



# Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

## Fish and Wildlife Commission

**DECEMBER 13-14, 2019**

Holiday Inn & Suites Bellingham 4260 Mitchell Way Bellingham, WA 98226, Room Chuckanut

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 1:00 PM**     **Big Tent Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Baker, McIsaac  
Location: Boundary Bay Room  
Agenda topics:
- 2:30 PM**     **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill  
Location: Boundary Bay Room  
Agenda topics:
- 4:00 PM**     **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville  
Location: Boundary Bay Room  
Agenda topics:

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

- 7:00 AM**     **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville  
Location: Boundary Bay Room  
Agenda topics:

- 8:30 AM**     **1. Call to Order** *15 min*  
    a. Commissioners' Discussion  
    b. Meeting Minutes Approval  
    c. Committee Reports, if available

- 8:45 AM**     **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*  
The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting. **NOTE:** During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.

- 9:15 AM**     **3. Director's Report** *30 min*  
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

- 9:45 AM**     **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision** *30 min*  
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.

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

- 10:15 AM**      **5. Amendment to Dealer Fee WAC for CRSSE and License Package – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision** *15 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on proposed edits to the dealer fee WAC to eliminate references to the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement and to clarify the cumulative dealer fees charge to bundled license packages.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Governmental Affairs

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

- 10:30 AM**      **6. Southern Resident Killer Whales- Briefing** *45 min*  
Staff will brief the Commission on the status of Southern Resident Killer Whales, the Department’s implementation of the Governor’s Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force Year 1 recommendations and provide an overview of the Task Force’s Year 2 recommendations.

Staff Report: Julie Watson, Killer Whale Policy Lead

- 11:15**            **7. Blue Sheet: Non-Toxic Ammunition and N.A. Non-lead Partnership - Briefing** *60 min*  
Subject specialists, Chris and Leland, will brief the Commission on non-toxic ammunition and the North American Non-lead Partnership.

Staff Report: Christopher Parish, The Peregrine Fund and Leland Brown, Oregon Zoo, both founders of North American Non-lead Partnership

- 12:15 PM**      **Lunch** *60 min*

- 1:15 PM**      **8. Marine Fish and Shellfish Sport Fishing Rule Simplification – Decision** *30 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission an updated briefing on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve marine fish and shellfish recreational rules, and ask for a decision, while addressing conservation objectives.

Staff Report: Heather Hall, Marine Fish Coastal Shellfish Policy Coordinator, Phill Dionne, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, and Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator

- 1:45 PM**      **9. Columbia River Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing, Public Comment** *90 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission with an update to the Columbia River Salmon Management Policy C-3620 timeline.

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop Columbia River Fisheries Manager, Region 5

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

- 3:15 PM**      **11. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*  
Staff will provide an update on the Hatchery Reform timeline.

**Staff Report:** Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Manager, Andrew Murdoch, Science Manager, Eastern Washington, Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy, Joe Anderson, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, Douglas Kramer, Management Analyst

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

**4:15 PM**      **Recess**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019**

**8:00 AM**      **12. Open Public Input** *30 min*  
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**8:30 AM**      **13. Tentative: Willapa Bay C Salmon Management Policy C-3622 - Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*  
Staff will update the Commission  
  
Staff Report: Chad Herring, Willapa Bay/Grays Harbor Policy Lead and Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

**9:30 AM**      **14. Implementation of House Bill 1579, and Freshwater Gamefish Rule Housekeeping - Briefing, Public Comment, Decision** *60 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission an updated briefing, and ask for a decision 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, Inland Fish Program Manager, and Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager

**Public Comment – This Item Only**

**10:30 AM**      **16. Sturgeon Sport Rules Update – Decision** *30 min*  
Staff will provide the Commission an updated briefing on rule proposals for sturgeon sport fishing and ask for a decision while addressing conservation objectives.  
  
Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, Region 5 Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead and Paul Hoffarth, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Bill Tweit, Special Assistant

**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

Adjourn

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

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## MEMBERS

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Occupation: Attorney/Retired Administrator  
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**David Graybill**, Leavenworth  
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**Robert Kehoe**, Seattle  
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**Molly Linville**, Palisades  
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Occupation: Cattle Rancher/Farmer  
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**Donald McIsaac**, Ph.D., Hockinson  
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**Kim Thorburn**, MD, MPH, Spokane  
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Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician  
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