

Wolf Advisory Group Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

April 26-27, 2022

Zoom link/dial-in information:

- WAG members/WDFW Presenters: Your personal Zoom link is included in your calendar invitation to this meeting.
- Public/Others: Please visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag#meeting-calendar> for the April Zoom webinar link and dial-in information.

Meeting Objectives:

1. Receive an update from WDFW on wolf management, proposed rulemaking, and other activities since the January 2022 WAG meeting.
2. Discuss conflict management plans and coordination with livestock producers in anticipation of the 2022 livestock grazing season.
3. Begin establishing a shared understanding of assessment methods and the status of ungulate populations, influencing factors, and management in Washington, based on WDFW data and scientific literature. This will provide a foundation for subsequent discussions of wolf-ungulate interactions.
4. Begin identifying potential opportunities (such as habitat restoration) to collaboratively address some factors currently limiting ungulate populations.

Tuesday, April 26

(please see Ungulate Presenter Biographies on page 4)

Time	Topic	Meeting Materials (✓ in meeting packet)
WAG members/WDFW Staff/Facilitation Team		
8:00 AM	WAG members, WDFW Staff, and the Facilitation Team gather for an informal check-in (no business conducted or recommendations made during this time, for informal discussion only).	
8:45 AM	Break	
Open Public Session		
9:00 AM	Opening – Facilitation Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and introductions• Webinar mechanics• Meeting overview, including opportunities each day for public comment• Groundrules	Agenda ✓ WAG Groundrules January meeting summary

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9:20 AM	<p>WDFW Updates—<i>WDFW Staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifying Q&A regarding WDFW’s 2021 Annual Wolf Report --WAG members are encouraged to observe the presentation (recording here) and review the report prior to the WAG meeting. Brief recap of wolf-livestock activity since the January 2022 meeting Status of proposed rulemaking 	<p>2021 Annual Wolf Report ✓</p> <p>Recorded presentation of 2021 Annual Wolf Report</p>
10:20 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	<p>2022 Livestock Grazing Season—<i>WDFW Staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict Management Plans and coordination with livestock producers Q&A/Discussion 	---
11:30 AM	Common Vocabulary/Glossary and Basic Principles of Ungulate Population Ecology— <i>Scott McCorquodale, WDFW</i>	Presentation Handout (glossary) ✓
12:00 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM (incl 10 min break)	<p>Factors that Influence Ungulate Populations—<i>Melia DeVivo, WDFW</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Discussion <p><i>The facilitation team will note, if they emerge, any potential opportunities to collaboratively address some factors currently limiting ungulate populations.</i></p>	Presentation
3:30 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	---
4:00 PM	Wrap up Day 1 – Adjourn to Informal Public Session	---
4:05 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Informal Public Session with WDFW Staff</i>	

Wednesday, April 27

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WAG members/WDFW Staff/Facilitation Team		
8:30 AM	WAG members, WDFW Staff, and the Facilitation Team gather for an informal check-in (no business conducted or recommendations made during this time, for informal discussion only).	
Open Public Session		
9:00 AM	Opening/Announcements— <i>Facilitation Team</i>	
9:15 AM (incl 10 min break)	Ungulate Management in Washington State— <i>Anis Aoude, WDFW</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How data are collected and how they are used• Current population/trend information• Game management goals and strategies	Presentation
11:10 AM	June Meetings(+)— <i>Facilitation Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objectives and topics• Meeting logistics• Future field trips	Rolling Calendar
11:30 AM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	---
12:00 PM	Final WAG and WDFW Reflections/Closing—All	---
12:30 PM	Adjourn	

To keep current on Wolf Advisory Group’s progress, visit the WAG website at:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag#>

To contact the WAG Facilitation Team: wagfacilitationteam@rossstrategic.com

April WAG Meeting: Ungulate Presenter Biographies

Scott McCorquodale

Dr. Scott McCorquodale obtained a B.S. Degree from the University of Montana, an M.S. Degree from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Montana. He is currently a Regional Wildlife Program Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). He previously was a Research Scientist with WDFW working mostly on elk and deer ecology and management across the state. Dr. McCorquodale has also been a member of the Board of Associate Editors for the Journal of Wildlife Management since 2003.

Melia DeVivo

Dr. Melia DeVivo is an Ungulate Research Scientist for Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and for the last five years has worked on projects specific to eastern Washington deer and elk populations focused on predator-prey interactions. Prior to her appointment with WDFW, Dr. DeVivo received her doctorate in Animal and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Wyoming where she studied the impacts of chronic wasting disease (CWD) on a free-ranging mule deer population in southeast Wyoming where CWD is endemic. Dr. DeVivo's research on CWD allowed her to collaborate on and coauthor the recently adopted WDFW CWD Management Plan. Along with WDFW's wildlife veterinarian and wildlife health staff, Dr. DeVivo coordinates efforts on statewide surveillance of CWD and monitoring outbreaks of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease/Bluetongue in cervids.

Anis Aoude

Anis Aoude is the current Game Division Manager for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, a position he has held for five years. He has two bachelor's degrees (wildlife management and computer science) and an M.S. degree in fish and wildlife management from Utah State University. He suffers from wander lust and has held wildlife positions in four state wildlife agencies and one private ranch. His 22-year career spans a diverse geography and taxonomy. He has managed large ungulates, birds and carnivores in Utah, Idaho, Arizona, and Washington. His career started researching the effects of rangeland habitat treatments on sagebrush steppe wildlife species. In Utah, he worked as a District Biologist, Regional Wildlife Program Manager, and the statewide Big Game Coordinator. In Arizona, he worked as the statewide Small Game and Migratory Game Bird Manager. He was the Carnivore Section Manager in Washington prior to becoming the Game Division Manager.