

# Electrical Assist Bicycles on WDFW/DNR Lands: Town Hall

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**FISH and  
WILDLIFE**



# Why are we here today?

1. To share information about current E-bike policy and policy direction, ESSB 5452, and the public process.

2. To hear your input, feedback, and questions on the use of E-bikes on DNR and WDFW-managed lands.



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# Today's Agenda

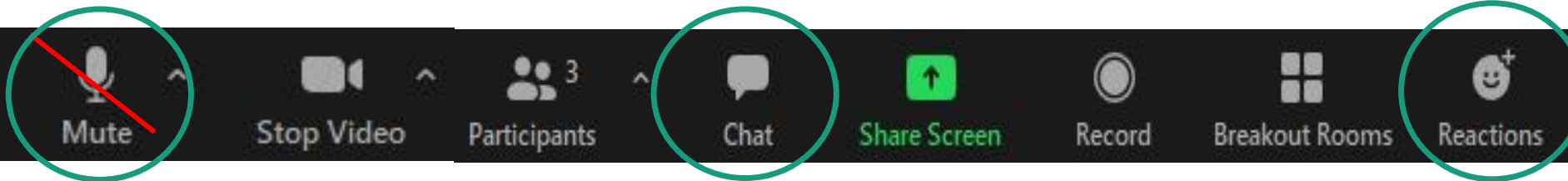
1. Share background information about current E-bike policies, E-bike classifications, and the public process – *25 min*
2. Discuss the use of E-bikes on DNR and WDFW-managed lands in small groups – *45 min*
3. Wrap up and next steps – *15 min*



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# Zoom Orientation

If you have **technical problems or want to type a question**, use the chat box or contact Anna Shepherd (ashepherd@triangleassociates.com)



Please **keep yourself on mute** unless you are speaking.

If you want to **ask a question verbally**, click the 'Reaction' and select the option '**Raise Hand**' and we will call on you.



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# Participation Ground Rules and Expectations

- There are no wrong answers
- Speak up and provide constructive input
- Hold space for others and share the time
- Speak to your own experience and use "I" statements
- Respect others' point of view and experiences
- **All are asked to agree to these ground rules**



*The facilitators' job is to ensure all can participate and all follow the ground rules*

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# What makes for a positive trail or public lands experience for you?

Please type three words in the chat



# ESSB 5452

- (1) The department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife shall each **undergo a public process to collect information related to electric-assisted bicycle use on nonmotorized natural surface trails and closed roads open to bicycles** to determine where such use may occur, and **which classes of electric-assisted bicycles are acceptable on such trails and roads** under the agencies' management. The public processes must also include a consideration of opportunities to improve awareness of applicable trail rules and trail etiquette among all classes of trail users.
- (2) The **public processes shall include, but not be limited to, input from tribes, individuals with disabilities, representatives of natural resource conservation organizations, and representatives of outdoor recreation interests representing horseback riding, traditional and electric-assisted mountain biking, hiking, and hunting.** The department of natural resources and the department of fish and wildlife must **report their findings to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September 30, 2022.**



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# Current Electric-Assisted Bicycle Rules

## E-BIKE CLASS 1

A bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 mph.

## E-BIKE CLASS 2

A bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 mph.

## E-BIKE CLASS 3

A bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 mph, and is equipped with a speedometer.



DO YOU HAVE AN ADA\* PARKING PLACARD?

**NO**

**E-bikes only allowed on motorized trails and forest roads open to motorized public use.**

**YES**

**Class 1 and 2 e-bikes allowed on all nonmotorized trails and roads where bicycles are allowed.**

**Class 3 e-bikes only allowed on motorized trails and forest roads open to motorized public use.**

**Do I need a Discover Pass?**

If you are parking on state-managed public lands then you do need a Discover Pass.

MTJ E-BIKES PROTOCOL-ENGLISH

\* ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. RCW 46.04.169, RCW 46.19.030. Temporary e-bike policies are implemented by WA Bill 5452 (2020) effective July 25, 2021. Violators are subject to civil or criminal prosecution under WAC 332.52 and other applicable law. Fines up to \$99 may be issued if violated.



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# E-bike Classifications

Class	Description	Notes
1	A bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only when the rider pedals, and ceases to assist when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 mph	Requires pedaling – 20 mph
2	A bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that stops assisting when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 mph	Has throttle and motor can exclusively propel – 20 mph
3	A bicycle equipped with a motor that assists only when the rider pedals, ceases to assist when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 mph, and is equipped with a speedometer.	Requires pedaling – 28 mph



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# Policies on other Public Lands



All classes allowed on motorized roads and trails. Local process can determine appropriate use beyond that.



E-bikes allowed where other bikes are allowed and prohibited where other bikes are prohibited.



Class 1 & 3 allowed on long-distance/regional trails + natural surface trails open to conventional bikes

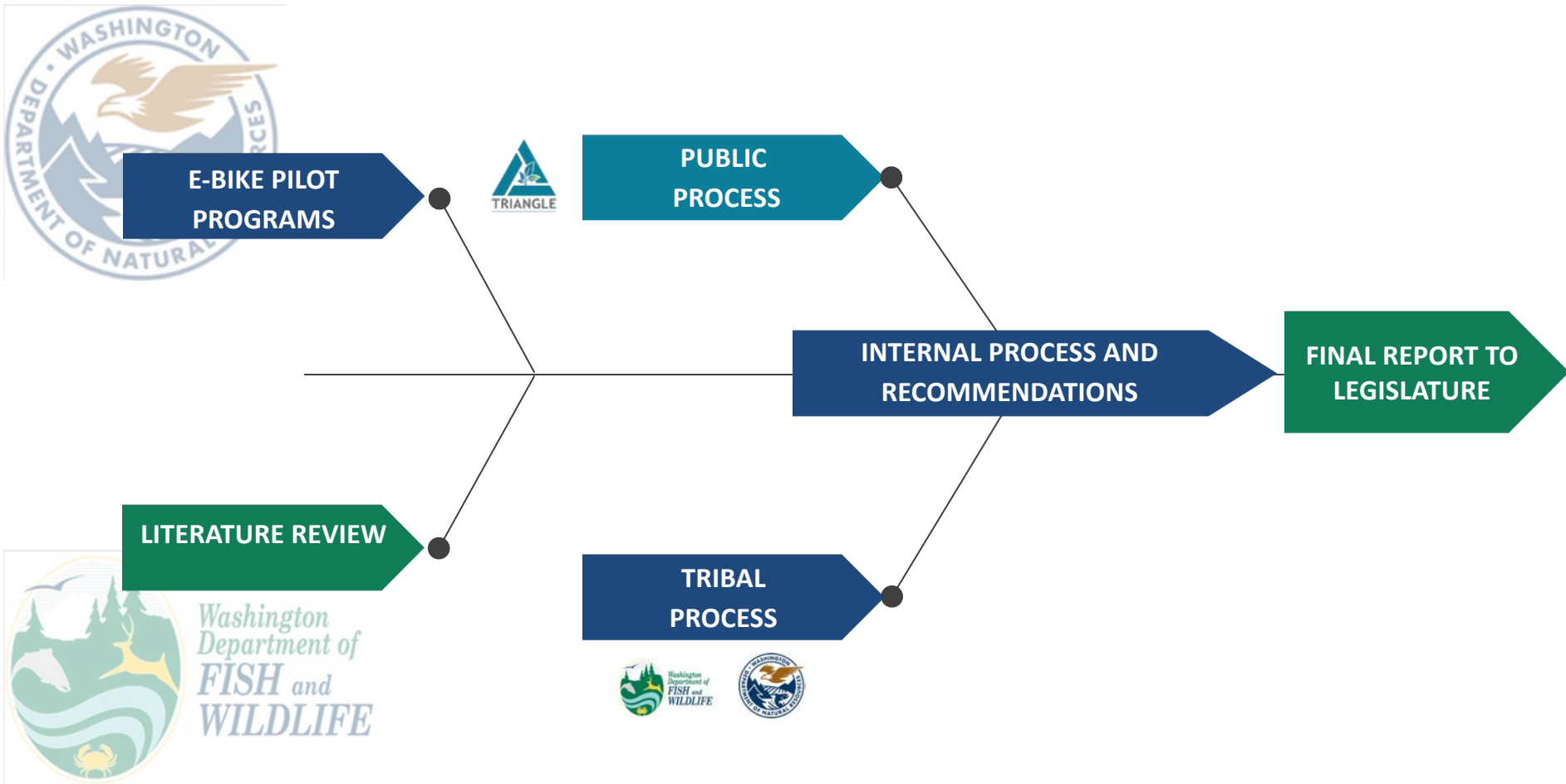


Ebikes allowed on trails 8' or wider, park managers can make decisions for more narrow trails on a case-by-case basis



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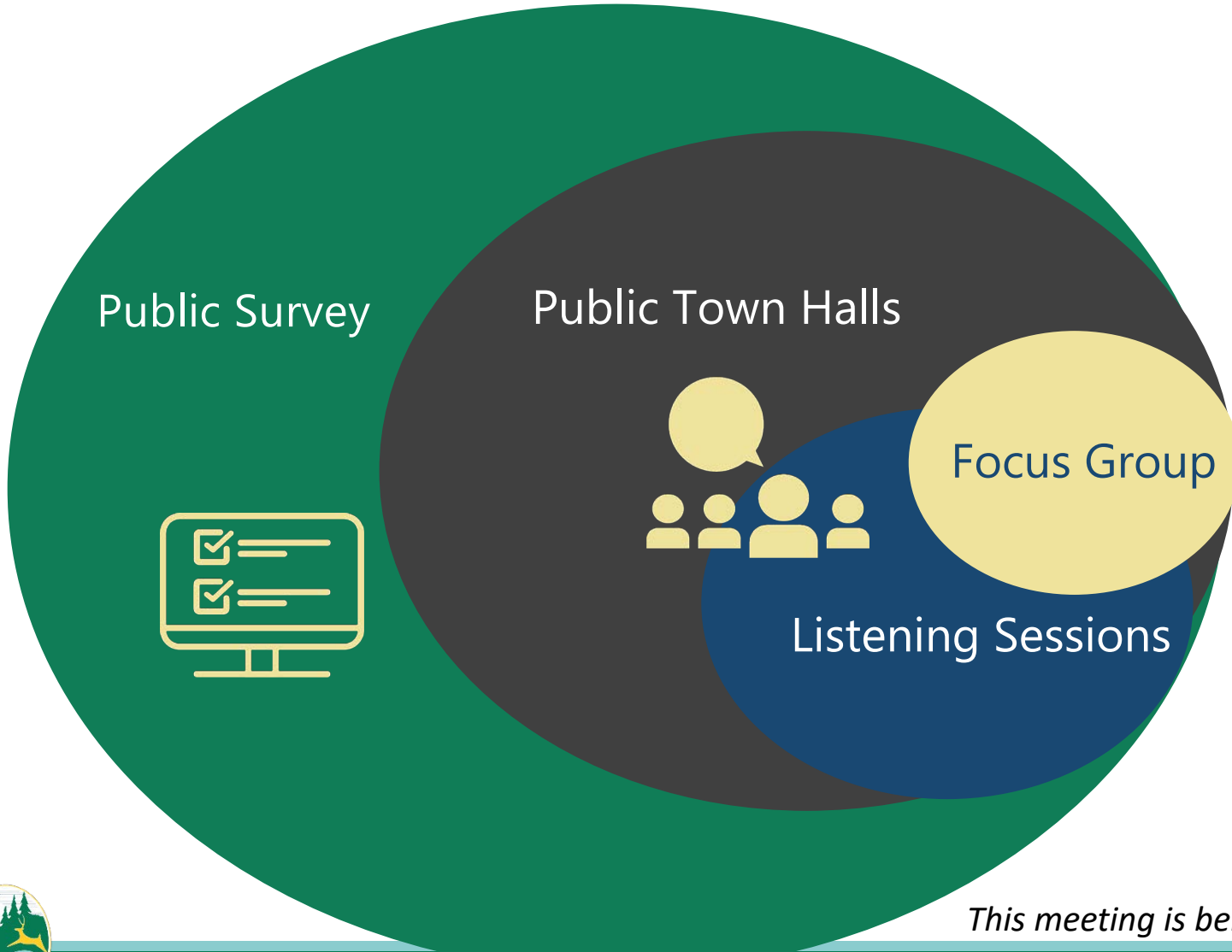
# ESSB 5452 Process



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# E-Bike Public Process Opportunities for Engagement



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# If you have questions?

While the purpose of today's meeting is to hear your input, DNR and WDFW may be able to answer some questions.

Email questions at any time to:

- [wildthing@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:wildthing@dfw.wa.gov)
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# Breakout Room Discussions

- 1** Under what circumstances, if any, should E-bikes be allowed on non-motorized trails and closed roads on lands managed by DNR and WDFW?
- 2** Which of the three classes may be allowable, if any?
- 3** What opportunities, challenges, or concerns should be considered regarding E-bike use on non-motorized trails and closed roads on lands managed by DNR and WDFW?



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# Breakout Room Logistics

- 1** Facilitators will randomly assign you a breakout room
- 2** Facilitators will capture your input on a digital whiteboard
- 3** Reconvene in 40-45 minutes – Please share the time!



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# Breakout Rooms Underway



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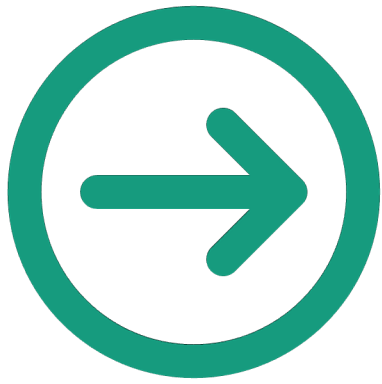




# Breakout Room Report Outs



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# Wrap up and Next Steps



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# Next Steps for Agencies

- Second Townhall on May 18
- A summary report will be posted online



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# Take and Share the Survey

Click on the link in the chat

or

visit <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/ebikes> and  
click on the survey link.

Open until July 15



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*Help us improve our outreach with this survey question:*

**How satisfied are you with today's town hall?**



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**Thank you!**

