



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Meeting Agenda JUNE 7 - 8, 2013

Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501
First Floor, Room 172

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013

- 8:00 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*
- a. Commissioners' Discussion
 - b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:15 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.
- 8:45 AM** **3. Director's Report** *45 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items including:
- Legislation/Budget Update
- 9:30 AM** **4. Cabazon Sportfishing Regulations – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *30 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission and ask for approval of the proposed Cabazon Sportfishing Regulations.
- Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Fish Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 10:00AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:15 AM** **5. Giant Pacific Octopus – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
- Department staff will provide a briefing to the Commission on the draft recommendations and public comments received to date.
- Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Fish Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 11:15 AM** **6. Instream Flows - Briefing** *45 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on instream flows and the work being done by the Water Science Team.

Staff Report: Hal Beecher, Water Team Section Manager, Habitat Program

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

1:00 PM **7. Proposed Land Transaction – Decision** *30 min*

The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities, and responsible property management.

- Proposed Conservation Easement on 487 acres in Okanogan County
- Proposed Acquisition of 4 acres in Mason County
- Proposed Renewal of Pipeline Right of Way in Grant County
- Proposed Easement for a Hatchery in King County
- Proposed Easement for a Fish Bypass Pipe in Yakima County
- Proposed Correction to a Transaction in Okanogan County

Staff Report: Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Public Input – This Item Only

1:30 PM **8. Status of Southern Resident Killer Whales and Effects of Salmon Fisheries – Briefing** *45 min*

Department staff along with representatives from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will provide the Commission with an overview of the key issues of concern regarding the status of Southern Resident Killer Whales and implications of the recently concluded science review of the effects of fisheries on prey availability.

Staff Report: Pat Pattillo, Special Assistant to the Director, Larry Rutter, Sr. Policy Assistant, Salmon Management Division, Northwest Region of NOAA Fisheries Service and Lynne Barre, Branch Chief, Protected Resources Division, Northwest Region of NOAA Fisheries Service

2:15 PM **9. Colockum Elk Herd Status and Management – Briefing** *50 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the Colockum Elk Herd.

Staff Report: Ted Clausing, Region 3 Program Manager

3:05 PM **10. Wildlife Rehabilitation Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing** *45 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission and hold a public hearing on proposed rule amendments and new WAC sections to split apart the wildlife rehabilitation rule and provide additional detail and direction for wildlife rehabilitators.

Staff Report: Tricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation Coordinator, Andrew Carlson, Oiled Wildlife Rescue Coordinator, and Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst

Public Input – This Item Only

3:50 PM **Break** *15 min*

- 4:05 PM** **11. Commercial Sea Cucumbers/Sea Urchins Buy-Back Program - Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the commercial license buy-back program for the sea cucumber and sea urchin fishery and the recommendation to increase the maximum bid prices for permits.

Staff Report: Rich Childers, Shellfish Policy Manager, Fish Program

Public Input – This Item Only

- 4:35 PM** **12. New WILD System Overview and Project Timeline – Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will update the Commission on the new WILD System.

Staff Report: Bill Joplin, Division Manager, Licensing Program

- 5:05 PM** **Recess**

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- 8:30 AM** **13. Hoof Disease in Southwest Washington Elk Populations - Briefing** *40 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the hoof rot problem in Southwest Washington.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Assistant Director and Kristin Mansfield, Veterinarian, Wildlife Program

- 9:10 AM** **14. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:40 AM** **Break** *15 min*

- 9:55 AM** **15. Executive Session** *60 min*
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission will meet in executive session 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.

- 10:55 AM** **16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *20 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.
- Commission Budget
 - Vice-chair

- 11:15 AM** **Adjourn**

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