



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Fish and Wildlife Commission

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

**3:00 PM** Fish Committee meeting – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Thorburn, Kehoe  
Location: Director’s Conference Room 537 – 5<sup>th</sup> floor (guests must have badge from reception)  
Agenda topics

**FEBRUARY 8 - 9, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING**

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

First Floor – Room 172

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019**

**7:00 AM** Wildlife Committee meeting – Commissioners Holzmilller, Thorburn, Baker –  
Location: Room 175 A & B – first floor near cafeteria  
Agenda topics

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**8:30 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*  
a. Commissioners’ Discussion  
b. Meeting Minute Approval  
c. Committee Reports if available

**8:45 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.  
**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.

**9:15 AM** **3. Director’s Report** *30 min*  
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

**9:45 AM** **4. Operation and Maintenance of WDFW Lands (O&M) Discussion – Briefing** *30 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission regarding estimation of our per acre operation and maintenance costs, including how these figures are being used with respect to Capital and Operating funding requests related to purchase of new lands.

Staff Report: Paul Dahmer, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager

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

- 10:30 AM**     **5. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*  
 The Commission will consider approval of 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 Hearing – This Item Only**
- 10:50 AM**     **6. Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules – Decision** *30 min*  
 Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220.
- Staff Report: Patricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Falconry Manager, Wildlife Program
- 11:20 AM**     **7. Columbia River Joint Commission Workgroup Update - Briefing** *30 min*  
 Workgroup members along with Department staff will provide the Commission an update on the progress and discussions conducted by the Columbia River Joint Commission Workgroup for purpose of revising the Columbia River Salmon Management Policy C-3620.
- Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager
- 11:50 AM**     **Lunch** *70 min*
- 1:00 PM**     **8. Lower Columbia Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review (Policy C-3001) – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*  
 Department staff will provide the Commission an annual review on lower Columbia River sturgeon population status, as stipulated in the policy, and discuss plans for 2019 fisheries.
- Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 2:00 PM**     **9. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*  
 Department staff will provide the Commission with a status update on the progress and process to review the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy C-3619.
- Staff Report: Erik Neatherlin, Fish Science Division Manager, Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Manager
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 3:00 PM**     **Break** *15 min*
- 3:15 PM**     **10. Puget Sound Steelhead Advisory Group (PSSAG) Briefing** *45 min*  
 The PSSAG will summarize the results of a more than 2-year process that resulted in a broadly supported portfolio of proactive management strategies to restore Puget Sound steelhead and fisheries.
- Staff Report: **PSSAG Members**

**4:00 PM**     **11. Executive Session** *60 min*  
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission will meet in executive session. No action will be taken during executive session and the public is not permitted to attend.

**5:00 PM**     **Recess**  
  
Big Tent Committee meeting – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Baker, Graybill  
Location: Director’s Conference Room 537 – 5<sup>th</sup> floor (guests must have badge from reception)  
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## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019**

**8:00 AM**     **12. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*  
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

**8:30 AM**     **13. Open Public Input** *30 min*  
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**9:00 AM**     **14. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy C-3621 Review – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*  
Department staff will provide the Commission an annual review on Grays Harbor salmon management as stipulated in Policy C-3621, providing guidance for Grays Harbor salmon fisheries.  
  
Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Mike Scharpf, District Biologist

### **Public Comment – This Item Only**

**10:00 AM**     **Break** *15 min*

**10:15 AM**     **15. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on progress of the comprehensive review for the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3622, in order to seek interim guidance for 2019 management of Willapa Bay Basin salmon fisheries.  
  
Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Kirt Hughes, Statewide Salmon and Steelhead Manager

**11:15 AM**     **16. 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.

**11:45 AM**     **Adjourn**

## MEMBERS

**Bradley Smith**, Ph.D., Chair, Bellingham  
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)  
Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Environmental Science  
Western Washington University  
Current Term: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2020

**Larry Carpenter**, Vice-chair, Mount Vernon  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
Occupation: Retired Business Owner  
Term: 08/14/2017 - 12/31/2018

**Barbara Baker**, Olympia  
(At-large position, Thurston County)  
Occupation: Attorney/Retired Administrator  
Term: 01/17/2017 - 12/31/2022

**David Graybill**, Leavenworth  
(Eastern Washington position, Chelan County)  
Occupation: Owner FishingMagician.com LLC  
Term: 03/23/2015 – 12/31/2020

**Jay Holzmilller**, Anatone  
(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)  
Occupation: Equipment Operator, Asotin County Public Works, Rancher  
Term: 06/10/2013 – 12/31/2018

**Robert Kehoe**, Seattle  
(At-large position, King County)  
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine  
Vessel Owners' Association  
Current Term: 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2020

**Donald McIsaac**, Ph.D., Hockinson  
(Western Washington Position, Clark County)  
Occupation: Retired Executive Director of the Pacific Fishery  
Management Council; Part-time Consultant  
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**Kim Thorburn**, MD, MPH, Spokane  
(Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)  
Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician  
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