



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

- Willapa Bay
- Puget Sound Crab and Shrimp update

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, Holzmillner, Baker
Location: Room 175 A & B – first floor near cafeteria

Agenda topics

- Hunt recommendation update
- Hunting contest

8:30 AM 1. Call to Order

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Meeting Minute Approval
- c. Committee Reports if available

15 min

8:45 AM 2. Open Public Input

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60 min

9:45 AM 3. Director's Report

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

30 min

- 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
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 10:35 AM** **5. Cougar Update** *15 min*
Director Susewind will provide an update on existing cougar management policy and provide an analysis of options for addressing potential changes to cougar management.
- 10:50 AM** **6. 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
- 10:55 AM** **Break** *10 min*
- 11:05 AM** **7. 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
- 11:15 AM** **8. 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
- 11:20 AM** **9. Hunter Orange – Decision** *5 min*
Department staff will request approval from the Commission on hunter orange requirements
- Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager
- 11:25 AM** **10. 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
- 11:45 AM** **11. 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

- 11:50 AM 12. 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
- 12:00 PM Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM 13. 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
- 1:15 PM 14. 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
- 1:25 PM 15. 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
- 1:30 PM 16. 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
- 1:35 PM 17. Annual Wolf Report – Briefing** *60 min*
Department staff will provide the annual wolf update.

Staff Report: Benjamin Maletzke, PhD, Statewide Wolf Specialist and Dan Brinson, Conflict Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- 2:35 PM Break** *15 min*
- 2:50 PM 18. 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

- 3:05 PM** **19. 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

Public Hearing – This Item Only

- 3:35 PM** **20. 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 Hearing – This Item Only

- 4:05 PM** **21. 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, Protection Division Manager, Pat Chapman, Regulatory Services Coordinator and Teresa Scott, Special Projects Coordinator, Habitat Program

Public Hearing – This Item Only

- 5:05 PM** **Recess**

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

- 8:00 AM** **22. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

- 8:30 AM** **23. Open Public Input** *60 min*
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- 9:30 AM** **24. 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

Public Comment – This Item Only

10:30 AM 25. 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 26. 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

Public Comment – This Item Only

12:30 PM 27. 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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Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician
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