

Budget and Bill Ideas to Staff Overview

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Agenda



When can we add budget ideas?

How to add them?

Purchasing constraints





When and how to add budget ideas

When can the commission give budget ideas?

Anytime. Always.



When can the commission give budget ideas?

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We ask that your expectations around implementation change, based on what time of year it is.

Staff need time to provide detail and cost ahead of commission approval and the legislative schedule.



When can the commission give budget ideas?



Review the graph to better understand when your ideas could come to fruition

2026 SESSION

2027 SESSION

Great time to bring ideas to be enacted during 2026 session

Ideas shared in this timeframe will be enacted during 2027 session

January
2025

February
2025

March
2025

April
2025

May
2025

June
2025

July
2026

August
2026

September
2026

October
2026

November
2026

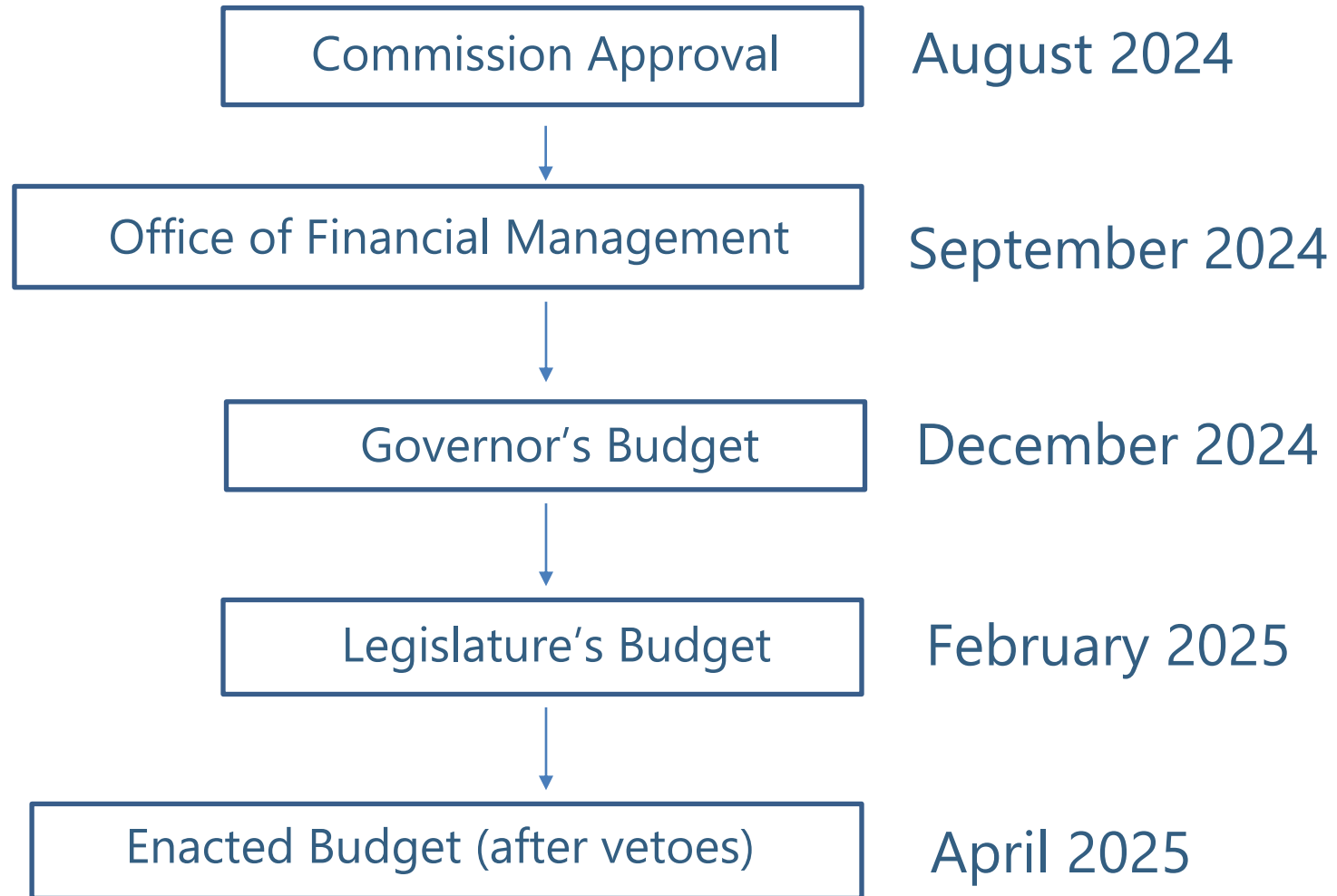
December
2026

Meeting with commission for
budget awareness, and approval

Budget
submittal
to OFM

Broad Timeline

(Dollars available July 1, 2025)



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(Tom hopes to receive bill ideas by May!)



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As a group

As an outcome or problem statement



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The commission's budget authority come from the group.

So, the best way to put forward a budget idea is a motion and vote by the commission.



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Decision packages have a format:

- Problem statement
- Proposed Solution
- Detail on how the solution will be accomplished
- Cost



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You may want to put forward a **problem statement or an outcome** you want to see achieved.

You can also propose a solution or method of going about achieving an outcome.

Staff should return with **details** on how the solution might be accomplished and an **estimate of costs**.



State purchasing rules

When we select vendors, the state requires us to use a **competitive process**.

Request for proposal, bids, etc.

This makes it difficult to give funds to a particular individual or organization.



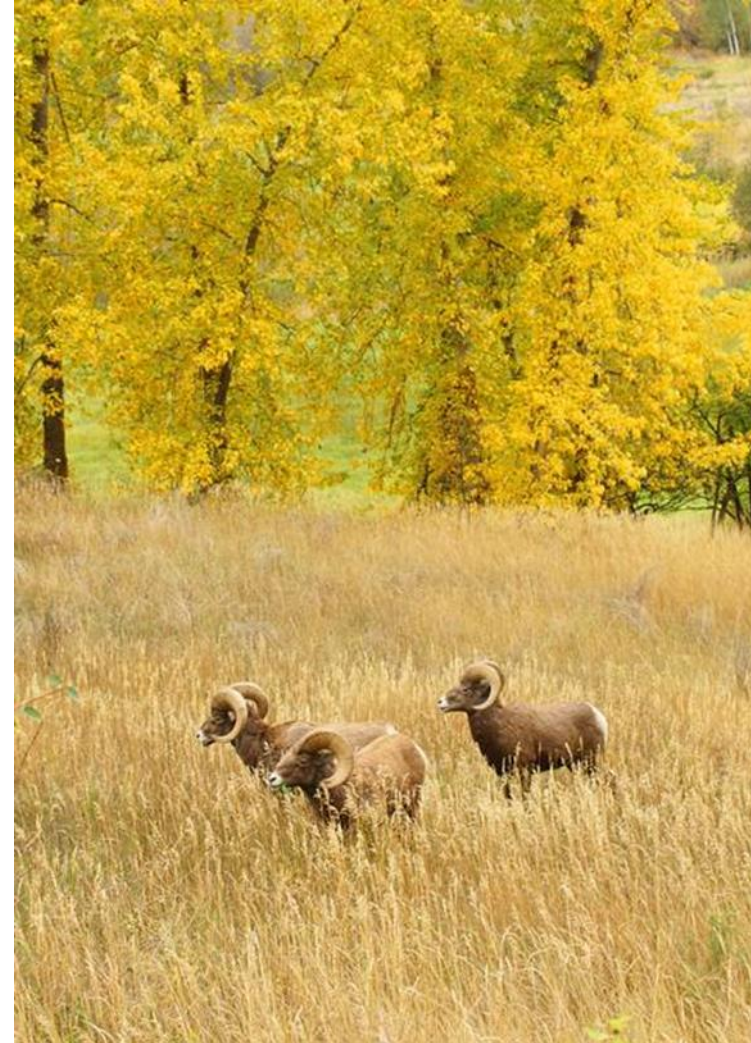
Policy Level Requests: Links to Strategic Objectives

Policy Level Requests	Strategic Plan Objectives			
	Proactively address conservation challenges	Deliver science that informs Washington's most pressing fish & wildlife questions	Engage communities through recreation & stewardship	Move WDFW towards operational & environmental excellence
1) Body cams and public records				X
2) Building a Carbon-Neutral WDFW				X
3) Building a Climate-Resilient WDFW	X			X
4) Columbia River ESA Permitting		X	X	
5) Emerging Fishery Implementation			X	
6) Engaging Volunteers in Conservation			X	X
7) Expand Wildlife Conflict Response			X	X
8) Facility & Infrastructure Maint.	X	X	X	
9) Hatchery Investment Strategy	X			X
10) Monitor & Manage Resource Impacts			X	
11) Restoring Washington's Biodiversity	X	X	X	
12) WDFW Fish Passage Maintenance Team	X			X
13) Wildlife Disease surveillance	X	X		



Wrap up

- Give budget ideas any time
- Problem statement or outcome



Questions?

