



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:

- Agenda setting process
- Strategic planning

2:30 PM **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe, McIsaac, Graybill

Location: Boundary Bay Room

Agenda topics:

- Willapa Bay update
- HB1579 options based on public feedback
- Puget Sound Crab

4:00 PM **Wolf Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, Anderson, Linville

Location: Boundary Bay Room

Agenda topics:

- Post recovery plan update
- Follow up to Governor's letter response
- Pack status

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING

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

Location: Boundary Bay Room

Agenda topics:

- Cougar CR- 101 scoping
- Hunting contests
- General items for Commission discussion

8:30 AM **1. Call to Order**

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Meeting Minutes Approval
- c. Committee Reports, if available

45 min

9:15 AM **2. Open Public Input**

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30 min

- 9:45 AM** **3. Director's Report** *30 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:15 AM** **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Comment, and Decision** *20 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**
- 10:35 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 charged to bundled license packages.
- Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Governmental Affairs
- Public Comment – This Item Only**
- 10:50 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
- 11:35 PM** **7. Blue Sheet: Non – Toxic Ammunition and North American Non – lead Partnership – Briefing** *60 min*
Christopher Parish, The Peregrine Fund and Leland Brown, Oregon Zoo, both founders of North American Non-lead Partnership subject specialists will brief the Commission on non-toxic ammunition and the North American Non-lead Partnership.
- 12:35 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:35 PM** **8. Marine Fish and Shellfish Sport Fishing Rule Simplification – Decision** *30 min*
The Commission will consider adoption of proposals to simplify and improve marine fish and shellfish recreational rules while addressing conservation objectives.
- Staff Report: Dayv Lowry, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, Phill Dionne, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist, and Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Shellfish Policy Coordinator
- 2:05 PM** **9. 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: Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager, Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, and Paul Hoffarth, Fish and Wildlife Biologist

- 2:35 PM** **10. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing** *90 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a summary of results from two components of the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (C-3619) review: a review of hatchery reform science and a policy performance evaluation.

Staff Report: Laurie Peterson, Fish Science Division Manager, Joe Anderson, Research Scientist, and Andrew Murdoch, Eastern Washington Science Division Manager

4:05 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

- 8:00 AM** **12. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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- 8:30 AM** **13. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622- Briefing, Public Comment** *60 min*
Staff will provide a review of fishery management objectives utilized during the 2019 North of Falcon process developed from Commission Policy C-3622 and interim guidance unanimously adopted in April of 2019. Staff will also provide preliminary harvest estimates from the 2019 fishery season in relation to pre-season predicted estimates of harvest

Staff Report: Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Analyst, Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy, and Kirt Hughes, Statewide Salmon and Steelhead Fishery Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 9:30 AM** **14. Implementation of House Bill 1579, and Freshwater Gamefish Rule Housekeeping - Public Comment, Decision** *60 min*
The Commission will consider adoption of proposals for the purpose of implementing the Southern Resident Killer Whale HB1579 (Section 2) as it relates to liberalizing bag limits for walleye, bass, and channel catfish in anadromous waters in order to reduce the predation risk to salmon smolts. Other technical and housekeeping rule changes for freshwater gamefish will also be considered for adoption.

Staff Report - Steve Caromile, Inland Fish Program Manager and Craig Burley, Deputy Director Fish Program

Public Comment – This Item Only

**10:30
AM**

15. Joint Washington/Oregon Columbia River Policy Review Committee – Briefing, Public Comment

40 min

Workgroup members along with department Staff will provide the Commission an update on the progress and discussions conducted by the Columbia River Joint Commission Workgroup for purpose of revising the Columbia River Salmon Management Policy C-3620.

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager

11:15 AM

17. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion

30 min

Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

11:45 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.

12:00 AM

Adjourn

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