



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

6/21/2024

Agenda item:

Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon Periodic Status Review, Briefing and Decision

Presenter(s):

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Background summary:

The Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon are recovered and both were delisted in 2016. WAC necessitates that a final Periodic Status Review is done after the delisting process. The periodic status review for each species has seen internal and public review and recommend maintain the current classification of each species. Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon, like most birds are currently classified as protected wildlife. Both of the species have made amazing recoveries in WA.

Staff recommendation:

Maintain current classification of Bald Eagle as protected wildlife. Maintain current classification of Peregrine Falcon as protected wildlife.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Management for both species will not change. They are and will continue to be protected wildlife. While neither are PHS species any longer their habitat is included on the PHS list (riparian areas, nearshore, cliffs, and talus).

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Each periodic status review underwent a 90 day public comment period. Additional data from the Raptor Studies Northwest corroborates data presented in the periodic status review for Bald Eagle and supporting the recommendation. We also received thoughtful comments to improve the information in the Peregrine Falcon periodic status review.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Maintain current classification for both species.

Draft motion language:

I move to maintain the current classification of Bald Eagle as protected wildlife based on staff recommendation.

I move to maintain the current classification of Peregrine Falcon as protected wildlife based on staff recommendation.

Post decision communications plan:

We will ensure the final periodic status review is saved on the website and reflects the commission's decision. WDFW will continue to promote the recovery success stories of both of these species as models for how we can succeed with other species.

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