

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda DECEMBER 11-12, 2015 — REGULAR MEETING

Northwest Maritime Center – 431 Water Street Port Townsend, WA 98368

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2015

8:00 AM 1. Call to Order

15 min

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Meeting Minute Approval

8:15 AM 2. Open Public Input

45 min

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9:00 AM 3. <u>Director's Report</u>

30 min

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

9:30 AM 4. 2016/17 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Decision

60 min

Department staff will seek approval from the Commission on proposals for the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2016-17 season.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, Annette Hoffmann, Region 4 Fish Program Manager, Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

10:30 AM Break

15 min

10:45 AM 5. <u>Puget Sound Rockfish Conservation Action Update – Briefing</u>

45 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on WDFW's active role in research and monitoring the recovery of rockfish within Puget Sound in conjunction with the National Marine Fisheries Service for the preparation of a rockfish recovery plan.

Staff Report: Dayv Lowry, Ph.D., Research Scientist and Dan Tonnes, Federal Rockfish Recovery Coordinator for Puget Sound, (NMFS)

11:30 PM Lunch

90 min

1:00 PM 6. <u>Transaction Fee WAC – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision</u>

Department staff will brief the Commission, take public comments and request approval for amendments to WAC 220-55-180, relating to point-of-sale transaction fees as provided in RCW 77.32.050.

Staff Report: Joe Stohr, Deputy Director and Joanna Eide, Criminal Justice Liaison/Regulations Coordinator

Public Input – This Item Only

1:20 PM 7. Shellfish Enforcement from Harvest Grounds to the Illicit Market Place – Briefing

Department staff will brief the Commission on the Enforcement Program's responsibilities and challenges associated with shellfish enforcement, with a focus on bi-valve species.

Staff Report: Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief of Enforcement

1:50 PM 8. Point No Point Status Update – Briefing and Public Input

Department staff will brief the Commission on the status of the Department's proposed boat launch at Point No Point.

Staff Report: Michele Culver, Regional Director and Tim Burns, Assistant Director, CAMP

Public Input – This Item Only

2:50 PM Break 15 min

3:05 PM 9. 2015 Major West Coast Harmful Algal Bloom - Briefing

Department staff will brief the Commission on the impacts to commercial and recreational fisheries and emerging information about possible causes of this year's harmful algal bloom.

Staff Report: Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Manager

3:35 PM 10. Commission Tour – Western Flyer at the Port Townsend Shipwrights coop

The Commissioners will tour the restoration project underway on the historic Western Flyer.

Please note the public is also welcome to attend however, transportation to the site will not be provided. The meeting will adjourn immediately after the tour.

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8:30 AM 11. Open Public Input

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9:00 AM 12. Meeting with Francine Madden – Discussion

60 min

The Commission will be briefed on recent meetings of the Wolf Advisory Group and hear an overview of wildlife conflict transformation.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead and Francine Madden, Human Wildlife Conflict Collaboration

10:00 AM 13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

30 min

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

10:30 AM Adjourn

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