11:30 AM**      **Lunch** *90 min*

**1:00 PM**      **7. Steller Sea Lion and Tufted Puffin Status Review – Briefing and Public Hearing** *75 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the status review of the Steller Sea Lion and Tufted Puffin.

Staff Report: Penny Becker, Ph.D., Acting Diversity Division Manager and Gary Wiles, Biologist, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**2:15 PM**      **8 Priority Landscapes – Briefing** *45 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the Statewide Priority Landscapes Initiative aimed at identifying and mobilizing WDFW cross-programmatic resources to conserve iconic landscapes whose future status depends on collaboration across multiple jurisdictions and interests.

Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager and Lauri Vigue, Environmental Planner, Wildlife Program

**3:00 PM**      **Break** *15 min*

**3:15 PM**      **9. Lands 20/20 – Briefing** *30 min*

Department staff will provide a briefing on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2014 Lands 20/20 process; the Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.

Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**3:45 PM**      **10. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing** *45 min*

Department staff will provide a briefing to the Commission on the Enforcement Program.

Staff Report: Chief Crown, Enforcement Program

**4:30 PM**      **Recess**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2015**

**8:00 AM**      **11. Open Public Input** *30 min*

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**8:30 AM**    **12. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing**  
The Department will brief the Commission on Willapa Bay Salmon Management challenges, describe the public process, and seek guidance on draft policy sideboards.

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Staff Report: Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

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**10:30 AM**    **Break**

15 min

**10:45 AM**    **13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**  
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

30 min

**11:15 AM**    **Adjourn**

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Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Environmental Science  
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Current Term: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2020

**Robert Kehoe**, Seattle  
(At-large position, King County)  
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine  
Vessel Owners' Association  
Current Term: 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2020

**Larry Carpenter**, Vice-Chair, Mount Vernon  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.  
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**Conrad Mahnken**, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island  
(At-Large position, Kitsap County)  
Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist  
Current Term: 06/07/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Jay Holzmiller**, Anatonie  
(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)  
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**Miranda Wecker**, Naselle  
(Western Washington position, Pacific County)  
Occupation: Director of the Marine Program, UW Olympic  
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**Jay Kehne**, Omak  
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