



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Fish and Wildlife Commission

**FEBRUARY 17-19, 2022**

### **AGENDA**

Via [Zoom Webinar](#)

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:00 AM** **Big Tent Committee** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, McIsaac

Location: [Zoom Link](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84628528337) (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84628528337>)

Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) **Webinar ID:** 846-2852-8337

**Agenda topics:**

- Intros of climate change coordinator and sustainability coordinator
- Introduction and overview of the agency sustainability plan and progress made to date
- Update on the Commission policies review

**10:30 AM** **Habitat Committee** – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Anderson, Linville

Location: [Zoom Link](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87983134049) (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87983134049>)

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**Agenda topics:**

- Shrub-steppe proviso

**1:00 PM** **Fish Committee** – Commissioners McIsaac, Anderson, Baker

Location: [Zoom Link](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81891468988) (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81891468988>)

Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) **Webinar ID:** 818-9146-8988

**Agenda topics:**

- Commercial shellfish regulation proposals
- Coastal Steelhead Plan update
- Willapa Bay Policy review, revised process, and schedule

#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING** (The Commission meeting will be held via [Zoom Webinar](#).)

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| <b>8:00 AM</b>                                | <b>1. <u>Call to Order</u></b><br>Commissioner's Discussion<br>Meeting Minutes Approval<br>January 13-14, 2022, webinar draft meeting minutes<br>January 21, 2022, special web conference meeting minutes<br>January 28, 2022, web conference meeting minutes<br>Committee Reports   | <i>45 min</i> |
| <b>8:45 AM</b>                                | <b>2. <u>Open Public Input</u></b><br>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. <b>NOTE:</b> 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> |
| <b>9:45 AM</b>                                | <b>3. <u>Director's Report</u></b><br>The Director will brief the Commission on various items.   | <i>45 min</i> |
| <b>10:30 AM</b>                               | <b>4. <u>Land Transactions - Briefing, Public Comment and Decision</u></b><br>The Commission will consider approval of a land transaction recommended by the Department for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.<br><br>Staff Report: Karen Edwards, Real Estate Manager  | <i>30 min</i> |
| <b><u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u></b> |  |               |
| <b>11:00 AM</b>                               | <b><u>BREAK</u></b>  | <i>15 min</i> |
| <b>11:15 AM</b>                               | <b>5. <u>Commercial Shellfish Regulation Proposals – Briefing, Public Hearing</u></b><br>Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on proposed revisions to commercial regulations for shellfish.<br><br>Staff Report: Chris Eardley Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator, and Aaron Dufault, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager   | <i>60 min</i> |
| <b><u>Public Hearing – This Item Only</u></b> |  |               |
| <b>12:15 PM</b>                               | <b>6. <u>South Puget Sound Wildlife Area Plan – Briefing</u></b><br>Staff will brief the Commission on the newly finished South Puget Sound Wildlife Area Plan.<br><br>Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager, Lauri Vigue, Lands Planner, and Darric Lowery, Wildlife Area Manager   | <i>30 min</i> |
| <b>12:45 PM</b>                               | <b><u>LUNCH</u></b>  | <i>45 min</i> |
| <b>1:30 PM</b>                                | <b>7. <u>New Cowlitz Wildlife Area Program Grazing Permit - Briefing</u></b><br>Staff will provide the Commission with an update on the grazing program implementation.<br><br>Staff Report: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager, and Jeff Burnham, Range Ecologist  | <i>20 min</i> |

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- 1:50 PM**      **8. Lower Columbia White Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Policy (C-3001) Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *50 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 2022 fisheries.
- Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

- 2:40 PM**      **9. European Green Crab – Briefing** *35 min*  
 Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on the Governor's Emergency Proclamation for European green crab and status of implementation.
- Staff Report: Allen Pleus, Aquatic Invasive Species Policy Coordinator and Kelly Cunningham, Director of Fish Program

**3:15 PM**      **RECESS**

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- 9:00 AM**      **11. Wolf Population Model – Briefing** *70 min*  
 The staff from University of Washington will present the wolf population model and scenario outputs.
- University of Washington Staff: Sarah Converse, Beth Gardner, and Lisanne Petracca

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**10:10 AM 12. Meeting Debrief and Future Meeting Planning**

45 min

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before, during, or after the meeting and consider future agenda planning.

**10:55 AM ADJOURN****MEMBERS**

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**Barbara Baker**, Olympia  
(At-large position, Thurston County)  
Occupation: Attorney/Retired Administrator  
Term: 01/17/2017 - 12/31/2022

**Jim Anderson**, Buckley  
(At-large position, Pierce County)  
Occupation: Retired Administrator  
Term: 07/24/2019 – 12/31/2024

**Lorna Smith**, Port Townsend  
(Western Washington position, Jefferson County)  
Occupation: Retired, Executive Director, Western  
Wildlife Outreach  
Term: 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2026

**Tim Ragen**, Ph.D., Anacortes  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
Occupation: Retired, former executive director of  
the U.S. Marine Mammal Commission  
Term: January 24, 2022 - December 31, 2024

**Molly Linville**, Vice-Chair, Palisades  
(Eastern Washington position, Douglas County)  
Occupation: Cattle Rancher/Farmer  
KV Ranch  
Term: 07/24/2019 – 12/31/2024

**Donald McIsaac**, Ph.D., Hockinson  
(Western Washington Position, Clark County)  
Occupation: Retired Executive Director of the Pacific  
Fishery Management Council; Part-time Consultant  
Term: 08/14/2017 – 12/31/2022

**Kim Thorburn**, MD, MPH, Spokane  
(Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)  
Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician  
Term: 01/23/2017 - 12/31/2022

**John Lehmkuhl**, Ph.D., Wenatchee  
(Eastern Washington, Chelan County)  
Occupation: Retired, research wildlife biologist with the  
U.S. Forest Service  
Term: January 24, 2022 - December 31, 2026

**Melanie Rowland**, J.D., Twisp  
(At-Large position, Okanogan County)  
Occupation: Retired, environmental attorney, National  
Marine Fisheries Service Office of General Counsel  
Term: January 24, 2022 - December 31, 2026

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