

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda MARCH 7-8, 2014

Moses Lake Civic Center 401 S Balsam Moses Lake, Washington 98837

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014

8:00 AM 1. Call to Order

15 min

- a. Commissioners' Discussion
- b. Meeting Minute Approval

8:15 AM 2. Open Public Input

30 min

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8:45 AM 3. Director's Report

60 min

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

9:45 AM Break

15 min

10:00 AM 4. <u>HPA Rules – Briefing</u>

30 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed additions and changes to the hydraulic code rules:

- Changes to 220-110-250
- Changes to 220-110-300
- New section 220-110-420 Outfall and tide and flood gate structures in saltwater areas
- New section 220-110-440 Boring in saltwater areas

Staff Report: Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager

10:30 AM 5. Recreational Licenses, Tag, Permit and Stamp Refunds – Briefing and Public Hearing

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to the requirements for tag replacement, exchanges or refunds; reduction in cost of the multi-season permit and second deer tag and inclusion of a damage or master hunter tag to improve collection of harvest data.

Amend: WAC 220-55-040, 220-55-172, 220-55-174

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager

<u>Public Input – This Item Only</u>

35 min

15 min 11:05 AM 6. Small Game Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing Department staff will brief the Commission on small game seasons and regulations. Amend: WAC 232-28-342 Staff Report: Greg Schirato, Deputy Assistant Director, Wildlife Program **Public Input – This Item Only** 40 min 11:20 AM 7. Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat and Moose Seasons and Permit **Quotas – Briefing and Public Hearing** Department staff will brief the Commission on bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose seasons and regulations. Amend: WAC 232-28-273, WAC 232-28-283, WAC 232-28-622, WAC 232-28-623 Staff Report: Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager, Wildlife Program **Public Input – This Item Only** 60 min 12:00 PM Lunch 15 min 1:00 PM 8. <u>Deer and Elk Areas, and Special Closures and Firearm Restriction</u> **Areas – Briefing and Public Hearing** Department staff will brief the Commission on deer and elk areas and GMU boundary regulations. Amend: WAC 232-28-248, WAC 232-28-337, WAC 232-28-624 Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program **Public Input – This Item Only** 20 min 1:15 PM 9. <u>Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Briefing and</u> **Public Hearing** Department staff will brief the Commission on deer general and special permit seasons and regulations. Amend: WAC 232-28-357 and WAC 232-28-359 Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program **Public Input – This Item Only** 35 min 1:35 AM 10. Elk General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Briefing and **Public Hearing**

Amend: WAC 232-28-358 and WAC 232-28-360

seasons and regulations.

Staff Report: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife

Department staff will brief the Commission on elk general and special permit

<u>Public Input – This Item Only</u>

2:10 PM 11. <u>Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing</u>

15 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on adjustments to permit levels and hunt dates in accordance with landowner needs and recreational goals.

Amend: WAC 232-28-296

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager

Public Input – This Item Only

2:25 PM Break 15 min

2:40 PM 12. <u>Hunters with Disabilities – Briefing and Public Hearing</u>

45 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to increase the Department's ability to issue special use permits to make needed modifications for hunters with disabilities.

Amend: WAC 232-12-047, 232-12-051, 232-12-054 Approve: WAC 232-12-819, 232-12-825, 232-12-828

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager and Dana Perez, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland Office

Public Input – This Item Only

3:25 PM 13. <u>Hunting Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing</u>

35 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on provisions of WAC 232-12-242 regarding hunting at night that were inadvertently deleted during technical clean-up and reorganizing of several wildlife rules.

Amend: WAC 232-12-242

Staff Report: Dave Ware, Game Division Manager

<u>Public Input – This Item Only</u>

4:00 PM 14. Lands 20/20 - Briefing

60 min

Department staff will provide a briefing on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2013 Lands 20/20 process; the Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.

Staff Report: Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program and Lauri Vique, Environmental Planner, Wildlife Program

5:00 PM Recess

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014

8:30 AM 15. Open Public Input

30 min

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9:00 AM 16. Annual Wolf Management Report – Briefing

75 min

Department staff will provide the Commission with a briefing on wolf plan implementation for 2013.

Staff Report: Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore Section Manager, Wildlife Program and Stephanie Simek, Conflict Section Manager, Wildlife Program

10:15 AM 17. Colville Hatchery Youth Program

30 min

The Commission will hear an update on the Colville Hatchery Youth Program.

10:45 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.

11:00 AM Adjourn

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Occupation: Director of the Marine Program, UW Olympic Natural

Resources Center

Current Term: 07/08/13 - 12/31/2018

Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Bellingham (Western Washington position, Whatcom County)

Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Huxley College of the Environment

Western Washington University Current Term: 06/18/09 - 12/31/2014

Larry Carpenter, Mount Vernon

(Western Washington position, Skagit County)

Occupation: Business owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.

Term: 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2016

Jay Holzmiller, Anatone

(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)

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Robert Kehoe, Seattle

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Vessel Owners' Association

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Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island

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Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist
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