

Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)

April 23-24, 2024

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Zoom Webinar—Public Link:

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Mission of the WAG

To promote equitable, inclusive, and respectful dialogue and decision-making among diverse people to foster durable peace by transforming the root causes of social conflict and providing high quality recommendations on wolf recovery, conservation, and management.

Meeting Objectives

1. Provide an opportunity for WAG members to interact with the WDFW Director; receive responses to WAG advice, recommendations, and comments provided to the Director in 2023.
2. Gain WAG feedback on how to allocate funding from the legislature “for WDFW-contracted range riders when a clearly identified ‘gap’ exists that cannot be covered by one of the non-government groups providing range-riding, or under a cost-sharing Damage Prevention Cooperative Agreements for Livestock (DPCA-Ls)” in northeast Washington; identify solutions for prioritizing limited resources in the future.
3. Discuss potential options for advising WDFW on its proposal to downlist gray wolves from endangered to sensitive, and whether there is adequate support in the WAG to do so.
4. Identify and evaluate the benefits and implementation hurdles of conceptual compensation program models.
5. Provide opportunities for WAG members and WDFW staff to build collaborative capacity, promote conflict transformation, and strengthen their relationships with one another.

Tuesday, April 23

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
9:30 AM	Opening – <i>Facilitation Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to public observers• Meeting purpose and agenda• Introductions	Establish expectations for the meeting and introduce WAG and WDFW participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• WAG Guidelines• January WAG Meeting Summary
10:00 AM	WDFW Announcements – <i>WDFW Staff</i>	Information-sharing	Gray Wolf Updates (WAG: Please review published updates and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Report¹ Wolf policy lead update 		<i>bring any questions to the meeting.)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual 2023 Wolf report Fish & Wildlife Commission Presentation, 4/20/2024
10:30 AM	Break		
10:45 AM	Conversation with WDFW Director Kelly Susewind: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency actions following the WAG Carcass management advice, 11/2022 ; Agency response 1/2023 Agency response to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolf-Ungulate Advice, 6/2023 Draft Periodic Status Review (PSR) Sounding Board, 8/2023 Wolf Management Rulemaking Petition Letter, 10/2023 Informal conversation with the Director 	Information: Agency response to WAG recommendations, Director priorities, and interaction with WAG members	Carcass Management Advice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WAG Advice to WDFW on Carcass Management (PDF) Director Response to WAG Advice on Carcass Management (PDF) Wolf-Ungulate Advice Draft PSR Sounding Board Wolf Management Petition letter
11:45 AM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
12:45 PM	PSR/Rulemaking Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perspectives activity Deliberation of potential options to reach PSR/Rulemaking advice consensus 	Decision: Whether to move forward with advice development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WAG Rulemaking-PSR Meeting Summary (Feb 2024) WAG Rulemaking-PSR Meeting Summary (March 2024)
2:00 PM	Break		
2:15 PM <i>(brief break included prior to</i>	Range Riding Service Gap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background: WDFW, Paula Swedeen (for NEWCCC), and Scott Nielsen (for CPoW) 	Decision: Potential recommendations for addressing this service gap	Gray Wolf Update, December 2023 (Program updates and Coordination)

¹ Note—links to the report and WDFW presentation will be distributed to WAG members on Monday, April 22, 2024.

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<i>public comment)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential near-term approach to filling the service gap • Approach for future prioritization of limited resources. 		
4:00 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
4:30 PM	Closing Reflections— <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity	---
5:00 PM	Day 1 Adjourn		
5:10 PM – 5:45 PM: Informal 1:1 in-person session with WDFW and the public (no virtual access)			

Wednesday, April 24

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
8:45 AM	Opening and Agenda Review— <i>Facilitation Team</i>	Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • WAG Guidelines
9:00 AM	Compensation Program- Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Update • Recap issues to be addressed • Identify conceptual models and the issues they would address 	Information and deliberation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues list² • Conceptual models table (onscreen)
11:30 AM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
12:30 PM	Compensation – Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are hurdles to implementation of the conceptual models? • What is missing? • Next steps towards advice development 	Decision on next steps towards potential advice development.	---
1:30 PM	Break		
1:45 PM	PSR/Rulemaking Part 2 -- Advice development	Decision on proposed advice	

² The issues table will be distributed to WAG members and WDFW staff on Monday, April 22.

2:30 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person) ³	Information-sharing	---
3:00 PM	Next Steps and Closing Reflections— <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity.	---
3:30 PM	Day 2 Adjourn		

To keep current on Wolf Advisory Group’s progress, visit the WAG website at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag#>
 To contact the WAG Facilitation Team, email at: wagfacilitationteam@rossstrategic.com

Web Addresses for Reference Material Links

(in the event you are unable to open the document by clicking the link in the agenda)

- January 2024 WAG Meeting Summary:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/wag-meeting-summary-jan2024-final.pdf>
- Gray Wolf Updates:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/updates>
- WAG Advice to WDFW on Carcass Management (PDF):
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/wag-advice-carcassmanagement-2022-1103.pdf>
- Director Response to WAG Advice on Carcass Management (PDF):
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/response-wag-113022.pdf>
- Gray Wolf Update, December 2023 (Program updates and Coordination) -
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/updates/monthly-wolf-report-december-2023>

³ Subject to being moved earlier in the afternoon, based on progress of discussion topics. Any time change will be announced before the WAG breaks for lunch on Wednesday, April 24.