

Wolf Advisory Group Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife
Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center
1100 North Sullivan Road · Spokane Valley, Washington
November 2-3, 2022

For Virtual Participants--Zoom link/dial-in information:

- Virtual WAG members/WDFW Staff/Presenters: Please notify the facilitation team if you will be participating virtually, and we will provide a personal meeting link for you.
- Public/Others: **While you are welcome to attend the meeting in person, we encourage you to attend virtually, due to continued concerns with COVID-19 transmission.** Please visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag#meeting-calendar> for the November Zoom webinar link and dial-in information.

Meeting Objectives:

1. Review foundational WAG processes and references, including:
 - How WAG advises WDFW
 - Conservation Conflict Transformation
 - Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol
 - Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan
2. Receive an update from WDFW on WAG member recruitment, wolf-livestock activity¹, and other activities since the June 2022 WAG meeting.
3. Consider and act on a proposal for WAG advice to WDFW regarding funding, creating, and operating carcass compost, or other similar facilities.
4. Revisit information presented and discussed at the previous two WAG meetings regarding wolf-ungulate interactions, and provide members and WDFW staff an opportunity to make connections and explore outstanding questions.

Wednesday, November 2

Time	Topic	Meeting Materials (✓ in meeting packet)
8:30 AM	Opening – Facilitation Team <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Hybrid meeting mechanics• Meeting overview, including opportunities each day for public comment• Ground rules	Agenda ✓ WAG Ground rules June Meeting Summary
9:00 AM	Round-robin: Extended introductions and Check-In— WAG Members and WDFW Staff	WAG member bios
10:00 AM	Break	

¹ Incidents involving law enforcement activity and or lethal removals will be referenced only—not discussed in detail.

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10:15 AM	Primer on Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol— <i>WDFW and WAG</i>	Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol
11:00 AM	WDFW Updates— <i>WDFW Staff</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolf-livestock activity since the June 2022 meeting²—<i>Jim Brown, Joey McCanna</i> • Other wolf conflict management activities—<i>Jim Brown</i> • Rulemaking Update—<i>Julia Smith</i> 	Gray Wolf Updates (<i>please review the updates ahead and bring any questions you have to the meeting</i>)
12:00 PM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW Staff)	
1:00 PM	WAG Advice to WDFW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How WAG provides advice—<i>Susan Hayman</i> • WDFW priorities for WAG advice in 2023—<i>Julia Smith</i> 	
1:45 PM	Proposed WAG Advice: Carcass Compost Facilities – Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction—<i>Paula Swedeen, WAG member</i> • Discussion 	CNW Blog, 9/16/22
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Round-robin Reflections— <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	
3:30 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	---
4:00 PM	Wrap up Day 1 – Adjourn	---
4:10-5:15 PM	Informal session with WDFW and the public	

(see next page for Day 2 agenda)

² Details of WDFW’s ongoing lethal removal operations and cases currently being investigated cannot be provided in WDFW updates.

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8:30 AM	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements—Facilitation Team Round-robin check-in—WAG, WDFW Staff 	<p>Agenda ✓</p> <p>WAG Ground rules</p>
9:00 AM	<p>Proposed WAG Advice: Carcass Compost Facilities—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap—<i>Paula Swedeen, WAG member</i> Final thoughts/discussion WAG action 	<p>Proposed advice language</p> <p>Member Handout 2022.10.12 (re: WAG Decision-Making) ✓</p>
10:00 AM	Break	
10:15 AM	<p>Conservation Conflict Transformation: A Primer— <i>Donny Martorello, WDFW</i></p>	---
11:00 AM	<p>Wolf-Ungulate Interactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction and context: Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan— <i>Annemarie Prince, WDFW</i> WA Predator-Prey Study: Brief Update— <i>Donny Martorello, WDFW</i> Informal dialogue between and among WAG members and WDFW staff re: information presented and discussed in the April, June, and today’s WAG meeting Wrap up: How might this information inform future WAG advice to WDFW? 	<p>Reference Material</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Glossary of Common Population Dynamics Terms WA Predator-Prey Study Gray Wolf Conservation and Management Plan (2011) 2021 Annual Wolf Report Recorded presentation of 2021 Annual Wolf Report <hr/> <p>April and June Wolf-Ungulate Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ungulate Monitoring (4/22) Fundamental Elements of Ungulate Population Dynamics (4/22) Factors that Influence Ungulate Populations (4/22) Some thoughts on the relationship between wolves and their prey (Dr. John Vucetich) (6/22) Some insights from predator-prey research in Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (Dr. Arthur Middleton) (6/22) Density-dependent changes in wolf predation within the complex system of northern

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		Yellowstone (Dr. Matthew Metz) (6/22)
12:30 PM	Lunch (hosted on-site for WAG members and WDFW staff)	
1:15 PM	2023 Meeting Calendar— <i>Facilitation Team</i>	Proposed meeting dates and locations
1:30 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	
2:00 PM	Final WAG and WDFW Reflections/Closing—All	---
3:00 PM	Adjourn	

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<https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag#>

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