

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 5, 2020

Via **Zoom Webinar**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 - COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:00 AM Wildlife Committee Meeting – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville

Location: Zoom Link (https://zoom.us/j/98801162723)

Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) Webinar ID: 988-0116-2723

Agenda topics:

- Non-lead Partnership update
- Bear/Cougar tooth aging process
- Spring Bear Hunt WAC
- PSR process, including loon PSR
- Grazing rule/policy update
- Fire response on WDFW-owned lands

1:00 PM Fish Committee Meeting – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Kehoe, McIsaac

Location: Zoom Link (https://zoom.us/j/92088447679)

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Agenda topics:

- Willapa Bay policy update
- Hatchery policy update

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING (The Commission meeting will be held via **Zoom** Webinar.)

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8:00 AM 1. Call to Order

30 min

Commissioner's Discussion Meeting Minutes Approval Committee Reports

8:30 AM 2. Open Public Input

60 min

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9:30 AM 3. <u>Director's Report</u>

30 min

The Director will brief the Commission on various items, including an update on Covid-19 matters.

10:00 AM 4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Decision

The Commission will consider approval of land transactions recommended by the Department.

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager

11:10 AM <u>Break</u>

15 min

10:15 AM 5. Spring Bear Hunting Seasons – Briefing, Public Hearing

60 min

Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-080 Spring black bear special permits.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, WL Game Division Manager

Public Hearing - This Item Only

11:15 AM 6. Commercial Whale Watching – Briefing, Public Hearing

90 min

Staff will brief the Commission on two options for a rule package regarding commercial whale watching of Southern Resident Killer Whales. The briefing will include an early analysis and presentation of comments received on the proposed options.

Staff Report: Dr. Julie Watson, Killer Whale Policy Lead

Public Comment - This Item Only

12:45 PM 7. Promoting Washington's Sustainable Seafood - Briefing

30 min

Staff will brief the Commission on WDFW's management role and the resulting impact on locally harvested seafood.

Staff Report: Raquel Crosier, Special Assistant to the Director and Carrie McCausland, Director of Public Affairs

2:15 PM 8. <u>Pinniped Conservation and Management – Briefing</u>

60 min 75 min

In response to a F&W Commission request, staff will present an update on pinniped conservation and management efforts in the Columbia River and Puget Sound.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs; Kessina Lee, Southwest Region Director; Dr. Scott Pearson, Senior Research Scientist, Wildlife Program; and Dr. Joe Anderson; Senior Research Scientist, Fish Program.

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Lunch

1:15 PM

10 min

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3:45 PM

9. <u>WDFW Managed Nonlethal Pursuit Training Program – Briefing, Public Hearing</u>

Staff will brief the Commission on the proposed nonlethal pursuit pass program will help to ensure opportunity for handlers to keep dogs trained for quick and skilled action for public safety calls for service. This program will be monitored and administered through the enforcement program.

Staff Report: Rebecca Bennett, Community Outreach Liaison and Captain Jeff Wickersham, WDFW Enforcement

Public Hearing - This Item Only

4:45 PM 10. Executive Session

2 hrs

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

6:45 PM Recess

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9:00 AM 12. <u>Hatchery Policy (C-3619) Review – Briefing, Public Comment</u>

60 min

The Commission will take public comment and consider next steps of the revised language to Policy C-3619.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

Public Comment - This Item Only

10:00 AM 13. <u>Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) – Briefing, Public</u> Comment

60 min

Staff will brief the Commission on revisions to the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy and seek guidance on next steps.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

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60 min

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11:00 AM 14. 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.

11:15 AM Adjourn

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



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