



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Fish and Wildlife Commission

**OCTOBER 18-19, 2019**

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**1:00 PM Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Baker, McIsaac

Location: Director's Conference Room

Agenda topics:

**3:00 PM Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill

Location: Director's Conference Room

Agenda topics:

- Hatchery Reform Policy
- Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C3622

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

**7:00 AM Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville

Location: Director's Conference Room

Agenda topics:

**8:00 AM**

**1. Call to Order**

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

*15 min*

**8:30 AM**

**2. Open Public Input**

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*30 min*

**9:00 AM**

**3. Director's Report**

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

*30 min*

**9:30 AM**

**4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment and Decision**

The Commission will consider approval of land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

*30 min*

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

- 10:00 AM**     **5. Spring Bear Season– Briefing, Public Hearing** *45 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-080 2019-2020 Spring black bear special permits.
- Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager, Game Division

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 10:45 AM**     **Break** *15 min*

- 11:00 AM**     **6. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) – Regulation Amendment – Decision** *20 min*  
Staff will seek a Commission decision on proposed regulations concerning AIS watercraft inspection stations, possession of certain forms of prohibited level 3 species, and the reclassification of Northern Pike.
- Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Eric Winther, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, and Eric Anderson, Enforcement Captain

- 11:20 AM**     **7. Green River Petition – Briefing, Public Hearing** *15 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission with a briefing to consider closing a section of the upper Green River to fishing in the Tacoma Municipal Watershed.
- Staff Report: Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 11:35 AM**     **8. Colville River – Briefing, Public Hearing** *15 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission with a briefing to consider opening a section of the Colville River to year-round fishing.
- Staff Report: Bill Baker, District 1 Fish Biologist

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 11:50 PM**     **Lunch** *2 hrs*

- 12:00 – 2:00 PM**     **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville  
Location: Director’s Conference Room  
Agenda topics:

- 2:00 PM**     **9. Sport Fishing Marine and Shellfish Simplification - Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission an overview on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve marine fish and shellfish recreational rules while addressing conservation objectives.
- Staff Report: Heather Hall, Marine Fish Coastal Shellfish Policy Coordinator, Phill Dionne, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, and Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 3:00 PM**     **10. Coastal Dungeness Crab Whale Entanglement – Briefing, Public Hearing**     *60 min*  
Staff will update the Commission on progress to address whale entanglements in the coastal crab fishery, and brief on proposed measures for the 2019-2020 season intended to reduce the risk of whale entanglements.

Staff Report: Michelle Culver, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Manager and Heather Hall, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 4:00 PM**     **11. Sturgeon Sport Rules Update Briefing, Public Hearing**     *60 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on rule proposals for sturgeon sport fishing while addressing conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, Region 5 Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead and Paul Hoffarth, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 5:00 PM**     **12. Executive Session**     *2 hrs*  
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission will meet in executive session. No action will be taken during executive session and the public is not permitted to attend.

**7:00 PM**     **Recess**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019**

- 8:00 AM**     **13. Cougar Management – Briefing**     *30 min*  
Staff will brief Commission on current cougar management, the science behind it and comparison to neighboring states. This will be background information preceding possible cougar rule changes that the commission will considered in March and April.

Staff Report: Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager

- 8:30 AM**     **14. Open Public Input**     *30 min*  
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- 9:00 AM**     **15. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 – Briefing, Public Hearing**     *60 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on input received from the public and from the Willapa Bay Salmon Advisory Group.

Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst and Kirt Hughes, Statewide Salmon and Steelhead Fishery Manager

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 10:00 AM 16. HB1579 Walleye, Bass, Channel Catfish, and Freshwater Gamefish Briefing, Public Hearing** *60 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission a briefing on rules liberalizing bag limits for walleye, bass, channel catfish, and freshwater gamefish in order to reduce the predation risk to salmon smolts.

Staff Report - Steve Caromile, Warmwater Fisheries Manager and Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager

**Public Hearing – This Item Only**

- 11:00 AM 17. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*  
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

- 11:30 AM 18. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *15 min*  
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

- 11:45 AM 19. Tumwater Hatchery Falls** *20 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on the renovation of the Tumwater Fall Hatchery.

Staff Report: Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Manager

- 12:05 PM 20. Tour of Tumwater Hatchery** *60 min*  
Available Commissioners and Department staff will meet at 11:00am and depart to tour the Tumwater Hatchery. The public may attend but must provide their own transportation.

The meeting will adjourn immediately following the tour.

**\*Times on the agenda are approximate,  
the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs.\***

## MEMBERS

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**Donald McIsaac**, Ph.D., Hockinson  
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**Kim Thorburn**, MD, MPH, Spokane  
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