

Summary

Meeting dates: January 9-10, 2015

Agenda item: State Wildlife Action Plan Revision

Presenter: Eric Gardner, Wildlife Diversity Division Manager and Lynn Helbrecht, State Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator

Background summary:

WDFW is required to update its State Wildlife Action Plan every 10 years in order to remain eligible for approximately 1 million dollars of State Wildlife Grant funding annually. Our update is due in October, 2015. This presentation overviews the key elements of the Plan and highlights opportunities for stakeholder and public engagement.

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

Informational only. Presentation also helps to initiate and partially fulfill the public and partner outreach components of the revision process.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

We are just launching our public involvement process.

Action requested:

This is an informational update only.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

The department has distributed an invitation explaining the background of the State Wildlife Action Plan, links to the conservation plan, a survey to collect data to ascertain how SWAP can support our conservation partners, and opportunities to get involved. This distribution was sent to 200+ interested parties including, government entities, universities, tribes, and conservation and hunting groups. Four workshops are scheduled for February 2015 to provide a more in depth introduction to the draft products of the action plan. These workshops are tentatively planned to occur in Olympia, Seattle, Ellensburg and online through a webinar.
