

Summary

Meeting dates: April 12, 2013

Agenda item: The Department's Role in Forest Habitat Protection/Forest Practices

Presenter(s): David Whipple, Habitat Program Forest Policy Coordinator
Terry Jackson, Habitat Program Forest Habitats Section Manager

Background summary:

This briefing will inform the Fish and Wildlife Commission on why, how and to what end the department is involved in the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat on Washington's forestland, particularly on the 10.5 million acres of state and private forestland.

The presentation will be divided into three main components:

- (1) History and Background of WDFW's role in protection and conservation of forest habitats and the associated fish and wildlife species;
- (2) How WDFW is involved with conservation of riparian habitats and aquatic species through Forest and Fish Habitat Conservation Plan, forest practices rules, and forest practices hydraulic projects;
- (3) How WDFW is involved in conservation of wildlife in upland forest habitats.

Approximately 30 minutes will be needed for the presentation and questions/answers.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

None; briefing only.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

None; briefing only.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A
