

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: June 14, 2019

Agenda item: 2020 Agency Request Legislative Session Proposals—Briefing

Presenter(s): Nate Pamplin, Policy Director
Raquel Crosier, Legislative Director

Background summary:

Staff will present an overview of a supplemental session and the draft proposals for 2020.

An even-year legislative session is a short session; lasting 60 days. The session emphasizes emergent and technical fixes and large, new initiatives are frowned upon. Bills filed during an odd-year can be resurrected in an even-year.

In 2020, the Department will primarily focus on resolving the budget deficit and pursue a handful of emergent policy issues.

Bills that the Department will particularly monitor from 2019 include the agency-request legislation for a recreational license fee increase (HB 1708/SB 5692), the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement (SB 5871), payments in lieu of taxes (HB 1662/SB 5696), and ADA discount (HB 1230).

The Department has identified five proposals and are seeking the Commission's guidance on whether we should continue to pursue these over the summer, bringing a final decision to the Commission in August. The proposals include:

- Enforcement civil infractions
- Veterinarians chemical capture authority
- Indemnification authority to federal agencies providing habitat restoration funding
- State Wildlife Account structure
- Forest health

Staff recommendation: N/A

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome: N/A

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation: New proposed bill have minor fiscal impacts.

Public involvement process used and what you learned: N/A

Action requested and/or proposed next steps: Seek Fish and Wildlife Commission input on draft proposals for agency request legislation. Staff will begin to vet proposals with advisory groups and stakeholders to gauge support.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Post decision communications plan: N/A