
Summary

Meeting dates: September 18-19, 2015

Agenda item: Update on WDFW Grazing Program Review

Presenter: Paul Dahmer, Land Stewardship & Operations Section Manager
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Background summary:

The department is conducting a programmatic review of its grazing policies and practices to ensure that the grazing program on department lands is consistent with WDFW's mission and strategic goals. The outcome will be a grazing program that is more comprehensive, clear and managed more efficiently and consistently. This update will address the review of WDFW's grazing program including the purpose, elements and approach, and will touch on initial proposed improvements.

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

The following WAC and Commission policy will be included in this review:
WAC 232-12-181, Livestock Grazing on Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands
Commission Policy C-6003, Domestic Livestock Grazing on Department Lands

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The department will hold meetings with key stakeholders. Formal public review will occur with any proposed changes to WAC 232-12-181, or if proposed changes warrant SEPA review. In addition, WDFW is actively working on a committee with local landowners and Asotin County on issues related to WDFW land acquisition and management in Asotin County. A key value of the group is maintaining working lands on WDFW property as an important contribution to the local economy and community culture.

Action requested:

None Requested, informational briefing only.

Draft motion language:

None

Justification for Commission action:

None

Communications Plan:

Additional outreach is planned with stakeholders for review of any proposed program changes.
