



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/19/2024

Agenda item:

7. Managing Public Comment - Briefing

Presenter(s):

Dr. David J. Trimbach, Conservation Social Scientist

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Background summary:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife initiated a research project aimed to better understand public comment. The project's primary purpose was to identify and develop a suite of best practices for inventorying, synthesizing, and presenting public comment to agency decision-makers. Dr. David J. Trimbach, WDFW's Conservation Social Scientist, designed and implemented a project aimed at collecting data on public comment, including through interviews and focus groups with public comment professionals or experts (n=37) (e.g., WDFW staff, non-WDFW state staff, and nongovernmental organization experts), and the synthesized potential best practices for the agency.

Dr. David J. Trimbach will present a selection of results and best practices from this study. A selection is only provided due to the large volume of topics, data, and content associated with this study. The briefing will include a high-level overview of the project, a selection of results, a selection of best practices, and potential next steps for the agency.

Staff recommendation:

N/A

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

N/A

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

N/A

Draft motion language:

N/A

Post decision communications plan:

N/A
