



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda
MARCH 15-17, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING

Red Lion Hotel Wenatchee – 1225 N. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee WA 98801
Wenatchee & Chelan Rooms

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

1:00 PM

1. Commission Workshop

Commission workshops are held to allow informal discussion among Commissioners and Department staff. The meeting is open to the public who wish to observe however, public input is generally not taken. Times on the agenda are approximate and the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs.

90 min

2:00 PM

2. 2017-19 Proviso Update and Workshop

Department staff and Commissioners will discuss next steps for the development of the long-term revenue plan; including discussing the revenue target for 2019-21 biennium and discussing principles around pursuing new revenue proposals.

60 min

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Policy Director

3:00 PM

3. Wildlife Governance Principles – Briefing

Chris Smith, Western Field Representative for the Wildlife Management Institute, will brief the Commission on operating principles based on public trust thinking and good governance norms. "Governance" refers to the policies and practices that determine how decisions are made and implemented and how responsibilities are exercised.

60 min

4:30 PM

Recess regular meeting

4:45 PM

Fish Committee meeting – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Thorburn, Kehoe

Agenda topics

- Columbia River Policy review – next steps

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

7:00 AM

Wildlife Committee meeting – Commissioners Kehne, Holzmilller, Thorburn, Baker

Agenda topics

- Hunting Season setting

8:00 AM

4. Call to Order

- Commissioners' Discussion
- Meeting Minute Approval
- Committee Reports if available

15 min

- 8:15 AM** **5. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 8:45 AM** **6. Director's Report** *30 min*
 The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:15 AM** **7. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

 Staff Report: Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 9:45 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:00 AM** **8. Hunting Boundaries – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on hunting boundaries.

 Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 10:20 AM** **9. Hunting Equipment – Briefing and Public Hearing** *25 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on hunting equipment.

 Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 10:45 AM** **10. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *35 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

 Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 11:20 AM** **11. Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *35 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

 Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Game Division

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- 11:55 AM** **12. Appreciation Award - Rich Landers** *15 min*
The Commission and Department will recognize the 40-plus year career of Rich Landers, recently retired outdoor editor of the Spokane Spokesman Review.

Presenters: Commissioner Kim Thorburn, Acting Director Joe Stohr and Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera
- 12:10 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:10 PM** **13. Requirements for Sealing Pelts – Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the requirements for sealing pelts.

Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 1:25 PM** **14. Black Bear Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on black bear seasons.

Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 1:55 PM** **15. Cougar Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing** *25 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on cougar seasons.

Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 2:20 PM** **16. Public Safety Removal for Cougars- Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on public safety removal for cougars.

Staff Report: Dan Brinson, Conflict Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 2:50 PM** **17. Moose Seasons - Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on moose seasons.

Staff Report: Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only
- 4:10 PM** **18. Mountain Goat Seasons - Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on mountain goat seasons.

Staff Report: Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division

Public Input – This Item Only

- 4:25 PM** **19. Bighorn Sheep Seasons - Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on bighorn sheep seasons.

Staff Report: Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division

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- 4:40 PM** **20. Small Game and Hunter Orange Requirements – Briefing and Public Hearing** *30 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on small game seasons.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

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- 5:10 PM** **21. Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing** *15 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on landowner hunting permits.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

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- 5:25 PM** **Recess**

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

- 8:00 AM** **22. Open Public Input** *30 min*

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- 8:30 AM** **23. Coastal Commercial Ocean Pink Shrimp LED Fishing Lights – Decision** *5 min*

Staff will seek approval on a proposal to amend WAC 222-340-500 to require the use of light emitting diode (LED) fishing lights on nets by vessels participating in the Washington coastal commercial ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery.

- 8:35 AM** **24 Clarifying the Limits of Keeping Salmon for Personal Use during an Open Commercial Fishery – Decision** *5 min*

Staff will request approval to adopt a permanent rule to clarify the limits around keeping salmon for personal use during an open commercial fishery.

- 8:40 AM** **25. HPA Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing** *20 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on the proposed amendments to the Hydraulic Code (Chapter 220-660 WAC).

Staff Report: Randi Thurston, Habitat Program Protection Division Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

9:00 AM **26. 2018 Farm Bill Reauthorization - Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on reauthorization of the federal 2018 Farm Bill.

Staff Report: Mike Kuttel, Jr., Farm Bill Coordinator, Diversity Division

9:30 AM **27. Forest Management Update – Briefing** *20 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on management of forests on WDFW Wildlife areas.

Staff Report: Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead. Lands Division

Public Input – This Item Only

9:50 AM **28. Annual Wolf Report – Briefing** *50 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the implementation of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan in 2017.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead, Benjamin Maletzke, Wolf Biologist, Dan Brinson, Conflict Section Manager, and Melia DeVivo, Ungulate Research Scientist, Science Division

10:40 AM **29. Columbia River Policy Review Next Steps – Briefing and Public Hearing** *90 mins*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the performance of the 2017 Columbia River basin salmon fisheries, managed through an extended transitional period of guiding principles and actions within the policy, and seek guidance on the adaptive management measures for future fisheries.

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Policy Coordinator

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12:10 PM **30. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *50 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

- April 6 conference call planning
- April 12-14 meeting planning
- Year at a glance review

1:00 PM **Adjourn**

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Current Term: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2020

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