

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: February 8, 2018

Agenda Item 2: 2017-19 Proviso Discussion Workshop

Presenter(s): Nate Pamplin, Policy Director
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Background summary:

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When they enacted the 2017-19 biennial operating budget, state lawmakers directed WDFW to complete three tasks to improve the Department's long-term financial stability and operational efficiency:

- Develop a long-term plan to balance projected expenses and revenues by providing prioritized options for spending reductions and revenue increases.
- Identify and implement management improvements and operating efficiencies.
- Conduct a "zero-based budget review" to accompany the Department's proposed 2019-21 operating budget.

Department staff and Ross Strategic will brief the Commission on the following topics and seek guidance/input:

- Re-cap of February 7 meeting of WDFW's Budget and Policy Advisory Group
 - Meeting highlights
 - Draft revenue principles
 - Draft long-term funding plan outline
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act
- Ruckelshaus Center report on *Recreation Fees in Washington: Options and Recommendations*.
- Topics for March FWC Proviso Workshop

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

The Commission has expressed an interest in being more engaged in agency governance and influencing budget priorities. This is foundational information to prepare the Commission for engagement on the zero-based budget analysis and the development of a long-term revenue plan; as well as setting the stage for development of the next strategic plan and 2019-21 agency request legislation and budget decision packages.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation: N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Upcoming Proviso-related meetings:

Budget and Policy Advisory Group: March 2; 9am-4pm; Olympia

Budget and Policy Advisory Group: April 5; 9am-4pm; Ellensburg

Action requested: N/A

Draft motion language: N/A

Justification for Commission action: N/A; Briefing only

Post decision communications plan: N/A