



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

FEBRUARY 6-8, 2020

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

8:00 AM **Hatchery Policy Review Emerging Science Report Workshop – Briefing, Public Comment**

Location: Room 172

Staff will brief the Commission on the key findings of the recently completed science report titled, "A review of hatchery reform science in Washington State."

Staff Report: Joe Anderson, Research Scientist and Ken Warheit, Supervisor of Genetic and Fish Health Laboratories

Public Comment – This Item Only

12:00 PM Recess

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 PM **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville

Location: Room 172

Agenda topics:

- Recovery plan sideboards – initial discussion
- PSR post doc update
- General discussion – current events
- Wolf agenda setting

2:30 PM **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill

Location: Room 172

Agenda topics:

- Willapa Bay Comprehensive Review update
- Willapa Bay 2020 guidance (agenda item preview)
- Columbia River Policy Review next steps

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING

7:00 AM **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville

Location: Room 172

Agenda topics:

- Hunting Contest options discussion
- Wildlife agenda setting
- Traditional weapon philosophy – weapon modernization discussion
- General discussion – current events

8:30 AM

1. Call to Order

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Meeting Minutes Approval
- c. Committee Reports

30 min

9:00AM	2. <u>Open Public Input</u> 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.	<i>45 min</i>
9:45 AM	3. <u>Director's Report</u> The Director will brief the Commission on various items.	<i>30 min</i>
10:15 AM	4. <u>Land 20/20 – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision</u> Staff will provide a briefing on the Lands 20/20 process and seek funding for projects approved through this process. Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager	<i>40 min</i>
<u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u>		
10:55 AM	<u>Break</u>	<i>15 min</i>
11:10 AM	5. <u>2020 Forest Restoration Project Approval Requests – Briefing, Decision</u> Staff will seek approval from the Commission on forest management projects that involve harvesting volumes exceeding one million board feet. Staff Report: Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead	<i>10 min</i>
11:20 AM	6. <u>Columbia River Policy Review Next Steps - Briefing</u> Director Susewind will report on 2020 Columbia River fisheries policy and negotiations with Oregon Director Curt Melcher and the Commission will discuss potential next steps for Policy C-3620.	<i>80 min</i>
12:40 PM	<u>Lunch</u>	<i>60 min</i>
1:40 PM	7. <u>Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy – Briefing, Public Comment</u> Staff will provide the Commission an annual review briefing on Grays Harbor salmon management as stipulated within Policy C-3621, providing guidance for Grays Harbor salmon fisheries. Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst, and Mike Scharpf, District Biologist	<i>60 min</i>
<u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u>		
2:40 PM	8. <u>Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622- Briefing, Public Comment, Decision</u> Staff will provide a briefing on the performance of policy implementation and seek guidance from the Commission on implementing the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) for 2019 brood year fall chinook hatchery releases and 2020 fishery management objectives and measures. Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Kirt Hughes, Fish Management Division Manager	<i>90 min</i>
<u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u>		
4:10 PM	<u>Break</u>	<i>15 min</i>

4:25 PM 9. **Lower Columbia Sturgeon Stock Status – Briefing, Public Comment** 45 min
Staff will provide the Commission an annual review on lower Columbia River sturgeon population status, as stipulated within Policy C-3001. The Commission will discuss 2020 fisheries and provide guidance on the delegation to set 2020 fisheries.

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead, and Bill Tweit, Special Assistant

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5:10 PM Recess

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

7:00 AM **Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Smith, McIsaac
Location: Room 172
Agenda topics:

- Strategic planning
- Public Affairs update
- Recreation on WDFW lands
- Boy Scouts proposal

8:30 AM 10. **Open Public Input** 60 min
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9:30 AM **Break** 15 min

9:45 AM 11. **Hunting Contests – Briefing, Public Comment** 60 min
Staff will brief the Commission on the Washington laws and regulations that apply to hunting and fishing contests and provide an update on recent changes to hunting contests in other States.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

10:45 AM 12. **Pollinator Projects and Backyard Sanctuaries – Briefing** 45 min
Staff will brief the commission on best practices related to small scale habitat projects specifically related to pollinators and backyard sanctuaries.

Staff Report: Taylor Cotten, Conservation Assessment Section Manager

11:30 AM 13. **Hatchery Policy C-3619 Review– Briefing, Public Comment** 45 min
Staff will provide the Commission with the remaining schedule and process in the hatchery policy review. The Commission will discuss next steps subsequent to the workshop on February 6.

Staff Report: Laurie Peterson, Fish Program Science Division Manager

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- 12:15 PM **14. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls and adopt a tentative draft agenda for the March Commission meeting in Tri-Cities.
- 12:45 PM **15. 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.
- 1:00 PM **Adjourn**

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

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