

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL Agenda

WHEN: Friday, June 21, 2013 – 8:30 A.M.

WHAT:

A. Cougar GMUs - Briefing, Public Hearing, Decision - *see note below

Department staff will provide a briefing and ask the Commission to approve removing GMUs 157 and 522 (WAC 232-28-297 2012-2013, 2013-2014) from the 2014-2015 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello Ph.D., Large Carnivore Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Public Input – This Item Only

*If you plan to attend to provide public testimony on this item please contact Commission staff at (360) 902-2267 so we can ensure adequate space is available.

B. Petitions to Change Rules - Decision

The Commission will formally consider two petitions for changes to rulemaking pursuant to RCW 34.05.330:

- Naselle River Internal Combustion Engines Gacke
 Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager
- Archery Requirements Crossbows Palmer
 Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager

C. <u>Commercial Sea Cucumbers/Sea Urchins Buy – Back Program – Decision</u>

Department staff will brief the Commission on the commercial license buy-back program for the sea cucumber and sea urchin fishery request approval to increase the maximum bid prices for permits.

Staff Report: Rich Childers, Shellfish Policy Manager, Fish Program

D. Minutes for Approval - Decision

The Commission will consider approval of previous meeting minutes.

E. General Discussion

Commissioners and the Director will discuss recent activities and items of interest.

WHERE:

This meeting will take place by telephone conference call. The public may come to the Commission Office at the Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters, Natural Resources Building, 5th Floor, 1111 Washington Street SE, Olympia to listen to the call by speaker phone but public input is only accepted on item A. Please contact Commission staff at (360) 902-2267 so we can ensure adequate space is available.

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Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Bellingham (Western Washington position, Whatcom County) Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Huxley College of the

Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

Larry Carpenter, Mount Vernon

(Western Washington position, Skagit County) Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine

Environment - Western Washington University

Services, Inc.

Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

Jay Holzmiller, Anatone

(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)

Occupation: Public Works Term: 6/10/13 – 12/31/18

Jay Kehne, Omak

(At-Large Position, Okanogan County)
Occupation: Okanogan outreach associate,

Conservationist

Term: 04/16/2013 - 12/31/2018

Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island

(At-Large position, Kitsap County) Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist Current Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

Rolland Schmitten, Lake Wenatchee

(Eastern Washington position, Chelan County) Occupation: Marine resources consultant Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

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