

# **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**

# **Fish and Wildlife Commission**

# Preliminary Meeting Agenda APRIL 11-12, 2014

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

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014**

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

15 min

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

### 8:45 AM 2. Open Public Input

30 min

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### 9:15 AM 3. <u>Director's Report</u>

60 min

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

#### 10:15 AM Break

15 min

# 10:30 AM 4. Proposed Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and 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.

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

# Public Input – This Item Only

### 10:50 AM 5. Lands 20/20 - Briefing

15 min

Department staff will brief the commission on an additional project approved through the 2013 Lands 20/20 process and provide clarification regarding the Mt. View proposal presented in March; the Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.

Staff Report: Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

### 11:05 AM 6. Recreational Licenses, Tag, Permit and Stamp Refunds – Decision

15 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve 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

### 11:20 AM 7. Small Game Seasons and Regulations – Decision

10 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the small game seasons and regulations.

Amend: WAC 232-28-342

Staff Report: Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program

## 11:30 AM 8. Landowner Hunting Permits – Decision

10 min

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

Amend: WAC 232-28-296

Staff Report: Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunter Access Section Manager

## 11:40 AM 9. <u>Hunting Restrictions – Decision</u>

10 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the amendment of WAC 232-12-242 to include restrictions regarding hunting at night and the use of dogs during modern firearm deer and elk seasons that were inadvertently deleted during technical clean-up and reorganizing of several wildlife rules.

Amend: WAC 232-12-242

Staff Report: Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunter Access Section Manager

# 11:50 AM 10. <u>Deer and Elk Areas, and Special Closures and Firearm Restriction</u> Areas – Decision

10 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the 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

### 12:00 PM <u>Lunch</u>

60 min

# **1:00 PM 11.** <u>Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Decision</u> Department staff will request that the Commission approve the deer general

15 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the 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

### 1:15 PM 12. Elk General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Decision

20 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the elk general and special permit seasons and regulations.

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

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

# 1:35 PM 13. <u>Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat and Moose Seasons and Permit Quotas – Decision</u>

15 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the 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

## 1:50 PM 14. <u>Hunters with Disabilities – Decision</u>

25 min

Department staff will request that the Commission approve the 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

# 2:15 PM <u>Break</u> 15 min

### 2:30 PM 15. Periodic Status Reviews - Briefing

30 min

Department staff will provide the Commission with a briefing on periodic status reviews from the Diversity Division.

Staff Report: Penny Becker, Ph.D., Listing and Recovery Section Manager

### 3:00 PM 16. Tribal Hunting Overview - Briefing

90 min

Department staff will provide an overview of tribal hunting, including important case law related to off-reservation hunting, the Department's approach to coordinating with tribes, and an overview of various agreements the Department has with Tribes.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program

### 4:30 PM Recess

# SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

# 8:30 AM 17. Open Public Input

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# 9:00 AM 18. Results of the 2013 Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing

Department staff will provide a briefing summarizing the performance and harvest of both commercial and recreational fisheries during the 2013 season and regulation compliance data collected by enforcement and fishery management staff as required in Policy C-3609.

Staff Report: Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief of Enforcement

### 9:45 AM Break

15 min

45 min

### 10:00 AM 19. Results of the 2013 Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery – Briefing

45 min

Department staff will provide a briefing summarizing for each management region the performance and harvest of both commercial and recreational fisheries during the 2013 season as required by Policy C-3610.

Staff Report: Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager

# 10:45 AM 20. <u>Puget Sound Smelt Fishery Regulation Proposals – Briefing and</u> Public Hearing

75 min

Department staff will brief the Commission on an evaluation of the recreational and commercial smelt fishing regulations in Puget Sound to determine whether enough protective measures are in place to conserve the population.

Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager and Dayv Lowry Ph.D., Research Scientist, Fish Program

#### **Public Input This Item Only**

#### 12:00 PM 21. 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.

### 12:15 PM Adjourn

#### **MEMBERS**

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