



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Fish and Wildlife Commission

### Preliminary Meeting Agenda March 9 & 10, 2012

Moses Lake Civic Center  
401 S Balsam Moses Lake, Washington 98837

**FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012**

*Times are approximate and subject to change*

- 8:00 AM**    **1. Call to Order:** *60 min*
- a. Commissioners' Discussion
  - b. Director's Report (Phil Anderson)
    - Legislative Update
    - Wolf Plan Update
    - Committee Report
  - c. Budget & Operations Update (Joe Stohr)

- 9:00 AM**    **2. Open Public Input:** *30 min*
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- 9:30 AM**    **Break** *15 min*

*\*Note: For items 3-11 there will be an opportunity for a Staff Report and a Wildlife Committee Report prior to Commission discussion.*

- 9:45 AM**    **3. Hunting Practices – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *90 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on Hunting Practices. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Amendments:**

- WAC 232-12-047 Unlawful methods for hunting
- WAC 232-12-054 Archery requirements –archery special use permits
- WAC 232-12-257 Use of decoys and calls
- WAC 232-12-264 Baiting of game birds –unlawful;

**Proposed Adoption:**

- WAC 232-12-063 Hunting at night-regulations-penalties

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program  
Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 11:15 AM**    **4. 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Small Game Seasons – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
- Department staff will brief the Commission on small game seasons. The

Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Amend:**

WAC 232-28-342 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Small game seasons

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program  
Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 11:35 AM**    **5. Landowner Hunting Permits – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *40 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on Landowner Hunting Permits. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Adopt:**

WAC 232-28-296 – Landowner hunting permits

**Repeal:**

WAC 232-28-295 – Landowner hunting permits

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program  
Kevin Robinette, Region 1 Program Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 12:15 PM**    **Lunch Break** *60 min*

- 1:15 PM**    **6. 2012-2014 Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Seasons and Permit Quotas – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *35 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Amend:**

WAC 232-28-273 Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat seasons and permit quotas

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer, and Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 1:50 PM**    **7. 2012-2015 Cougar Seasons and Regulations and Public Safety Cougar Removals – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *70 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on cougar seasons and public safety cougar removals. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Amend:** WAC 232-12-243 Public safety cougar removal

**Adopt:** WAC 232-28-297 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations

**Repeal:** WAC 232-28-287 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Cougar permit seasons and regulations

WAC 232-28-272 2009 Black bear and 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer, and Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 3:00 PM 8. **2012-2015 Black Bear Seasons and Regulations – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on black bear seasons and regulations. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Amend:**

WAC 232-28-286 2012-2014 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations  
WAC 232-28-288 2013, 2014, 2015 Spring black bear seasons and regulations

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore, Furbearer, and Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 4:00 PM 9. **Deer and Elk Boundaries – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *25 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on deer and elk area boundaries. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Amend:**

WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

- 4:25 PM **Break** *15 min*

- 4:40 PM 10. **2012-2014 Deer General and Special Permit Seasons – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on deer general and special permits seasons. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Adopt:**

WAC 232-28-357 2012-2014 Deer general seasons & definitions  
WAC 232-28-359 2012 Deer special permits

**Repeal:**

WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons & definitions  
WAC 232-28-355 Deer special permits

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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- 5:40 PM 11. **2012-2014 Elk General and Special Permit Seasons – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on elk general and special permits

seasons. The Commission will consider final adoption at its April 13-14, 2012 meeting.

**Adopt:**

WAC 232-28-358 2012-2014 Elk general seasons and definitions

WAC 232-28-360 Elk special permits

**Repeal:**

WAC 232-28-352 2009-2011 Elk general seasons and definitions

WAC 232-28-356 Elk special permits

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

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**6:40 PM Recess**

**SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2012**

**8:00 AM 12. Proposed Water Transfer - Decision**

*15 min*

The Commission will consider a proposal for the transfer of Future Interest in Water Rights in Okanogan County:

- Proposed transfer of Future Interest in Water Rights in Okanogan County

Staff Report: Dennis Beich, Regional Director, Region 2

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**8:15 AM 13. Commission's Position Statement "Wolves in Washington"– Briefing**

*60 min*

The Commission will discuss a draft wolf position statement.

**9:15 AM 14. Commission Work Session –**

*35 min*

Commission staff and Assistant Attorney General Office Staff will present information and members will discuss various aspects of serving on the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Staff Report: Bill Frymire, Assistant Attorney General

**9:50 AM Break**

*15 min*

**10:05 AM 15. Open Public Input:**

*30 min*

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**10:35 AM 16. Commission Committee Reports**

*20 min*

The Commissioners will discuss recent activities of the various Commission committees.

**10:55 AM 17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

- Delegation of Authority
- Performance Agreement, Commission Role & Strategic Planning

**12:00 PM Adjourn** # # #

**Next Meeting:** March 16, 2012, Olympia via conference call

### MEMBERS

**Miranda Wecker**, Chair, Naselle  
(Western Washington position, Pacific County)  
Occupation: Director of the Marine Program, UW Olympic  
Natural Resources Center  
Current Term: 01/01/07 - 12/31/2012

**Gary Douvia**, Vice Chair, Kettle Falls  
(At-Large position, Ferry County)  
Occupation: Financial consultant  
Current Term: 01/15/07 - 12/31/2012

**Larry Carpenter**, Mount Vernon  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.  
Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

**David Jennings**, Olympia  
(At-Large position, Thurston County)  
Occupation: Environmental public health  
Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

**Jay Kehne**, Omak  
(Eastern Washington position)  
Occupation: Okanogan outreach associate,  
Conservation Northwest  
Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Conrad Mahnken**, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island  
(At-Large position, Kitsap County)  
Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist  
Current Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Chuck Perry**, Moses Lake  
(Eastern Washington position, Grant County)  
Occupation: Consultant, rangeland sustainability  
Current Term: 01/01/07 - 12/31/2012

**Rolland Schmitten**, Lake Wenatchee  
(At-Large position, Chelan County)  
Occupation: Marine resources consultant  
Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

**Bradley Smith**, Ph.D., Bellingham  
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)  
Occupation: Dean, Huxley College of the Environ.  
Western Washington University  
Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

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