



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Fish and Wildlife Commission

### Meeting Agenda NOVEMBER 8-9, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501  
First Floor, Room 172

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

- 8:30 AM**     **1. Call to Order** *15 min*  
    a. Commissioners' Discussion  
    b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:45 AM**     **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*  
    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.
- 9:15 AM**     **3. Director's Report** *90 min*  
    The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:45 AM**     **Break** *15 min*
- 11:00 AM**     **4. HPA Rules – Briefing** *40 min*  
    Department staff will brief the Commission on three proposed new hydraulic code rules sections.  
  
    Staff Report: Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager, Habitat Program
- 11:40 AM**     **5. Proposed Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*  
    The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities.  
  
  - Proposed Acquisition of 589 acres in Yakima County
  - Proposed Acquisition of 5,497 acres in Kittitas County  
    Staff Report: Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 12:00 PM**     **Lunch Break** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM**     **6. Technical WAC Amendments and Repeal, Round 6 – Structural Improvements and Updates - Decision** *25 min*  
    Department staff will brief the Commission and request approval on proposed

updates, technical changes, and structural improvements to rules in conjunction with the WAC Overhaul project.

Staff Report: Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst, Enforcement Program

**1:25 PM**

**7. Batch 5 WAC Overhaul Technical Changes – Briefing and Public Hearing**

*60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission and hold a public hearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> batch of WAC overhaul technical changes. These changes include repealing outdated rules, consolidating rules, correcting references, and updating language for clarity.

Staff Report: Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Program

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**2:25 PM**

**8. Dive Fishery Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing**

*45 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission and hold a public hearing on proposed changes to commercial scallop, sea cucumber, and urchin dive fishery rules to reduce illegal geoduck harvest and streamline, clarify, and update rule language.

Staff Report: Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Program.

**Public Input – This Item Only**

**3:10 PM**

**Break**

*15 min*

**3:25 PM**

**9. Washington’s Reptiles and Amphibians - Briefing**

*45 min*

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will present a briefing on the current status of reptiles and amphibians in Washington.

Staff Report: Lisa Hallock, Biologist, Wildlife Program and Marc Hayes, Scientist, Habitat Program

**4:10 PM**

**10. WDFW’s Forest Management Strategy on Department Lands – Briefing**

*60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on WDFW’s forest management strategy on department lands.

Staff Report: Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program and Richard Tveten, Restoration Ecologist, Wildlife Program

**5:10 PM**

**Recess**

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013**

- 8:30 AM**     **11. Open Public Input** *30 min*  
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- 9:00 AM**     **12. Grays Harbor Salmon Management – Briefing & Public Hearing** *1 hr  
40 min*  
Department staff will brief the Commission on Grays Harbor salmon fishery management and challenges, followed by a panel discussion on Grays Harbor salmon issues. Staff is seeking direction from the Commission on Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy sideboards.  
  
Staff Report: Ron Warren, Region 6 Fish Program Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 10:40 AM**     **Break** *15 min*
- 10:55 AM**     **13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *30 min*  
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.
- 11:25 AM**     **Adjourn**

## MEMBERS

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**Bradley Smith**, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Bellingham  
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**Larry Carpenter**, Mount Vernon  
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)  
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**Robert Kehoe**, Seattle  
(At-large position, King County)  
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine Vessel Owners' Association  
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**Conrad Mahnken**, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island  
(At-Large position, Kitsap County)  
Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist  
Current Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Rolland Schmitt**, Lake Wenatchee  
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