

# 2020 Agency Request Legislative Planning

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# Agenda



## 2020 Legislative Session Planning

- Timeline
- Bills still active
- Preview of agency legislative proposals
- Interim strategy



# 2020 Supplemental Session

- **60 days** - less time to work complex policy issues
- **OFM guidance** - emergencies, urgent needs vs. new initiatives
- **Not an election year** – fewer new members
- **Leadership** - changes in the House
- **Revenue outlook** - positive
- **Leg interest** in finding long-term fixes to temporary budget fixes

<b>January</b>	8	M	1	← First day of session	
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<b>March</b>	1	Th	53		
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	8	Th	60	← Last day allowed for regular session under	



# 2020 Legislative & Budget Development Timeline

Date	Action
May 10	Leg proposals due to LAO
May 13	Deputies scoring committee meets to do initial ranking of leg proposals
May 23	Budget proposals due to CBO
May 23	EMT Review/ feedback on legislative proposals
May 28	BPAG Webinar
June 14-15	<b>FWC Presentation on draft agency legislative and budget proposals</b>
June 19-20	EMT Update on feedback from Commission
July	Outreach to local opinion leaders, Advisory Committees, policy makers, partner groups, etc.
July 8	Final budget and legislative proposals due
August 2-3	FWC Presentation on final proposals and outcomes of outreach
August 23	FWC call final approval before final submittal
September	Submit budget request to OFM / Agency-request legislation with budget impact due to Governor's office
October	Programs present legislative and budget packages to OFM and legislative staff



# Bills Still Active



## Payments in Lieu of Taxes

(HB 1662/ SB 5696)

- **Effect** – Eliminate choice (fees, fines, forfeitures vs PILT), pay at open space thru Treasurer's.
- **Next steps** – Meet with partners and sponsors to strategize on how to phase.

## ADA Discount

(HB 1230)

- **Effect** – expand discount to all disabled hunters/ fishers with permanent disability.
- **Next Steps** – Work with sponsor to decide whether to run again as is, or broaden?



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## Rec License Fee Bill (HB 1708 / SB 5692)

- **Effect** –15% increase across-the-board, caps, bundled packages, emphasis on recruitment, and authority for FWC to adjust for inflation.
- **Next steps** - Work with leg sponsors/partners to see if a fee bill is politically viable.

## Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement (SB 5871)

- **Effect** - re-establish the endorsement for 4 years.
- **Next steps** - Work w/ rec fishers to scope re-initiation vs. abandon vs. roll into base.



# 2020 Legislative Proposals



## Enforcement Civil Infractions

- Reduces violations of some low level wildlife crimes to civil infractions, reducing burden on local prosecutors so they can focus on more egregious F&W crimes.
- Allows revocation of a license after two violations in five years vs. current approach of three times in ten years.



## Veterinarians Chemical Capture

- Clarifies F&W veterinarians authority to use controlled substances in humane euthanasia.
- This will help our vets do their job with legal cover so their licenses aren't at risk.



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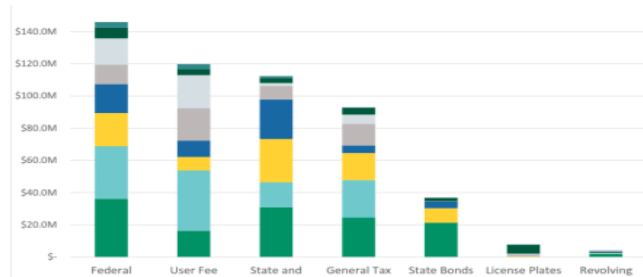


## Indemnification Authority

- Provides indemnity to federal agencies who are administering restoration grants, like PSNERP.

## Budget / Account Clean-up

- Implement audit recommendation and establish less complex account structure.



## Forest Health

- Set a goal of 9,000 acres of forest health treatments per year to raise awareness and help ensure funding in the supplemental budget.





# Killer Whale Bill(s) TBD



Recommendations emerging from Year 2 of the Governor's Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force may have additional legislation that the Department needs to support in 2020.



# Interim Strategy

## Legislative Outreach

- Legislative meetings, strategy sessions, committee workshops
- Legislative tours – wolf management, habitat restoration, orca patrols, hatcheries, lands, etc.
- Tours/ workshops/ brown bags with budget and leg staff

## Stakeholder Outreach

- BPAG and other advisory committees
- BPAG sponsored leg tours
- Early work with partners to scope budget strategy and work through sticking points – before they develop their priority issues for 2020

## Media Outreach

- Op Eds from key partners
- Editorial Boards throughout the state

## Communication Tools

- Development of tools for communicating tough issues - Commission policies, NOF, commercial gear types, predator management, etc.
- PSAs, factsheets, info graphics, social media, etc.



# Feedback? Questions?

