



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda
SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING**

Red Lion Hotel – 221 North Lincoln
Port Angeles, WA 98362
Juan de Fuca Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

- 8:00 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*
a. Commissioners' Discussion
b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:15 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *20 min*
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- 8:35 AM** **3. Director's Report** *45 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:20 AM** **4. 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
- 9:40 AM** **5. Federal Rules on Overfishing Determination – Briefing** *20 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission a briefing on NOAA's determining factors for considering a stock as overfished, and the interface between federal agencies and state fisheries management relative to conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Michele Culver, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Manager
- 10:00 AM** **Break** *10 min*
- 10:10 AM** **6. Overview of Protecting Species with State Classifications – Briefing** *10 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the State classification process in WAC 220-610-110, describe potential implications of various listings, and compare and contrast our state system with the federal Endangered Species Act.

Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager and Penny Becker, Diversity Division Manager, Wildlife Program

- 10:20 AM** **7. Periodic Status Review (Fisher, Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Sei Whale, Northern Right Whale, and Sperm Whale) – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for Fisher, Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Sei Whale, Northern Right Whale, and Sperm Whale in accordance with WAC 220-610-110.
- Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 10:40 AM** **8. Periodic Status Review (Loggerhead Sea Turtle) and Status Report (Yellow-billed Cuckoo) - Decision** *10 min*
- Department staff will request approval on the Periodic Status Review compiled for Loggerhead Sea Turtle and the Status Review for the Yellow-billed Cuckoo in accordance with WAC 220-610-110.
- Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 10:50 AM** **9. Monitoring and Recovery Status of Endangered Species Act (ESA) Listed Fish Populations – Briefing** *30 min*
- Department staff will provide the Commission a statewide geographic overview of ESA-listed fish populations, communicate methods utilized in the monitoring of these species, as well as highlight on some example trends of listed species either experiencing an improved population status or a declined status.
- Staff Report: Erik Neatherlin, Fish Program Chief Scientist
- 11:20 AM** **10. Shared Values Alliance – Briefing** *30 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on what the Enforcement Program is doing to expand citizen awareness and support from a larger constituency base.
- Staff Report: Deputy Chief, Mike Cenci and Becky McRoberts, Community Outreach Liaison
- 11:50 AM** **Commissioning of New Enforcement Chief** *10 min*
- Director Unsworth will deliver the new Chief his Oath of Office.
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch** *90 min*
- 1:30 PM** **11. 2017-19 Strategic Plan, Performance Agreement - Proposal/Briefing** *30 min*
- Department staff and Commissioners will discuss the 2017-19 Strategic Plan, Performance Agreement.
- Staff Report: Rob Geddis, Lean Performance Manager
- 2:00 PM** **12. 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget Request – Briefing and Possible Decision** *20 min*
- Department staff will provide an informational briefing and request approval on the agency's 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget.
- Staff Report: Tim Burns, Assistant Director, Capital and Asset Management Program

2:20 PM **13. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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2:50 PM **14. Elwha Moratorium Briefing and Tour** *2.5 hrs*
Department staff will provide a briefing on the status of Elwha River salmon and steelhead populations following the removal of two dams, and discuss the extension to the fishing moratorium initially implemented in 2011.

Staff Report: Annette Hoffmann, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Joe Anderson, Senior Research Scientist

Available Commissioners and Department staff will tour the Elwha River watershed. The public may attend but must provide their own transportation.

The meeting will recess immediately following the tour.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

8:00 AM **15. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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8:30 AM **16. Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries 2013-2017 Review – Briefing** *60 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission a review of the Columbia River recreational fisheries for spring chinook from 2013-2017, including the impact of the 75/25 allocation, catch balancing and run size buffers. Staff will also brief the Commission on the agency response to several recent letters from local governments in SE Washington about spring chinook recreational fishing opportunities and on the implementation status of the draft harvest framework for non-treaty fisheries in the upper Columbia.

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant

9:30 AM **17. 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.

- 2018 Meeting Dates - Decision

9:45 AM **Adjourn**

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