



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Fish and Wildlife Commission

Preliminary Meeting Agenda
AUGUST 7 - 8, 2015 – REGULAR MEETING
Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 9851
First Floor – Room 172

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015

- 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** *15 min*
- The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- Agency outreach and discussion of future funding
- 9:00 AM** **4. Statewide Steelhead Management – Briefing** *45 min*
- Department staff will provide the Commission a briefing on the implementation of the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan including several current initiatives. These initiatives include establishing wild steelhead gene banks in the Puget Sound region and an advisory group process to review the management of north coast rivers.
- Staff Report: Jim Scott, Special Assistant; Annette Hoffmann, Region 4 Fish Program Manager; Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager
- 9:45 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:00 AM** **5. Commission Overview of Steelhead At-Risk Report - Briefing** *30 min*
- Department staff will provide an overview of the Steelhead At-Risk Report including which populations are most at risk, summary and regional threats, and key management strategies and actions to address those threats. The Steelhead At-Risk Report is a requirement of the Statewide Steelhead Management Plan.
- Staff Report: Erik Neatherlin, Fish Science Manager

- 10:30 AM** **6. Salish Sea Program Review of Marine Survival of Salmon – Briefing** *60 min*
Department staff and research partners will provide the Commission with a briefing on the Salish Sea Marine Survival Project. The Marine Survival Project is an international, collaborative research project investigating the causes of poor early marine survival for juvenile salmon and steelhead as they migrate through the Salish Sea. The briefing will review the project, key issues, and summarize findings to date.
- Staff Report: Erik Neatherlin, Fish Science Manager,
Presenters: Michael Schmidt, Program Director, Long Live the Kings, Barry Berejikian, Research Scientist & Behavioral Ecology Team Leader, NOAA Fisheries, Paul Hershberger, Research Scientist & Field Station Leader, USGS and Ken Warheit, Genetics Lab Director, Fish Program, WDFW
- 11:30 AM** **7. Hatchery Reform Implementation – Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will provide the Commission with a briefing as stipulated per Policy C-3619 on the progress of implementing statewide hatchery reform in compliance with standards set by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group to further the recovery of wild salmon and steelhead populations while continuing to support sustainable fisheries.
- Staff Report: Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Assistant Director and Brian Missildine, Natural Resource Scientist
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM** **8. Coastal Pelagic Commercial Fisheries – Briefing** *45 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on the status of current populations and fisheries for Coastal Pelagic Species (i.e., sardines, anchovy, mackerel, and squid) and proposals for additional fisheries.
- Staff Report: Michele Culver, Regional Director and Lorna Wargo, Coastal Pelagic Fisheries Manager
- 1:45 PM** **9. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *15 min*
The Commission will consider approval of a land transaction recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities.
- Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 2:00 PM** **10. Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet Update - Briefing** *60 min*
Department staff will provide a briefing on the status of the Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet.
- Staff Report: Penny Becker, Ph.D., Acting Diversity Division Manager; Joe Buchanan, Natural Resource Scientist; and Steve Desimone, Wildlife Biologist
- 3:00 PM** **Break** *15 min*

3:15 PM **11. 2016 Supplemental Operating Budget Request – Briefing** *30 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission and answer questions about the agency’s operating budget proposals.

Staff Report: Owen Rowe, Budget Officer, Technology and Financial Management

3:45 PM **12. Capital Budget Request – Briefing** *15 min*
Department staff will provide an informational briefing and answer questions about the agency’s Capital Budget.

Staff Report: Tim Burns, Assistant Director, Capital and Asset Management Program

4:00 PM **13. 2016 Legislative Proposals – Briefing** *30 min*
Department Staff will brief the Commission and answer questions about the agency’s 2016 legislative proposals.

Staff Report: Ann Larson, Legislative Liaison

4:30 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2015

8:30 AM **14. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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9:00 AM **15. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *45 min*
Department staff will brief the Commission on Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations and take public comments on the proposed changes.

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

Public Input – This Item Only

9:45 AM **16. 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.

10:00 AM **Adjourn**

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Conrad Mahnken, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island
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Kim Thorburn, MD, MPH, Spokane
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