

WDFW 2020 Legislative Session: Agency Request Legislation

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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

Month	Day	Day of Week	Session Day	Notes	
January	8	M	1	← First day of session	
	9	T	2		
	10	W	3		
	11	Th	4		
	12	F	5		
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	26	F	19		
	27	S	20		
	28	Su	21		
	29	M	22		
	30	T	23		
	31	W	24		
	February	1	Th	25	
		2	F	26	← Policy Committee Cutoff - House of Origin
		3	S	27	
		4	Su	28	
		5	M	29	
		6	T	30	← Fiscal Committee Cutoff - House of Origin
		7	W	31	
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10		S	34		
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12		M	36		
13		T	37		
14		W	38	← House of Origin Cutoff	
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17	S	41			
18	Su	42			
19	M	43			
20	T	44			
21	W	45			
22	Th	46			
23	F	47	← Policy Committee Cutoff - Opposite House		
24	S	48			
25	Su	49			
26	M	50	← Fiscal Committee Cutoff - Opposite House		
27	T	51			
28	W	52			
March	1	Th	53		
	2	F	54	← Opposite House Cutoff	
	3	S	55		
	4	Su	56		
	5	M	57		
	6	T	58		
	7	W	59		
	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	FWC Presentation on draft agency legislative and budget proposals
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 briefing, public comment, and possible decision
August 23	<i>FWC call: final approval of agency request legislation and budget requests, if necessary</i>
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.

ADA Discount

(HB 1230)

- **Effect** – expand discount to all disabled hunters/ fishers with permanent disability.



Bills Still Active



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.

Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement (SB 5871)

- **Effect** - re-establish the endorsement for 4 years.



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.



2020 Legislative Proposals

Enforcement Civil Infractions and Revocations Bill

This bill has five components:

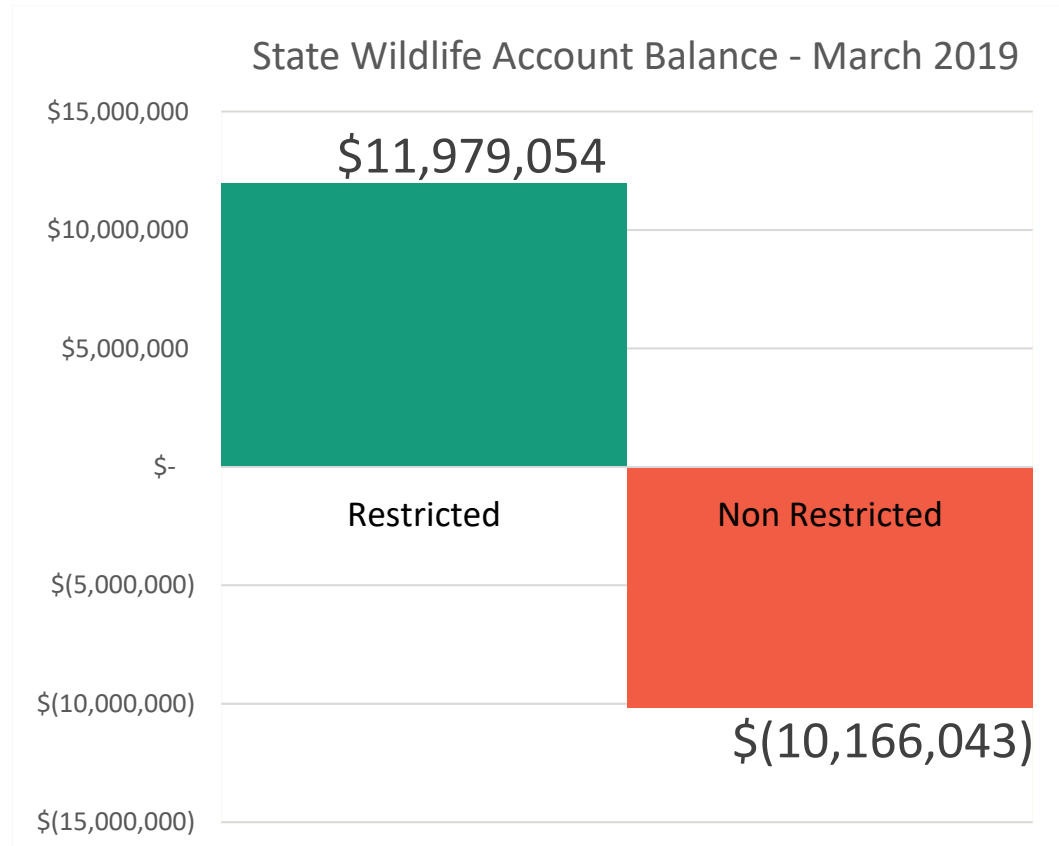
1. Reduces lower level fish and wildlife crimes to an infraction
2. Changes the definition of a "conviction"
3. Adjusts revocation statutes
4. Requires notices of license revocation by the courts
5. Aligns Department enforcement officer recruitment with other law enforcement agencies



2020 Legislative Proposals

State Wildlife Account Transparency Bill

- Implements an audit recommendation
- Splits State Wildlife Account into two separate accounts.
 - Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account
 - Limited Fish and Wildlife Account (25 sub-accounts)
- OFM recommends this action



Cash Balance (net of both) = \$1,813,011



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.



Questions?

