

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: August 10-11, 2018

Agenda item: Annual Wolf Update – Briefing
(Commission Request)

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Background summary:

The Department will provide a briefing to the Fish and Wildlife Commission that will include portions from three Commission blue sheet requests related to wolf conservation and management. Per the requests, the briefing will include:

1. The initiation of State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process for considering wolf translocation to enhance the recovery of wolves in Washington (Commissioner Kehne's March 16 blue sheet request).
2. WDFW wolf accounting expenditures since 2011 (Commissioner Baker's March 17, 2018 blue sheet request).
3. The roles and responsibilities among WDFW, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Wolf Advisory Group on the process and development of a Wolf Conservation and Management Plan for when wolves successful reach recovery objectives and are delisted (Commissioner Baker's April 13, 2018 blue sheet request), and
4. A review of the science presentation WDFW presented to Wolf Advisory Group during their April 2018 meeting (Commissioner Baker's April 13, 2018 blue sheet request)

The other portions of Commissioner Kehne's blue sheet on March 16 will be presented to the Commission later in the year through the periodic status review.

Staff recommendation:

Briefing only

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

- None
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Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

Briefing only

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Briefing only

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Briefing only

Draft motion language:

Briefing only

Post decision communications plan:

Briefing only