



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda OCTOBER 27-28, 2017 – REGULAR MEETING

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

- 8:30 AM** **1. Call to Order** *30 min*
- a. Commissioners' Discussion
 - b. Meeting Minute Approval
 - c. Committee Reports
- 9:00 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *30 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.
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- 9:30 AM** **3. Director's Report** *60 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items including:
- Proviso Implementation
 - Wolf Update
- Follow up items from previous meeting
- Halibut
 - Guide proviso
 - Elwha land ownership
- 10:30 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**
- 10:50 AM** **Break** *10 min*
- 11:00 AM** **5. Geoduck Divers License Rule – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *30 min*
- Department staff will provide a briefing to the Commission and hear public comments on the proposed changes to the geoduck divers license rule.
- Staff report: Peter Vernie, Licensing Division Manager, Trisha Anderson, Licensing Business Analyst, and Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

- 11:30 AM** **6. Amending Commercial Fishing Rules to Implement HB 1597 – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *45 min*
 Department staff will provide a briefing to the Commission and hear public comments on the proposed changes to the Commercial Fishing rules in order to implement House Bill 1597.
- Staff Report: Deputy Chief Mike Cenci and Trisha Anderson, Licensing Business Analyst
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 12:15 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:15 PM** **7. Marketing Plan Briefing** *30 min*
 Department staff will provide a review briefing on the agency’s proposed marketing plan.
- Staff Report: Peter Vernie, Licensing Program Manager and Greg Sallis, Sales and Marketing Manager
- 1:45 PM** **8. Scatter Creek Project – Briefing and Decision** *15 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission and request approval for forest restoration projects in the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area.
- Staff Report: Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead
- 2:00 PM** **9. Update on Northern Pike Distribution and Control Measures in the Upper Columbia - Briefing** *45 min*
 Department staff will update the commission on the current distribution and abundance of Northern Pike in the Upper Columbia Basin and how WDFW and co-managers are working to fully understand the issue for the purpose of controlling their abundances and preventing their spread into the anadromous portion of the Columbia River.
- Staff Report: Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager
- 2:45 PM** **Break** *15 min*
- 3:00 PM** **10. 2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification - Briefing** *45 min*
 Department staff will provide the Commission an overview on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve sportfishing rules.
- Staff report: Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fish Program Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager
- 3:45 PM** **11. Baker Lake and Skagit River Sockeye Salmon Review – Briefing and Public Input** *30 min*
 Department staff will provide the Commission with an overview of Baker Lake and Skagit River sockeye fishery management and an update on this year’s fisheries.
- Staff report: Aaron Dufault, Fish Anadromous Resource Policy Analyst and Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager

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4:15 PM **12. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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4:45 PM **Recess**

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9:00 AM **14. Pound Nets in the Columbia River – Briefing** *30 min*
Wild Fish Conservancy will provide a briefing to the Commission on the pound net test fishery being conducted on the Columbia River. Biologist Adrian Tuohy will discuss results from the two-year study and plans moving forward in 2018.

9:30 AM **15. Committee Structure and Process – Discussion** *30 min*
The Commission will discuss the current committee rules of procedure and the pros and cons of the options to modify current practices.

10:00 AM **16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *90 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

- 2018 meeting dates, locations, and agenda items - further discussion
- November 17 conference call agenda planning
- December 8-9 meeting agenda planning
- Executive Sessions

Staff Report: Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant

11:30 AM **17. Executive Session** *60 min*
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission will meet in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action will be taken in executive session, and the public is not permitted to listen to the executive session.

12:30 PM **Adjourn**

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