

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda February 3-4, 2012

Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501 First Floor, Room 172

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2012 Times are approximate and subject to change

8:30 AM 1. Call to Order:

60 min

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Minute Approval
- c. Director's Report (Phil Anderson)

9:30 AM 2. Open Public Input:

30 min

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comment on issues that are not on the agenda for decision action.

10:00 AM Break

15 min.

10:15 AM 3. 2011 Puget Sound Crab Season Results, Management & Enforcement – Briefing

60 min

Staff will provide the Commission the annual report required by Policy C-3609 summarizing the performance, harvest, enforcement and management of both commercial and recreational fisheries during the 2011 season.

Staff: Rich Childers, Shellfish Policy Manager, Fish Program & Deputy Chief Cenci, Enforcement Program

11:15 AM 4. <u>Puget Sound Recreational Clam & Oyster Season Changes – Briefing/Public Hearing</u>

20 min

Staff will brief the Commission on the proposed changes to the recreational clam and oyster seasons on Puget Sound public beaches and recommend changes in order to maximize recreational opportunities while preventing overharvesting.

Staff: Rich Childers, Shellfish Policy Manager, Fish Program

Public Input - This Item Only

11:35 AM 5. Proposed Land Transactions - Decision

20 min

The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities and responsible property management:

Proposed acquisition of 165.65 acres in Okanogan County

Staff: Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Public Input - This Item Only

12:00 PM Lunch Break

60 min

1:00 PM 6. Multiple Season Big Game Permits - Rule Action

20 min

The Commission will consider approval of the Department's recommendation to increase the number of hunters drawn for multiple season deer and elk permits in WAC 232-28-294.

Staff: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program

1:20 PM 7. Wildlife Program Overview – Briefing

60 min

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission with a summary of the organizational structure, staff positions and expertise, budget sources, and wildlife conservation and management priorities.

Staff: Nate Pamplin, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program

2:20 PM 8. Colockum Elk - Briefing

60 min

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will brief the Commission on Colockum Elk. Including harvest trends over the past 10 years, road closures, review of true spike, status of reserve, and impact of the Yakama Tribe.

Staff: Will Moore, Wildlife Biologist, Region 3, Wildlife Program and Scott McCorquodale, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Specialist, Wildlife Program

3:20 PM Break

15 min

3:35 PM 9. Sanitary Shellfish Enforcement Strategy - Briefing

30 min

Staff will provide an overview to the Commission of the responsibilities of the Enforcement Program for providing adequate enforcement of the Department of Health rules and regulations pertaining to the sanitary control of shellfish.

Staff: Captain Dan Brinson, Enforcement

4:05 PM 10. Enforcement – Agency's WAC Overhaul – Briefing

40 min

Staff will provide an overview to the Commission on the agency WAC overhaul project currently underway and explain why the overhaul is needed and the benefits to rectifying the code.

Staff: Joanna Eide, Admin. Regulations Analyst & Deputy Chief Cenci,

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4:45 PM Recess

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2012

8:30 AM 11. Sportfishing Regulations 2012-13 - Rule Adoption

50 min

The Commission will consider the 2012-13 Sportfishing Regulation changes for adoption. The following WACs are included:

WAC 220-12-090 Classification--Nonnative aquatic animal Species

WAC 220-55-220 Two pole endorsement

WAC 220-56-100 Definitions--Personal-use fishing

WAC 220-56-235 Possession limits—Bottomfish

WAC 220-56-282 Sturgeon--Areas, seasons, limits and unlawful acts

WAC 232-12-019 Classification of game fish

WAC 232-28-619 Washington food fish and game fish—Freshwater exceptions

to statewide rules

Staff: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager

9:20 AM 12. Inland Fish Stocking Strategy and Marketing Plan- Briefing

45 min

Staff will provide an overview on the Integrated Fish Management Strategy and the outcome of their work over the last 18 months.

Staff: Heather Bartlett, Hatcheries Division Manager, and Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager & Fish Program

10:05 AM Break

15 min

10:20 AM 13. Open Public Input:

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10:50 AM 14. Commission Committee Reports

20 min

The Commissioners will discuss recent activities of the various Commission committees.

11:10 AM 15. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

50 min

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

12:00 PM Adjourn

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Next Meeting: February 17, 2012, Olympia via conference call

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Current Term: 01/01/07 - 12/31/2012

Gary Douvia, Vice Chair, Kettle Falls
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Occupation: Financial consultant
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Larry Carpenter, Mount Vernon

(Western Washington position, Skagit County)

Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.

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Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island

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Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist
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