

Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)

November 19-20, 2024

Venue: Agriculture & Trade Center, 317 W Astor Ave, Colville, WA 99114

Hotel for confirmed WAG/WDFW: Comfort Inn, 166 N.E. Canning Dr., Colville, WA, 99114, US

Zoom Webinar—Public Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608951399?pwd=STRXU2wrb3NteXUvd3MvcWlObDEzQT09>

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Individual Zoom links will be provided separately to WAG members and WDFW staff

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. Provide a panel-based forum for a respectful, two-way discussion of the social and economic effects of wolf presence and wolf depredations on local communities in northeast Washington.
2. Discuss and take action on WAG draft recommendations to 1) revise compensation program practices currently required under the Washington Administrative Code/Revised Code of Washington for both indirect and direct animal losses, and/or 2) create a Pay-for-Presence pilot program for indirect losses of cattle due to the presence of wolves.
3. Provide opportunities for WAG members and WDFW staff to build collaborative capacity, promote conflict transformation, and strengthen their relationships with one another.

Tuesday, November 19

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
8:30 am – 9:45 am	<i>Informal WAG/WDFW Session—WAG members and WDFW staff</i>		
10:00 AM	Opening – <i>Facilitation Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• July 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 (WAG: Please review published updates and

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			<i>bring any questions to the meeting.)</i> WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting Update on HB 2424 (see Agenda, page 4 for links)
11:00 AM	Compensation Program Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WAC Revisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Discussion:</i> Review the proposed WAC Revision recommendations and refine as needed. 	Compensation Task Group Proposal—WAC Revisions
12:00 PM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
1:00 PM <i>(incl. 15-min break)</i>	Compensation Program Recommendations – WAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WAC Revisions (cont’d) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>WAC Revisions Decision:</i> Do WAG members agree to send the WAC Revisions recommendations to the Director, with a request to see WDFW’s tracked-change version of the relevant WACs for affirmation of WAG’s intent? 	Compensation Task Group Proposals—WAC Revisions and Pay-for-Presence Pilot
	Compensation Program Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay-for-Presence (P4P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Discussion:</i> Review the proposed WAC Revision recommendations and refine as needed. <i>P4P Decision:</i> Do WAG members agree, with WDFW’s support, to begin conversations with potential legislative sponsors to assess the potential for bringing a pilot proposal to the legislature? 	
4:00 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
5:00 PM	Closing Reflections—WAG members and WDFW Staff	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity	---
5:30 PM	Day 1 Adjourn		
5:35 PM – 6:00 PM	<i>Informal 1:1 in-person session with WDFW and the public (no virtual access)</i>		

Wednesday, November 20

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
9:40 AM <i>(incl. 10-min break)</i>	Social and Economic Effects of Wolves on Northeast Washington Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening statements by panelists (10 min. each) • Moderated Panel discussion (up to 30 minutes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How would downlisting/de-listing of wolves affect the issues you have raised? ○ What action would you like to see the WAG undertake in response to the issues you have raised? • Discussion between and among WAG and Panelists (up to 45 min) • What next?—WAG and WDFW 	To provide a forum for a respectful, two-way discussion of the social and economic effects of wolf presence and wolf depredations on communities in NE Washington. The panel will include perspectives from local livestock producers, local hunters, local businesses, and a local conservation district.	Panelist Bios
12:30 PM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
1:00 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
2:00 PM	WAG Calendar	Affirm the WAG meeting dates and locations for calendar year 2025	Proposed calendar
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 *(included as part of the meeting packet)*

- July 2024 WAG Meeting Summary:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/wag-meeting-summary-july2024-final.pdf>
- Gray Wolf Updates:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/updates>
- WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting Update on HB 2424
 - Video 1: Timestamp: 3:21:25 – 4:15:40 (<https://tvw.org/video/washington-fish-and-wildlife-commission-2024101083/?eventID=2024101083>)
 - Video 2: Timestamp: 0 – 34:22 (<https://tvw.org/video/washington-fish-and-wildlife-commission-2024101084/?eventID=2024101084>)