

## Summary

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**Meeting dates:** February 10, 2018

**Agenda item:** Mineral Prospecting Briefing and Public Input

**Presenter(s):** Jeff Davis, Assistant Director, Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager, Pat Chapman, Environmental Planner, Teresa Scott, Environmental Planner, Habitat Program

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**Background summary:**

On January 5, 2017, the Fish and Wildlife Commission was briefed on a Trout Unlimited petition requesting changes to the mineral prospecting rules (WAC 220-660-300). Although the Commission rejected the petition they directed staff to brief them at a future meeting about the science related to mineral prospecting; potential risks to fish life; how the rules address the risks; and other policy considerations. They also requested a briefing from three four-person panels representing Trout Unlimited and other petition supporters, Tribes and the mineral prospecting community. The Commission stated it will decide what further action to take, if any, after this briefing.

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**Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:**

This is a briefing and testimony regarding mineral prospecting and the protection of fish life.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

N/A This is a briefing only

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**Action requested:**

N/A This is a briefing only

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A This is a briefing only

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**Justification for Commission action:**

N/A This is a briefing only

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**Communications Plan:**

N/A This is a briefing only.

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