



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Fish and Wildlife Commission

DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 5, 2020

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**10:00 AM Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville

Location: [Zoom Link \(https://zoom.us/j/98801162723\)](https://zoom.us/j/98801162723)

Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) **Webinar ID:** 988-0116-2723

Agenda topics:

- Non-lead Partnership update
- Bear/Cougar tooth aging process
- Spring Bear Hunt WAC
- PSR process, including loon PSR
- Grazing rule/policy update
- Fire response on WDFW-owned lands

**1:00 PM Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Kehoe, McIsaac

Location: [Zoom Link \(https://zoom.us/j/92088447679\)](https://zoom.us/j/92088447679)

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Agenda topics:

- Willapa Bay policy update
- Hatchery policy update

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING** (The Commission meeting will be held via [Zoom Webinar](#).)

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**8:00 AM**      **1. Call to Order**  
Commissioner's Discussion  
Meeting Minutes Approval  
Committee Reports

*30 min*

- 8:30 AM**      **2. Open Public Input** *60 min*  
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- 9:30 AM**      **3. Director's Report** *30 min*  
The Director will brief the Commission on various items, including an update on Covid-19 matters.
- 10:00 AM**      **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment, Decision** *10 min*  
The Commission will consider approval of land transactions recommended by the Department.
- Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 10:10 AM**      **Break** *15 min*
- 10:15 AM**      **5. Spring Bear Hunting Seasons – Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-080 Spring black bear special permits.
- Staff Report: Anis Aoude, WL Game Division Manager
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 11:15 AM**      **6. Commercial Whale Watching Briefing, Public Hearing** *90 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on two options for a rule package regarding commercial whale watching of Southern Resident Killer Whales. The briefing will include an early analysis and presentation of comments received on the proposed options.
- Staff Report: Dr. Julie Watson, Killer Whale Policy Lead
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 12:45 PM**      **7. Promoting Washington's Sustainable Seafood - Briefing** *30 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on WDFW's management role and the resulting impact on locally harvested seafood.
- Staff Report: Raquel Crosier, Special Assistant to the Director and Carrie McCausland, Director of Public Affairs
- 1:15 PM**      **Lunch** *60 min*
- 2:15 PM**      **8. Blue Sheet: Pinniped Conservation and Management – Briefing** *75 min*  
In response to a F&W Commission request, staff will present an update on pinniped conservation and management efforts in the Columbia River and Puget Sound.
- Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs; Kessina Lee, Southwest Region Director; Dr. Scott Pearson, Senior Research Scientist, Wildlife Program; and Dr. Joe Anderson; Senior Research Scientist, Fish Program.

- 3:45 PM      9. **WDFW Managed Nonlethal Pursuit Training Program– Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on the proposed nonlethal pursuit pass program will help to ensure opportunity for handlers to keep dogs trained for quick and skilled action for public safety calls for service. This program will be monitored and administered through the enforcement program.
- Staff Report: Rebecca Bennett, Community Outreach Liaison and Captain Jeff Wickersham, WDFW Enforcement

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 4:45 PM      10. **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.
- 6:45 PM      **Recess**

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- 8:00 AM      11. **Open Public Input** *60 min*  
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- 9:00 AM      12. **Hatchery Policy (C-3619) Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*  
The Commission will take public comment and consider next steps of the revised language to Policy C-3619.
- Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

- 10:00 AM      13. **Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on revisions to the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy and seek guidance on next steps.
- Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

**11:00 AM 14. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

*15 min*

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before, during, or after the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published and consider future agenda planning.

**11:15 AM Adjourn**

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

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