



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

MARCH 17-19, 2022

AGENDA

Via [Zoom Webinar](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 AM **Wildlife Committee** - Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Anderson, Linville

Location: [Zoom Link](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82144932408) (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82144932408>)

Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) **Webinar ID:** 821-4493-2408

Agenda topics:

- GMP - intended purpose, process timeline
- Season Setting primer
- General discussion – current events

10:00 AM **Fish Committee** – Commissioners McIsaac, Anderson, Baker

Location: [Zoom Link](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83199278859) (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83199278859>)

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Agenda topics:

- Commercial Shellfish Regulation Proposals
- Willapa Bay – review policy questions and analytical approach for alternative 2
- Cold Water Refugia White Paper overview
- Policy C-3624 implementation preview

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- 8:00 AM** **1. Call to Order** *45 min*
 Commissioner's Discussion
 Meeting Minutes Approval
 February 17-19, 2022, webinar draft meeting minutes
 February 25, 2022, special web conference meeting minutes
 March 11, 2022, special web conference meeting minutes
 Committee Reports
- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *60 min*
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- 9:45 AM** **3. Director's Report** *30 min*
 The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:15 AM** **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment and Decision** *45 min*
 The Commission will consider approval of a land transactions recommended by the Department for the enhancement of conservation and public recreation opportunities.

 Staff Report: Karen Edwards, Real Estate Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 11:00 AM** **BREAK** *15 min*
- 11:15 AM** **5. Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on proposed changes to WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

 Staff Report: Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 11:35 AM** **6. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.
 WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.
 WAC 220-415-030 2022 Deer special permits.

 Staff Report: Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 12:35 PM** **LUNCH** *45 min*
- 1:20 PM** **7. Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.
 WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.
 WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.
 WAC 220-415-060 2022 Elk special permits.

 Staff Report: Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

- 2:20 PM** **8. Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons
 WAC 220-415-070 2022 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.
 WAC 220-415-120 2022 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.
 WAC 220-415-130 2022 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

 Staff Report: Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 2:50 PM** **9. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on amendments to the migratory waterfowl and gamebird seasons and regulations.
 WAC 220-416-060 2021-2022 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.
 WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.
 WAC 220-414-050 Shotgun shell restriction areas.
 WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls

 Staff Report: Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 3:50 PM** **10. Hunting, Equipment and Other Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on rule changes and updates regarding
 WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife –Evidence of sex-Definitions.
 WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting –Firearms.
 WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.
 WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.
 WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.
 WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.
 WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.

 Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager and Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 4:50 PM** **11. Chronic Wasting Disease – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
 Staff will brief the Commission on WAC 220-413-030 Importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

 Staff Report: Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 5:20 PM** **12. Commercial Shellfish Regulation Proposals – Decision** *20 min*
 The Commission will decide on proposed revisions to commercial regulations for shellfish.

 Staff Report: Chris Eardley Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator, and Aaron Dufault, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager
- 5:40 PM** **RECESS**

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9:00 AM	14. <u>Election of Chair – Decision</u> The Commission will select a new Chair.	<i>30 min</i>
9:30 AM	15. <u>Spring Bear Rulemaking – Decision</u> Staff will propose a motion for decision on WAC 220-415-080 Spring black bear special permits. Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager	<i>60 min</i>
10:30 AM	<u>BREAK</u>	<i>15 min</i>
10:45 AM	16. <u>Tribal perspective on Blue Mountain Elk Herd – Presentation</u> The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) will present to the Commission their perspective on the status and significance of the Blue Mountains Elk herd in the context of CTUIR First Foods. Staff Report: Eric Quaempts, Director, CTUIR Natural Resources	<i>60 min</i>
11:45 AM	17. <u>Blue Mountain Elk Herd Assessment – Briefing</u> Staff will brief the Commission on the status of the Blue Mountain Elk Herd. Staff Report: Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager	<i>60 min</i>

All agenda times are approximate. The Commission may begin agenda items significantly before or after the scheduled time due to public comment, length of Commission discussion or other constraints. The Commission reserves the right to adjust its schedule as necessary throughout the meeting.

12:45 PM 18. Meeting Debrief and Future Meeting Planning

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

1:30 PM 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, Acting 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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