



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

MARCH 16, 2017 - SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 17-18, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501
First Floor – Room 172

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

- 3:00 PM** **1. Commission’s Annual Meeting with the Governor** *60 min*
Location: Governor’s Office, Legislative Building, Olympia

In accordance with RCW 77.04.055, the Commission will meet with Governor Inslee to review and prescribe basic goals and objectives, and review the performance of the Department in implementing fish and wildlife policies.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

- 8:00 AM** **2. Call to Order** *15 min*
a. Commissioners’ Discussion
b. Meeting Minute Approval

- 8:15 AM** **3. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 8:45 AM** **4. Director’s Report** *30 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

- 9:15 AM** **5. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*
The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

- 9:35 AM** **6. Lands 20/20 – Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will provide a briefing on the Lands 20/20 process and will seek funding for projects approved through this process.

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager

- 10:05 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:20 AM** **7. Snoqualmie Valley Wildlife Area and Dog Training - Briefing** *20 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission and the public on the current proposal to support bird dog training in the Cherry Valley and Crescent Lake units of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area, and will provide an update about the schedule and timeline for the review and approval of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area plan.

Staff Report: Melinda Posner, Planning, Recreation and Outreach Section Manager, and Russell Link, Region 4 Wildlife Program Manager
- 10:40 AM** **8. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing** *25 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to deer and elk area descriptions and firearm restrictions.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only
- 11:05 AM** **9. Deer General Seasons and Definitions, Deer and Elk Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *50 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only
- 11:55 AM** **Lunch** *65 min*
- 1:00 PM** **10. Moose Seasons, Permit Quotas and Areas – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed amendments to moose seasons, permit quotas, and hunt areas.

Staff Report: Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only
- 1:20 PM** **11. Bighorn Sheep Seasons, Permits and Quotas – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to bighorn sheep permit levels and opportunities.

Staff Report: Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

- 1:40 PM** **12. Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing** *25 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations.

 Staff Report: Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only
- 2:05 PM** **13. Landowner Hunting Permits and Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed date adjustments to the landowner hunting permit seasons for 2017 and changes to the wildlife area names.

 Staff Report: Angelique Curtis, Small Game Section Manager

Public Input – This Item Only
- 2:20 PM** **14. Special Hunting Season Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *25 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed changes to the special hunting season permits regarding point restoration.

 Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

Public Input – This Item Only
- 2:45 PM** **Break** *15 min*
- 3:00 PM** **15. Petition to NOAA to Establish a Whale Protection Zone for Southern Resident Killer Whales - Briefing** *30 min*
 The Commission will receive a briefing on the petition that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) received to establish a zone for the protection of Southern Resident Killer Whales off the coast of San Juan Island. NOAA staff will review the current vessel regulations, describe the information requested through the open public comment period on the whale protection zone petition, and outline the process for responding to the petition.

 Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager; Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager; Deputy Chief Mike Cenci and Lynne Barre, Seattle Branch Chief, Protected Resources Division, NOAA
- 3:30 PM** **16. Sport Fishing Regulations Phone Application Review – Briefing** *35 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on the development of a mobile phone application for the 2017/18 Sport Fishing Regulations.

 Staff Report: Brodie Cox, Biological Data Systems Manager and Melody Alefteras, Lead Science Developer
- 4:05 PM** **17. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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4:35 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

8:00 AM **18. Open Public Input** *30 min*

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8:30 AM **19. Annual Wolf Management Report – Briefing** *60 min*

Department staff will provide the Commission with an annual briefing regarding wolf plan implementation during 2016.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead

9:30 AM **20. North of Falcon In-Season Management – Briefing** *30 min*

Department staff and Commissioners will have a discussion on in-season management as it pertains to Puget Sound Sport Salmon Fisheries.

Staff report: Ron Warren, Assistant Director, Fish Program

Pat Pattillo, Recreational Fishing Advisor and George Harris, President of Northwest Marine Trade Association

10:00 AM **Break** *15 min*

10:15 AM **21. Cowlitz River Update – Briefing and Public Input** *90 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on Cowlitz River management and fisheries.

Staff Report: Cindy Lefleur, Region 5 Fish Program Manager, Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Systems Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

11:45 AM **22. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*

The Department will present additional information to the Commission on the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

Staff Report: Annette Hoffmann, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

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12:45 PM 23. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

15 min

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

1:00 PM Adjourn

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