



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

9/11/2020

**Agenda item:**

Climate Change Efforts – Educating and Engaging Hunters, Anglers and Wildlife Enthusiast’s

**Presenter(s):**

Jeff Davis (Director of Conservation Policy) and Lynn Helbrecht (Climate Change Coordinator)

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**Background summary:**

The Commission meets annually with the Governor to discuss topics of interest and share priorities moving forward. This year, Governor Inslee talked about the need to get hunters and anglers more engaged in combating climate change. He mentioned a specific example of stream temperatures rising and the effect on salmon and he didn’t understand why salmon fishers weren’t more engaged in climate change actions. Chair Carpenter committed to initiating a Commission discussion and Commissioner Smith was appointed the lead. The purpose of this agenda item is to inform the Commission about the department’s climate change efforts to date, planned efforts and how we might increase hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiast’s engagement in climate change efforts.

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**Staff recommendation:**

This is an information briefing for the Commission to inform their discussion and deliberation on how to inform and engage hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiast’s in climate change efforts that effect their opportunities.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

Follow through on Chair Carpenter’s commitment to Governor Inslee. Staff are hoping to receive Commission support and direction to advance this education and engagement effort.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

N/A

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

N/A

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

The staff requests the Commission ask their questions about the department's climate change efforts and to provide staff support and direction to follow through on the Governor's request to educate and increase engagement from hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiast's in climate change efforts.

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**Draft motion language:**

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**Post decision communications plan:**

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