



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

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

- 2:00 PM Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Baker, Graybill
Location: Director's Conference Room (537) – must have a badge from reception for access
Agenda topics
- Public Affairs Update, Carrie McCausland
 - Strategic Planning Update, Rob Geddis
- 3:00 PM Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, Graybill, McIsaac
Location: Room 175 A & B – first floor near cafeteria
Agenda topics
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- 4:00 PM Executive Session**
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.

APRIL 5-6, 2019 – Regular Meeting

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

- 7:00 AM Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Holzmilller, 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** *60 min*
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- 9:45 AM 3. Director's Report** *30 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:15 AM 4. 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

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- 10:35 AM** **5. Small Game – Decision** *5 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on proposed rules for small game and furbearers.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager
- 10:40 AM** **Break** *10 min*
- 10:50 AM** **6. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations – Decision** *10 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager
- 11:00 AM** **7. Landowner Hunting Permits – Decision** *5 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on landowner hunting permits.

Staff Report: Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager
- 11:05 AM** **8. Hunter Orange – Decision** *5 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on hunter orange requirements

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager
- 11:10 AM** **9. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits – Decision** *20 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

Staff Report: Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager
- 11:30 AM** **10. Hunting Boundaries and Equipment – Decision** *5 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on hunting boundaries and equipment.

Staff Report: Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager
- 11:35 AM** **11. Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease – Decision** *10 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on elk game management unit changes.

Staff Report: Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager
- 11:45 AM** **12. Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – Decision** *15 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

Staff Report: Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*

- 1:00 PM 13. Bighorn Sheep Seasons and Auction, Raffle, and Special Permits – Decision** *10 min*
 Department staff will request approval from the Commission on bighorn sheep seasons and on new auction, raffle, and special permit opportunities.

 Staff Report: Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager
- 1:10 PM 14. Mountain Goat Seasons - Decision** *5 min*
 Department staff will request approval from the Commission on mountain goat seasons.

 Staff Report: Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager
- 1:15 PM 15. Moose Seasons - Decision** *5 min*
 Department staff will request approval from the Commission on moose seasons.

 Staff Report: Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager
- 1:20 PM 16. Annual Wolf Report – Briefing** *60 min*
 Department staff will provide the annual wolf update.

 Staff Report: Ben Maletzkie and Dan Brinson
- 2:20 PM Break** *15 min*
- 2:35 PM 17. Requirements for Testing Commercial Fishing Gear – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *15 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission and request approval on changes needed to amend rules to clarify the requirements for testing commercial fishing gear.

 Staff Report: Scott Bird, Agency Rules Coordinator

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 2:50 PM 18. Abalone Status Review and Preliminary Listing – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
 Department staff will summarize the public comment received during the review period and peer review of the preliminary status review document.

 Staff Report: Hank Carson, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist and Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Policy Coordinator

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- 3:20 PM 19. Pass Lake Sport Fishing Rules - Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on proposals to allow harvest of all game fish except trout at Pass Lake in Skagit County.

 Staff Report: Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager and Justin Spinelli, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 3:50 PM** **20. HPA Suction Dredging Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed amendments to the hydraulic code rules for suction dredging.

Staff Report: Randi Thurston, Pat Chapman and Teresa Scott, Habitat Program

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- 4:50 PM** **Recess**

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2019

- 8:00 AM** **21. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

- 8:30 AM** **22. Open Public Input** *60 min*
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- 9:30 AM** **23. Commercial Fishing Guide Logbook Requirements – Briefing and Public Comment** *60 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on a proposal establishing logbook requirements for gamefish guides, food fish guides, and combination game fish and food fish guides.

Staff Report: Kelly Cunningham, Fish Program Deputy Assistant Director and Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager

- 10:30 AM** **24. 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

- 11:30 AM** **25. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 – Briefing, Public Comment and Policy Direction** *60 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on progress of the comprehensive review for the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3622, and provide options for Commission direction for fishery planning.
Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Kirt Hughes, Statewide Salmon and Steelhead Manager

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12:30 PM 26. 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.

12:45 PM Adjourn

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Larry Carpenter, Chair, Mount Vernon
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(At-large position, Thurston County)
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Term: 01/17/2017 - 12/31/2022

David Graybill, Leavenworth
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Occupation: Owner FishingMagician.com LLC
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Jay Holzmiller, Anatone
(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)
Occupation: Equipment Operator, Asotin County Public Works, Rancher
Term: 06/10/2013 – 12/31/2018

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Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine Vessel Owners' Association
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Don McIsaac, Ph.D., Hockinson
(Western Washington Position, Clark County)
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Kim Thorburn, MD, MPH, Spokane
(Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)
Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician
Current Term: 01/23/2017 - 12/31/2022

Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Bellingham
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)
Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Environmental Science Western Washington University
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