



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Fish and Wildlife Commission

### Preliminary Meeting Agenda DECEMBER 8-9, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501  
First Floor – Room 172

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

- 8:30 AM**     **1. Call to Order** *30 min*
- a. Commissioners' Discussion
  - b. Meeting Minute Approval
  - c. Committee Reports
- 9:00 AM**     **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:30 AM**     **3. Director's Report** *60 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items including:
- Proviso Implementation
- Follow up items from previous meeting
- Matrix Consulting Group Report** *60 min*
- Consultants from Matrix Reporting Group will present the draft report for the organizational assessment required in the operating proviso.
- Biennium in Review – FY15-17 Capital Budget** *30 min*
- Department staff will provide an informational briefing regarding the 2015-17 Capital Budget.
- Staff Report: Tim Burns, Assistant Director Capital and Asset Management Program**
- Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*
- The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.
- Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- Break** *10 min*
- Periodic Status Reviews (Columbia Sharp-tailed grouse) – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Review compiled for the Columbia Sharp-tailed grouse in accordance with WAC 220-610-110. This Periodic Status Review outlines the current status of the species and includes information and comments provided by peer scientists and the public.

Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, Diversity Division, and Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologist, Diversity Division, Wildlife Program

**Planning for Shooting Ranges on WDFW Land – Briefing**

40 min

Department staff will provide an update on the agency's shooting range program including: 1) Progress of the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee; 2) Recommendation for target shooting rule change; 3) Status of acquiring land for the envisioned Central Washington Shooting Range; and 4) Assessing other WDFW lands for target shooting issues and improvements.

Staff Report: Mike Livingston, Region 3 Director, Melinda Posner, Wildlife Area Planning, Recreation, and Outreach Section Manager

**Lunch**

60 min

**WDFW Statewide Investigative Unit Overview – Briefing**

30 min

Department staff will provide a briefing on the roles, responsibilities and successes of the Enforcement Program's Statewide Investigative Unit.

Staff Report: Captain Paul Golden

**Youth Hunting and Fishing Licensing Requirements – Briefing**

30 min

Department staff will provide an overview of options for youth hunting and fishing.

Staff Report:

**Proposed Translocation of Mountain Goats - Briefing**

30 min

Department staff will provide a briefing on the Olympic Peninsula Mountain Goat management and proposed translocation to the North Cascades.

Staff Report: Dr. Rich Harris, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division

**WDFW and Northwest Straits Commission – Briefing**

30 min

Staff Report: Bob Sizemore and Rich Childers

**Break**

15 min

**Baiting and Salvage Rules – Briefing**

30 min

Staff Report: Chief Steve Bear

**2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification – Briefing and Public Hearing**

45 min

Department staff will provide the Commission an overview on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve sportfishing rules.

Staff report: Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fishery Manager

**Compensation for Livestock Damage – Briefing and Public Hearing**

75 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on recommended changes to two WACs associated with compensation, to increase clarity, streamline the process and for consistency with state law and the wolf plan.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead

**Washington Wolf Conservation and Management Plan – Briefing**

45 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on the Washington Wolf Compensation and Management Plan.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead

**Open Public Input**

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**9:00 AM**

**Pacific Salmon Treaty – Briefing**

45 min

A briefing will be provided on the composition, authorities and responsibilities of the Pacific Salmon Commission; the process for resolving competing issues; how the utilization and conservation interests are balanced; how the process responds to the interests of Washington State; and the key issues addressed this year.

Staff Report: Jim Scott, Special Assistant and Phil Anderson, U.S. Chair, Pacific Salmon Commission

**Willapa Bay Policy – Briefing and Public Input**

Department staff will provide a briefing on the

Staff Report: Annette Hoffmann,

**Performance Agreement - Decision**

*30 min*

Department staff and Commissioners will review and make final decisions on the 2017-19 Performance Agreement.

**Committee Structure and Process – Discussion/Decision**

*30 min*

The Commission will discuss the current committee rules of procedure and the pros and cons of the options to modify current practices.

**Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

*2 hours*

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

- January 5 conference call agenda planning
- January 19-20 meeting agenda planning

**Adjourn**

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