



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

FEBRUARY 6-8, 2020

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501, Room 172

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 1:00 PM** **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill
Location: Room 172
Agenda topics: TBD
- 2:30 PM** **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville
Location: Room 172
Agenda topics: TBD
- 4:00 PM** **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville
Location: Room 172
Agenda topics: TBD
- 5:30 PM** **Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Smith, McIsaac
Location: Room 172
Agenda topics:
- Strategic Planning
 - Public Affairs update
 - Recreational lands briefing – Cynthia Wilkerson
 - Boy Scouts proposal (Commissioners Smith and Baker)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING

- 8:00 AM** **1. Call to Order** *45 min*
a. Commissioners' Discussion
b. Meeting Minutes Approval
c. Committee Reports, if available
- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 9:15 AM** **3. Director's Report** *30 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

9:45 AM **4. Land Transactions 20/20 – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision** *40 min*
Staff will provide a briefing on the Lands 20/20 current process and will seek funding for projects approved through this process.

Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only

10:15 AM **5. Lands Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision** *10 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 Comment – This Item Only

10:25 AM **BREAK** *15 min*

10:40 AM **6. Blue Sheet: Hunting Contests – Briefing, Public Comment** *30 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the Washington laws and regulations that apply to hunting and fishing contests and will also be updated on recent changes to predator-focused hunting contests in other States.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only

11:10 AM **Lunch** *60 min*

12:10 PM **7. Lower Columbia Sturgeon Stock Status – Briefing, Public Comment** *45 min*
Staff will provide the Commission an annual review briefing on lower Columbia River sturgeon population status, as stipulated within Policy C-3001, and discuss plans for 2020 fisheries

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead

Public Comment – This Item Only

12:55 PM **8. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*
Staff will provide the Commission an annual review briefing on Grays Harbor salmon management as stipulated within 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

1:55 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

- 8:00 AM** **9. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622- Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*
Staff will provide a briefing on an options analysis seek and guidance from the Commission on the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) for conducting fishery management objectives during the 2020 North of Falcon process.
- Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst, Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy, and Kirt Hughes, Statewide Salmon and Steelhead Fishery Manager
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 9:00 AM** **10. Open Public Input** *60 min*
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- 10:00 AM** **11. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 Science – Briefing, Public Comment** *50 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a summary of results from two components of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619) review: This discussed the review of hatchery reform science.
- Staff Report: Laurie Peterson, Fish Program Science Division Manager, Joe Anderson, Research Scientist, and Andrew Murdoch, Eastern Washington Science Manager
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 10:50 AM** **12. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 Review– Briefing, Public Comment** *40 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a summary of results from two components of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619) This will discuss the policy performance evaluation.
- Staff Report: Laurie Peterson, Fish Program Science Division Manager, Joe Anderson, Research Scientist, and Andrew Murdoch, Eastern Washington Science Manager
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 11:30 AM** **13. Blue Sheet: Pollinator Projects and Backyard Sanctuaries – Briefing** *60 min*
Staff will brief the commission on best practices related to small scale habitat projects specifically related to pollinators and back yard sanctuaries.
- Staff Report: Taylor Cotten, Conservation Assessment Section Manager
- 12:30 PM** **14. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

1:00 PM

15. 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.

1:15 PM

Adjourn

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the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs. ***

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