

Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)

July 16-17, 2024

Sun Mountain Lodge

604 Patterson Lake Rd, Winthrop, WA 98862

Zoom Webinar—Public Link:

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Mission of the WAG

To promote equitable, inclusive, and respectful dialogue and decision-making among diverse people to foster durable peace by transforming the root causes of social conflict and providing high quality recommendations on wolf recovery, conservation, and management.

Meeting Objectives

1. Discuss a compensation program proposal and options developed by the Compensation Task Group (WAG and WDFW), and determine which, if any, to pursue and further develop into a potential WAG recommendation.
2. Discuss WAG members' perspectives on the purpose/intent of poaching penalties and how WAG members see potentially increasing penalties influencing wolf conservation and management.
3. Provide opportunities for WAG members and WDFW staff to build collaborative capacity, promote conflict transformation, and strengthen their relationships with one another.

Tuesday, July 16

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
10:00 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening – <i>Facilitation Team</i>• Welcome to public observers• Meeting purpose and agenda• Introductions	Establish expectations for the meeting and introduce WAG and WDFW participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• WAG Guidelines• April WAG Meeting Summary
10:30 AM	WDFW Announcements	Update the WAG and allow for questions regarding the monthly WDFW Gray Wolf Updates	Gray Wolf Updates <i>(WAG: Please review published updates and bring any questions to the meeting.)</i>

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11:00 AM	WAG Perspectives: Poaching Penalties	Explore WAG members' thoughts on the purpose/intent of poaching penalties with regard to wolf conservation and management.	---
12:00 PM	Working Lunch (as needed for the poaching penalties discussion, and hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
1:00 PM <i>(incl. 15-min break)</i>	Compensation for Direct and Indirect Livestock Loss due to Wolf Depredation	Explore the details of the draft proposal from the Compensation Task Group, including identified alternatives.	Compensation Task Group Proposal
4:00 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
4:30 PM	Closing Reflections— <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity	---
5:00 PM	Day 1 Adjourn		
5:10 PM – 5:45 PM	<i>Informal 1:1 in-person session with WDFW and the public (no virtual access)</i>		

Wednesday, July 17

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
9:30 AM	Opening and Agenda Review— <i>Facilitation Team</i>	Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda • WAG Guidelines
9:45 AM <i>(incl. 15-min break)</i>	Compensation Part 2 – Taking the Temperature <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: How is this landing with the WAG and WDFW? 	Determine if the proposal is headed in the right direction, if tweaks are in order, or if an alternative option should be pursued.	Compensation Task Group Proposal with Day 1 refinements
11:30 AM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
12:30 PM <i>(incl 15-min break)</i>	Compensation Part 3 – Path Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal (or alternative) • Timeline and next steps 	Decision whether to move forward with a proposal/alternative.	---
2:30 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
3:00 PM	Closing Reflections— <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity	---
3:30 PM	Day 2 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, email at: wagfacilitationteam@rossstrategic.com

Web Addresses for Reference Material Links

(in the event you are unable to open the document by clicking the link in the agenda)

- April 2024 WAG Meeting Summary:
https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/meeting-summary-and-public-comment_1.pdf
- Gray Wolf Updates:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/updates>