

# Commission Request to Department

"Blue Sheet"

**Date of Request:** February 26, 2021

**Title of Request:** Briefing on grazing on WDFW land

**Commissioner:** Barbara Baker

**Request Due Date:** June 24, 2021

**Priority Level (put one check in each row):**

Importance:     High             Medium     Low

Urgency:         High             Medium     Low

**Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific.**

1. Exploration of the question raised by the public during updates to grazing rules: whether livestock grazing should be permitted on WDFW lands. The staff briefing should include a description of the current decision-making process and the criteria used by lands managers to determine whether and when such activity is currently permitted. Summary of goals provided by past Commissions in regards to the grazing program.
2. Briefing on DFW costs in M&O to support such activity and how much income is generated through leases. The briefing shall also include any cost sharing arrangements. Finally, the briefing should include a discussion of any possible benefits of grazing, based on published literature and include benefits such as reductions in fire load and well as potential detriments such as ecosystem destruction and loss of forage for wildlife. Summary of staff perceptions about whether grazing increases community acceptance of WDFW generally and on specific landscape and whether the possibility of grazing has any effect on the decisions of private property owners to sell their land to WDFW.

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~~Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new~~  
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report, presentation, other):

**Briefing in Wildlife committee. At that time, the decision will be made whether to set the issue before the entire commission.**

# **COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT**

*Guidelines for when the Commission makes requests to the Department for work products or information.*

## **Commission Requests that Require a Significant Staff Workload:**

Requests include, but are not limited to, information that benefits the Commission's decision-making process, requests for evaluation of information by Department staff, review of concepts to be included in the Department's public involvement process, and requests for information related to past or future actions of the Department.

- A. Requests are initiated by the Commission during a Commission meeting, work session, or conference call and are reviewed by a quorum of the Commission to determine desirability of the request. A Commissioner may also initiate requests for those times when a Commission meeting, work session, or conference call is not scheduled and an expeditious response is required, but the request must be presented for consideration to the full Commission during the next meeting.
- B. Commission staff forwards requests to the Director's Office for review, assignment and scheduling.
- C. The Director or designee discusses the request to staff at the debrief session, and the Commission Office forwards a copy to the appropriate program.
- D. Management Team members are responsible for ensuring Commission requests are completed in a timely manner.
- E. The Commission is responsible for reviewing the finalized assignment for completeness and may return the assignment for additional clarification and/or information as necessary.

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