

Periodic Status Review: Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse

220-610-110

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Meeting dates: January 19-20, 2018

Agenda item: Periodic Status Review: Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse – **Decision**

Presenter(s): Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, Diversity Division, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Department staff members will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Review compiled for the Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse in accordance with WAC 220-610-110. This Periodic Status Review outlines the current status of the species and includes information and comments provided by peer scientists and the public. Staff will provide their recommendation to the Commission to maintain its current status.

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

- Protect and conserve Washington's native wildlife.
 - Continue recovery actions for these state-listed species.
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Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

In February 2015, the agency sent out a press release and posted a request on our website to solicit information from the public to be included in the periodic status review. In accordance with WAC regulations, individuals and organizations had one year to contribute information for the reviews. Staff included this information, as applicable, in the status review document. The document was then reviewed by WDFW staff and external species experts before a 90-day public comment period began on the document and our findings. The comments were collated, responded to, and included in the final Periodic Status Review.

Action requested:

To maintain the Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse as a threatened species as recommended by the department.

Draft motion language:

I move to retain threatened status of Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse as presented by department staff.

Justification for Commission action:

Conserve and recover Washington's state-listed species.

Post decision communications plan:

WDFW Website
News Release
