



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

3:00 PM Fish Committee meeting – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Thorburn, Kehoe
Location: Director’s Conference Room 537 – 5th floor (guests must have badge from reception)

Agenda topics

- Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 Review
- Columbia River Policy review – review list of ideas

Meeting Agenda

DECEMBER 14-15, 2018 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501

First Floor – Room 172

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

7:00 AM Wildlife Committee meeting – Commissioners Holzmilller, Thorburn, Baker –
Location: Room 175 A & B – first floor near cafeteria

Agenda topics

- Lands showcase marketing and communication
- Science Division update

8:30 AM

1. Call to Order

- Commissioners’ Discussion
- Meeting Minute Approval
- Committee Reports if available

15 min

8:45 AM

2. Open Public Input

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30 min

9:15 AM

3. Director’s Report

The Director will brief the Commission on various items.

30 min

9:45 AM

4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

The Commission will consider approval of land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

15 min

Staff Report: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager

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- 10:00 AM** **5. Landowner Hunting Permits - Briefing** *30 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on the Landowner Hunting Permit Program and provide an overview of the current benefits, challenges and public perception

 Staff Report: Ciera Strickland, Program Specialist and Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager
- 10:30 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 10:45 AM** **6. Pinnipeds - Briefing** *75 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on recent analyses examining pinniped consumption of salmonids in Puget Sound and the Outer Coast. In addition, Department staff will brief the Commission regarding management options within the Marine Mammal Protection Act and associated pros and cons.

 Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Policy Director; Joe Anderson, Fish Program Senior Research Scientist, and Dr. Scott Pearson, Wildlife Program Senior Research Scientist
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM** **7. Regional Fisheries Enhancement Groups (RFEGs) – Briefing** *30 min*
 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group staff members will present an informational overview of the Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group (RFEG) Program.

 Presenters: Rachel Vasak, Executive Director Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association and Jason Lundgren, Executive Director, Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
- 1:30 PM** **8. Priority Habitats and Species – Briefing** *45 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on the Priority Habitats and Species Program and the status of the new management guidelines for riparian ecosystems.

 Staff Report: Terra Rentz, Ecosystem Services Division Manager
- 2:15 PM** **9. Abalone Status Review and Listing Recommendation – Briefing** *35 min*
 Department staff will provide a briefing to the Commission reviewing the status of abalone population and propose a preliminary listing recommendation.

 Staff Report: Hank Carson, Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist and Chris Eardley, Puget Sound Policy Coordinator
- 2:50 PM** **Break** *10 min*
- 3:00 PM** **10. Briefing by Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) – Briefing** *45 min*
 The Hatchery Scientific Review Group will brief the Commission on their background and include basic principles and recommendations for helping salmon and steelhead hatcheries in the Pacific Northwest meet conservation and sustainable harvest goals.

 Presenter: Andy Appleby, Co-Chair, Hatchery Scientific Review Group

3:45 PM **11. 2019-20 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing and Public Hearing** *45 min*
Department staff will provide a briefing on the Commission’s North of Falcon Policy C-3608 (currently in effect through December 31, 2018), discuss emerging issues related to the policy, and propose modifications for the Commission’s consideration when adopting a renewed policy in 2019.

Staff Report: Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager

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4:30 PM **12. Executive Session** *60 min*
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission will meet in executive session. No action will be taken during executive session and the public is not permitted to attend.

5:30 PM **Recess**

Big Tent Committee meeting – Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Baker, Graybill
Location: Director’s Conference Room 537 – 5th floor (guests must have badge from reception)

Agenda topics

- Public Affairs staffing update
- Overview of WDFW’s social media
- Strategic Plan update & guidelines

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

8:00 AM **13. Future Meeting Planning – Discussion** *30 min*
Commissioners and staff will discuss upcoming meetings and conference calls.

8:30 AM **14. Open Public Input** *30 min*
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9:00 AM **15. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing, Discussion, Public Input and Guidance** *75 min*
Department staff will receive direction from the Commission on issues identified in the review of Policy C-3620 that the Commission wants analyzed further, and a description of the priority of addressing each issue. The direction may include a request to staff to provide a range of alternatives for modification of the policy, including no changes.

Staff Report: Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager

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10:15 AM **Break** *15 min*

10:30 AM 16. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001– Briefing and Public Hearing

Department staff will provide a briefing of the Commission’s Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 (currently in effect through December 31, 2018) setting guidelines for management of the Lower Columbia River white sturgeon population and fisheries, and propose modifications for the Commission’s consideration.

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead and Bill Tweit, Special Assistant

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11:30 AM 17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

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

12:00 PM Adjourn

MEMBERS

Bradley Smith, Ph.D., Chair, Bellingham
(Western Washington position, Whatcom County)
Occupation: Dean Emeritus, Environmental Science
Western Washington University
Current Term: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2020

Robert Kehoe, Seattle
(At-large position, King County)
Occupation: Executive Director, Purse Seine
Vessel Owners’ Association
Current Term: 01/01/2015 – 12/31/2020

Larry Carpenter, Vice-chair, Mount Vernon
(Western Washington position, Skagit County)
Occupation: Retired Business Owner
Term: 08/14/2017 - 12/31/2018

Don McIsaac, Ph.D., Hockinson
(Western Washington Position, Clark County)
Occupation: Retired Executive Director of the Pacific Fishery
Management Council; Part-time Consultant
Current Term: 08/14/2017 – 12/31/22

Barbara Baker, Olympia
(At-large position, Thurston County)
Occupation: Attorney/Retired Administrator
Term: 01/17/2017 - 12/31/2022

Kim Thorburn, MD, MPH, Spokane
(Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)
Occupation: Retired Public Health Physician
Current Term: 01/23/2017 - 12/31/2022

David Graybill, Leavenworth
(Eastern Washington position, Chelan County)
Occupation: Owner FishingMagician.com LLC
Term: 03/23/2015 – 12/31/2020

Jay Holzmiller, Anatone
(Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)
Occupation: Equipment Operator, Asotin County Public Works, Rancher
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