



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda JANUARY 22-23, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING

Heathman Lodge – 7801 NE Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

- 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*
- The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.
- NOTE:** During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.
- 9:00 AM** **3. Director's Report** *20 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:20 AM** **4. Periodic Status Review (Northern Spotted Owl, Snowy Plover, Western Gray Squirrel, and Greater Sage-grouse) – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for these four state listed species and outline the comments provided by peer scientists and the public. Staff will provide their recommendations to the Commission as to the appropriate classifications for these species (i.e. retain current status, up-list, down-list or de-list).
- Staff Report: Penny Becker, Diversity Division Manager, Joseph Buchanan, Natural Resource Scientist, Derek Stinson and Gary Wiles, Wildlife Biologists
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 10:20 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:35 AM** **5. Washington State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) – Briefing** *30 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on the final State Wildlife Action Plan highlighting the tools developed to assist in conserving Washington's species and habitats, including the development of a climate watch list and new range maps for several species of greatest conservation need.
- Staff Report: Penny Becker, Diversity Division Manager, Wildlife Program and Lynn Helbrecht, SWAP & Climate Change Coordinator, Habitat Program

11:05 AM **6. North Pacific Fisheries Management Council's Bering Sea Halibut Management – Briefing** *40 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the recent North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) decision regarding management of halibut bycatch in Bering Sea fisheries and a description of the NPFMC next steps on halibut bycatch management.

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant to the Director

11:45 AM **Lunch** *2 hr*

1:45 PM **7. North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing** *45 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission a briefing on the North of Falcon annual salmon fishery planning process, as stipulated within policy C-3608.

Staff Report: John Long, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager

2:30 PM **8. Wildlife Poaching and the License Suspension Process – Briefing** *60 min*
The Enforcement Program will brief the Commission on poaching and its impacts on resource management and opportunities for harvest. Additionally, Enforcement will brief the Commission on the license suspension process, including commercial license suspensions.

Staff Report: Chief Steve Crown and Deputy Chief Mike Cenci

3:30 PM **Recess**

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8:00 AM **9. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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8:30 AM **10. Review of the Columbia River Fishery Management Policy C-3620-Staff Briefing, Panel Comments and Public Comments** *2 hrs*
Department staff will provide the Commission an annual briefing on Columbia River fishery management as set forth per policy C-3620. Commercial and Recreational panels will provide comments followed by additional public comments.

Staff Report: Guy Norman, Region 5 Director, Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator and Robin Ehlke, Assistant Columbia River Policy Coordinator

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10:30 AM **Break** *15 min*

10:45 AM 11. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review – Briefing and Public Comment

45 min

Department staff will provide the Commission an annual review briefing on lower Columbia River sturgeon, as stipulated within policy C-3001.

Staff Report: Pat Frazier, Region 5 Fish Program Policy Coordinator and Brad James, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

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11:30 AM 12. 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.

12:00 PM Adjourn

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