



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

SEPTEMBER 10 - SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 9:00 AM** **Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, McIsaac, Thorburn, Smith
Location: [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/93315621199) (https://zoom.us/j/93315621199)
Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 933-1562-1199
Agenda topics:
- Strategic Plan
 - Climate Change
- 11:00 AM** **Habitat Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Smith, Kehoe, Baker, Linville
Location: [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/93414395539) (https://zoom.us/j/93414395539)
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Agenda topics:
- Riparian or Fish Passage
 - Net Ecological Gain
- 1:00 PM** **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill
Location: [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/94241537037) (https://zoom.us/j/94241537037)
Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 942-4153-7037
Agenda topics:
- Policy C-3619 (Hatcheries) Update
 - Policy C-3618 (Willapa) Update
 - Non-Native Game Fish and Fisheries Policy Update
 - Pinniped Blue Sheet
- 3:00 PM** **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville
Location: [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/99780828982) (https://zoom.us/j/99780828982)
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Agenda topics:
- TransAlta Mine acquisition
 - General discussion - current events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING (The Commission meeting will be held via [Zoom Webinar](#).)

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| 8:00 AM | 1. <u>Call to Order</u>
Commissioner's Discussion
Meeting Minutes Approval
Committee Reports | <i>30 min</i> |
| 8:30 AM | 2. <u>Open Public Input</u>
The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting. NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda. | <i>60 min</i> |
| 9:30 AM | 3. <u>Director's Report</u>
The Director will brief the Commission on various items, including an update on Covid-19 matters. | <i>30 min</i> |
| 10:00 AM | 4. <u>Land Transactions – Briefing, Decision</u>
The Commission will consider approval of land transactions recommended by the Department.

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager | <i>15 min</i> |
| 10:15 AM | <u>Break</u> | <i>15 min</i> |
| 10:30 AM | 5. <u>Hunting Contests – Decision</u>
Staff will ask the Commission for a decision on hunting contests.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Wildlife Game Division Manager | <i>15 min</i> |
| <u>Public Hearing – This Item Only</u> | | |
| 10:45 AM | 6. <u>Climate Change – Briefing</u>
Staff will brief the Commission on the agency efforts to combat climate change.

Staff Report: Lynn Helbrecht, Climate Change Coordinator and Jeff Davis, Conservation Director | <i>60 min</i> |

11:45 AM **7. Strategic Plan – Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the current status of the strategic plan.

Staff Report: Jeff Davis, Conservation Director and Rob Geddis, Lean Performance Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

12:45 PM **Lunch** *60 min*

1:45 PM **8. Hatchery Policy (C-3619) Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *90 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the public comment received during the public review of the proposed draft policy language within Policy C-3619.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

Public Comment – This Item Only

3:15 PM **9. North Cascades Elk – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the current status of the North Cascades Elk Herd.

Staff Report: Brendan Brokes, Region 4, Director and Fenner Yarborough, Region 4, Wildlife Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only

4:15 PM **10. Evaluation of Selective Harvest Experimental Salmon Trap in the Lower Columbia River – Briefing** *45 min*

Adrian Tuohy from the Wildlife Fish Conservancy will brief the Commission on the 2017-2020 alternative gear research in the lower Columbia River.

Staff Report: Adrian Tuohy, Project Manager, Wild Fish Conservancy

5:00 PM **Recess**

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8:00 AM **11. Open Public Input** *60 min*
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- 9:00 AM **12. Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy (C-3620) – Decision** *90 min*
 Staff will ask the Commission for a decision on the final revised draft language within Policy C-3620.

 Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fisheries Manager
- 10:30 AM **Break** *15 min*
- 10:45 AM **13. Commercial Whale Watching – Briefing** *60 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on the agency's work to develop a licensing program for commercial whale watching and rules regarding commercial viewing of Southern Resident Killer Whales.

 Staff Report: Dr. Julie Watson, Killer Whale Policy Lead
- 11:45 PM **14. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) Comprehensive Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *120 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on the draft comprehensive review for Policy C-3622.

 Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 1:45 PM **15. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *15 min*
 The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before, during, or after the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published and consider future agenda planning.
- 2:45 PM **16. Executive Session** *60 min*
 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.
- 3:45 PM **Adjourn**

*Times on the agenda are approximate, the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs. *

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