



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

OCTOBER 18-19, 2019

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 PM **Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Baker, McIsaac
Location: Director's Conference Room (537)

Agenda topics:

- Strategic planning
- Agenda planning

2:30 PM **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill
Location: Room 175 A & B – near the cafeteria

Agenda topics:

- Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 status update
- Sport Fishing Rule Making update
- Review of March 2019 Columbia River motion

4:00 PM **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville
Location: Direct Room 175 A & B – near the cafeteria

Agenda topics:

- Post-recovery Plan update (overview of webinar input)
- Interagency Wolf Committee update
- Pack update (ongoing actions)
- Staff and Committee member discussion on emerging issues

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

7:00 AM **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville
Location: Room 175 A & B – near the cafeteria

Agenda topics:

- Cougar Presentation preview
- October 11&12 Commission agenda items discussion
- Lands acquisition process (background for new Commissioners)
- Staff and Committee member discussion on emerging issues
- Hunting Contests

8:30 AM **1. Call to Order**
a. Commissioners' Discussion
b. Meeting Minutes Approval
c. Committee Reports, if available

15 min

8:45 AM **2. Open Public Input**
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:**

30 min

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** *30 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

9:45 AM **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment and Decision** *30 min*
The Commission will consider approval of 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 Comment – This Item Only

10:15 AM **5. Spring Bear Season – Briefing, Public Hearing** *45 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-080 2019-2020 Spring Black Bear Special Permits.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

11:00 AM **Break** *15 min*

11:15 AM **6. Green (Duwamish) River Rule Change – Briefing, Public Hearing** *30 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a briefing to consider closing a section of the upper Green River to fishing in the Tacoma Municipal Watershed.

Staff Report: Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

11:45 AM **7. Colville River Rule Change– Briefing, Public Hearing** *30 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a briefing to consider opening a section of the Colville River to year-round fishing.

Staff Report: Bill Baker, District 1 Fish Biologist

Public Hearing – This Item Only

12:15 PM **Lunch** *30 min*

12:45 PM **8. Sport Marine Fish and Shellfish Fishing Rule Simplification - Briefing, Public Hearing** *45 min*
Staff will provide the Commission an overview on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve marine fish and shellfish recreational rules while addressing conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Heather Hall, Marine Fish Coastal Shellfish Policy Coordinator, Phill Dionne, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, and Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator

Public Hearing – This Item Only

1:30 PM **9. Coastal Dungeness Crab Whale Entanglement – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*
Staff will update the Commission on progress to address whale entanglements in the coastal crab fishery, and brief on proposed measures for the 2019-2020 season intended to reduce the risk of whale entanglements.

Staff Report: Michele Culver, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Manager and Heather Hall, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator

Public Comment – This Item Only

2:30 PM **10. Sturgeon Sport Rules Update – Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*
Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on rule proposals for sturgeon sport fishing while addressing conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, Region 5 Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead and Paul Hoffarth, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Bill Tweit, Special Assistant

Public Hearing – This Item Only

3:30 PM **11. Executive Session** *2 hrs*
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission will meet in executive session. No action will be taken during executive session and the public is not permitted to attend. Location: Director’s Conference Room (537)

5:30 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019

8:00 AM **12. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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8:30 AM **13. Cougar Management – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on current cougar management, the science behind it and comparison to neighboring states. This will be background information preceding possible cougar rule changes that the commission will considered in March and April.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

Public Comment– This Item Only

9:30 AM **14. Implementation of House Bill 1579, and Freshwater Gamefish Rule Housekeeping - Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*
Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on rules liberalizing bag limits for walleye, bass, channel catfish, and freshwater gamefish in order to reduce the predation risk to salmon smolts.

Staff Report - Steve Caromile, Inland Fish Program Manager, and Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

- 10:30 AM** **15. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.
- 11:00 AM** **16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *15 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.
- 11:15 AM** **17. Tumwater Hatchery Falls – Briefing** *20 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the renovation of the Tumwater Fall Hatchery.

Staff Report: Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Manager and Tim Burns, Capital & Assets Management Program Director
- 11:35 AM** **18. Tour of Tumwater Hatchery** *60 min*
Available Commissioners and Department staff will depart to tour the Tumwater Hatchery after the conclusion of the briefing. The public may attend but must provide their own transportation.

The meeting will adjourn immediately following the tour.

***Times on the agenda are approximate,
the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs.***

MEMBERS

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Barbara Baker, Vice-Chair, Olympia
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Occupation: Attorney/Retired Administrator
Term: 01/17/2017 - 12/31/2022

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Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician
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