



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

***REVISED* DECEMBER 13-14, 2019 AGENDA**

Holiday Inn & Suites Bellingham 4260 Mitchell Way Bellingham, WA 98226, Room Chuckanut

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 1:00 PM** **Habitat Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Smith, Baker, Kehoe, Linville
Location: Boundary Bay Room
Agenda topics:
- HPA civil authority rulemaking
 - Priority Habitats and Species – Riparian volume 2
 - Fish passage and screening rulemaking
- 2:30 PM** **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill
Location: Boundary Bay Room
Agenda topics:
- Willapa Bay update
 - HB1579 options based on public feedback
 - Puget Sound Crab
- 4:00 PM** **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville
Location: Boundary Bay Room
Agenda topics:
- Post recovery plan update
 - Periodic status review update
 - Follow up to Governor’s letter
 - Wolf activity update
 - General items for Commission discussion
- 5:30 PM** **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville
Location: Boundary Bay Room
Agenda topics:
- Cougar CR-102 scoping and related wildlife conflict discussion
 - Overview of Washington’s existing non-lead program
 - General items for Commission discussion

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

- 8:00 AM** **1. Call to Order** *45 min*
- Commissioners’ Discussion
 - Meeting Minutes Approval
 - Committee Reports, if available
- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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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.

- 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** *10 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: Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Director
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 9:55 AM** **5. Amendment to Dealer Fee WAC for CRSSE and License Package – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision** *15 min*
Staff will brief the Commission and request approval on proposed edits to the dealer fee WAC to eliminate references to the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement and to clarify the cumulative dealer fees charged to bundled license packages.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Governmental Affairs
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 10:10 AM** **BREAK** *15 min*
- 10:30 AM** **6. Southern Resident Killer Whales – Briefing** *45 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the status of Southern Resident Killer Whales, the Department’s implementation of the Governor’s Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force Year 1 recommendations and provide an overview of the Task Force’s Year 2 recommendations.

Staff Report: Julie Watson, Killer Whale Policy Lead
- 11:15 AM** **7. Blue Sheet: Non-toxic Ammunition and North American Non-lead Partnership – Briefing** *60 min*
Christopher Parish, The Peregrine Fund and Leland Brown, Oregon Zoo, both founders of North American Non-lead Partnership subject specialists will brief the Commission on non-toxic ammunition and the North American Non-lead Partnership.

Staff Report: Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Director
- 12:15 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:15 PM** **8. Marine Fish and Shellfish Sport Fishing Rule Simplification – Decision** *30 min*
The Commission will consider adoption of proposals to simplify and improve marine fish and shellfish recreational rules while addressing conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Dayv Lowry, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, Phill Dionne, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, and Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator

- 1:45 PM** **9. Sturgeon Sport Rules Update – Decision** *30 min*
Staff will provide the Commission an updated briefing on rule proposals for sturgeon sport fishing and ask for a decision while addressing conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager, Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, and Paul Hoffarth, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

- 2:15 PM** **10. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing, Public Comment** *30 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a status update on the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619) review project.

Staff Report: Laurie Peterson, Fish Science Division Manager, and Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 2:45 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.

4:45 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

- 8:00 AM** **12. Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *30 min*
Staff and Members of the Joint State Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review Committee will provide the Commission an update on the progress and discussions conducted by the PRC toward the purpose of recommending a possible revision to the Columbia River Salmon Management Policy C-3620 that can be accomplished concurrently among Oregon and Washington. No action will be taken by the Commission at this meeting. The Commission will prioritize discussion of the process to optimize public notice and opportunities for public comment leading to final Commission action at some point in the future

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 8:30 AM** **13. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:00 AM** **14. Baker Lake and Skagit River Sockeye Salmon Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *45 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with an overview of Baker Lake and Skagit River sockeye fishery management and an update on this year’s fisheries.

Staff Report: Aaron Dufault, Anadromous Resources Policy Analyst, and Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 9:45 AM** **15. Implementation of House Bill 1579, and Freshwater Gamefish Rule Housekeeping – Public Comment, Decision** *60 min*
The Commission will consider adoption of proposals for the purpose of implementing the Southern Resident Killer Whale HB1579 (Section 2) as it relates to liberalizing bag limits for walleye, bass, and channel catfish in anadromous waters in order to reduce the predation risk to salmon smolts. Other technical and housekeeping rule changes for freshwater gamefish will also be considered for adoption.

Staff Report: Steve Caromile, Inland Fish Program Manager and Craig Burley, Deputy Director Fish Program

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 10:45 AM** **16. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.
- 11:15 AM** **17. 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.
- 11:30 AM** **Adjourn**

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the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs. ***

MEMBERS

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