



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

JUNE 23-25, 2022

AGENDA

Natural Resource Building
1111 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501
Hybrid Meeting

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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8:00 AM **Wildlife Committee** - Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Anderson, Rowland
Location: **Natural Resource Building - Room 172**

Agenda topics:

- Game Management Plan - finalize path forward
- General discussion – current events

10:30 AM **Habitat Committee** - Commissioners Linville, Lehmkuhl, Smith, Ragen
Location: **Natural Resource Building - Room 172**

Agenda topics:

- E-bike Recreation Package update
- General discussion – current events

1:00 PM **Fish Committee** – Commissioners McIsaac, Anderson, Linville, Ragen
Location: **Natural Resource Building - Room 172**

Agenda topics:

- C-3622 Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy
- Free Fishing Weekend Rulemaking
- General discussion – current events

3:00 PM **Big Tent Committee** - Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, McIsaac, Lehmkuhl
Location: **Natural Resource Building - Room 172**

Agenda topics:

- RAWA discussion
- Conservation Road Map process discussion continued
- Conservation policy
- General discussion – current events

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING

Virtual Participation:

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8:00 AM	<u>1. Call to Order</u> Commissioner's Discussion Meeting Minutes Approval April 7-9, 2022, webinar meeting minutes May 13, 2022, web conference meeting minutes May 18-19, 2022, workshop notes June 10, 2022, web conference meeting minutes Committee Reports	<i>45 min</i>
8:45 AM	<u>2. 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>
9:45 AM	<u>3. Director's Report</u> The Director will brief the Commission on various items.	<i>30 min</i>
10:15 AM	<u>4. Lands Transaction – Briefing, Public Comment and Decision</u> The Commission will consider approval of a land transaction recommended by the Department for the enhancement of conservation and public recreation opportunities. Staff Report: Karen Edwards, Real Estate Manager	<i>40 min</i>
<u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u>		
10:55 AM	<u>5. Staff and Community Appreciation Awards</u>	<i>30 min</i>
11:25 AM	<u>BREAK</u>	<i>15 min</i>

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- 11:40 AM** **6. Free Fishing Weekend Rulemaking – Briefing, Public Hearing** *45 min*
 Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on a rule proposal to limit the waiver of licensure requirements on free fishing weekend, only to fish species that do not require a catch record card.
- Staff Report: Kirt Hughes, Fish Management Division Manager
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 12:25 PM** **7. Crewmember License Rulemaking – Briefing, Public Hearing** *45 min*
 Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on a rule proposal to increase the number of unspecified commercial crewmember licenses allowed as to provide better flexibility with commercial license holders rotating crewmembers on larger vessels during the season.
- Staff Report: Captain Dan Chadwick, Enforcement, and Kirt Hughes, Fish Management Division Manager
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 1:10 PM** **LUNCH** *30 min*
- 1:40 PM** **8. WA-Tix Commercial Electronic Catch Reporting App – Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*
 Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on the proposed rule to add dealer geolocation to the required information provided on an electronic fish receiving ticket. This rule change is needed to support a fishery enforcement feature of the new WA-Tix electronic catch reporting application under development by WDFW.
- Staff Report: Aaron Dufault, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 2:40 PM** **9. Wolf Livestock Conflict Deterrence Rulemaking Discussion** *60 min*
 The Commission and staff will continue to discuss the rule making information and process regarding the wolf livestock conflict deterrence rules.
- Staff Report: Julia Smith, Wolf Policy Lead
- 3:40 PM** **10. Spring Bear Policy Discussion** *90 min*
 The Commission will discuss making changes to the spring bear policy as described in the current Game Management Plan. **Note:** this is not a discussion on rulemaking for the 2023 spring bear season. However, the outcome of policy discussions may ultimately inform future spring bear rulemaking.
- Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager
- 5:10 PM** **RECESS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING

Location: **Natural Resource Building - Room 172**

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| 9:00 AM | 12. <u>Cougar Rulemaking – Briefing, Public Hearing</u>
Staff will brief the Commission on the rule amendment to adjust the annual hunting season regulation for the future hunting season.

Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore and Furbearer Section Manager, Game Division, Wildlife Program | <i>90 min</i> |
| <u>Public Hearing – This Item Only</u> | | |
| 10:30 AM | 13. <u>Game Management Plan – Briefing, Public Comment</u>
Staff will provide an update to the Commission on the proposed 2022-2028 Game Management Plan.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager | <i>30 min</i> |
| <u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u> | | |
| 11:00 AM | <u>BREAK</u> | <i>10 min</i> |

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- 11:10 AM 14. 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.
- 11:55 AM 15. 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.
- 1:55 PM ADJOURN**

MEMBERS

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Barbara Baker, Chair, 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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