

Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)

April 22-23, 2025

Meeting Venue: Double Tree by Hilton 415 Capitol Way N, Olympia WA 98501

Hotel for confirmed WAG/WDFW: Same as Meeting Venue

Zoom Webinar—Public Link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1608951399?pwd=STRXU2wrb3NteXUvd3MvcWlObDEzQT09>

Webinar ID: 160 895 1399

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Individual Zoom links will be provided separately to WAG members and WDFW staff

Mission of the WAG

To promote equitable, inclusive, and respectful dialogue and decision-making among diverse people to foster durable peace by transforming the root causes of social conflict and providing high quality recommendations on wolf recovery, conservation, and management.

Meeting Objectives

1. Provide opportunities for WAG members and WDFW staff to build relationships and discuss Conflict Transformation (CT) principles and identify WAG-related practices.
2. Discuss and refine range riding implementation recommendations; determine degree of WAG consensus / WDFW concurrence for advancing these to the Director.
3. Discuss and develop other Wolf & Livestock Interaction Protocol implementation recommendations; determine degree of WAG consensus / WDFW concurrence for advancing these to the Director.

Tuesday, April 22nd

Please note that most of Day 1 is non-public to focus on WAG relationship building (Green shading = Non-Public Sessions)

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
8:30 AM	<i>Informal WAG/WDFW Check-in</i>		
9:00 AM	Opening – <i>Susan Hayman, Ross Strategic Facilitator</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to public observers• Meeting purpose and agenda• Introductions• Announcements	Set expectations for the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• WAG Guidelines• January WAG Meeting Summary
9:20 AM	WDFW Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agency announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information-sharing	Gray Wolf Updates

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WAG Q&A ● WDFW Director Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remarks – <i>Director Kelly Susewind and Mick Cope, Wildlife Program Director</i> ○ WAG Q&A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relationship-building 	<p><i>Please Review published updates and bring any questions to the meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual 2024 Wolf Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report Briefing Time stamp 58:40 (9:15am) - 2:18:02 (10:34am) ○ Briefing Presentation Slides
10:45 AM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	--
11:00 AM	Break	Transition to non-public session	--

WAG members & WDFW will meet in a non-public session for the remainder of Day 1 to allow for focused, in-person relationship building. WAG members and WDFW staff must attend this portion of the meeting in person to participate. WAG content will resume on Day 2 and open to the public as usual.

11:15 AM	Relationship building/Conflict Transformation Principles & Practices <i>(includes lunch and 15-min. break)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CT Principles and Practices Handout ● Conservation’s Blind Spot (Madden and McQuinn, 2014)
4:00 PM	Prepare for Day 2; Round-robin checkout – <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	
5:00 PM	Day 1 Adjourn	

Wednesday, April 23rd

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
8:30 AM	<i>Informal WAG/WDFW Check-in</i>		
9:15 AM	<i>Break</i>		
9:30 AM	Opening – Rob Willis, Ross Strategic Facilitator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome to public observers ● Meeting purpose and agenda ● Introductions 	Set expectations for the meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agenda ● WAG Guidelines

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcements 		
9:45 AM	Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol – Range Riding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range riding budget update • Discuss potential range riding implementation recommendations as they have evolved since the January 2025 meeting • Determine level of WAG consensus / WDFW concurrence • Next steps 	Refine potential recommendations and determine level of consensus / concurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolf Livestock Interaction Protocol • Range Riding Potential Recommendations Document
11:30 AM	Lunch (hosted on site for WAG members and WDFW staff)		
12:15 PM (incl. short break)	Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol – Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss other potential protocol implementation recommendations as they have evolved since the January 2025 meeting • Determine level of WAG consensus / WDFW concurrence • Next steps 	Develop potential recommendations and determine level of consensus / concurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolf Livestock Interaction Protocol • Protocol Potential Recommendations Document
2:00 PM	Public Comment (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
2:30 PM	Next Steps and Closing Reflections— <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative capacity	---
3:15 PM	Day 2 Adjourn		

To keep current on Wolf Advisory Group’s progress, visit the WAG website at:

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

To contact the WAG Facilitation Team, email at: wagfacilitationteam@rossstrategic.com

Web Addresses for Reference Material Links (included as part of the meeting packet)

(in the event you are unable to open the document by clicking the link in the agenda)

- January 2025 WAG Meeting Summary:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/wag-meeting-summary-january2025-final.pdf>
- WAG Guidelines:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/about/advisory/wag/wag-guidelines-2024.pdf>

- Gray Wolf Updates:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/updates>
- Wolf Livestock Interaction Protocol: https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/20200915_wdfw_wolf_livestock_interaction_protocol.pdf
- Final 2024 Wolf Report:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-04/2024-final-annual-wolf-report-briefing-fwc-april.pdf>
- Annual Wolf Report Briefing: Presentation Slides:
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2025-04/10-presentation-final-2024-wdfw-annual-wolf-report-web-1.pdf>
- Annual Wolf Report Briefing Recording: Time stamp 58:40 (9:15am) - 2:18:02 (10:34am)
<https://tvw.org/video/washington-fish-and-wildlife-commission-2025041014/?eventID=2025041014>