



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2022

AGENDA

HYBRID MEETING

Ocean Shores Convention Center
120 W Chance a La Mer NW Ocean Shores, WA 98569
Rooms: Pacific Halls A, B, and D

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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8:00 AM **Habitat Committee** - Commissioners Linville, Lehmkuhl, Smith, Ragen
Location: **Ocean Shores Convention Center, Rooms: Pacific Halls A, B, and D**
Agenda topics:

- State lands visitor use and economic value impact report
- General discussion – current events

10:30 AM **Big Tent Committee** - Commissioners Baker, Thorburn, McIsaac, Lehmkuhl
Location: **Ocean Shores Convention Center, Rooms: Pacific Halls A, B, and D**
Agenda topics:

- Conservation policy
- State Wildlife Action Plan
- FWC Policy update
- Draft delegation of authority changes
- General discussion – current events

1:00 PM **Fish Committee** – Commissioners McIsaac, Anderson, Linville, Ragen
Location: **Ocean Shores Convention Center, Rooms: Pacific Halls A, B, and D**
Agenda topics:

- Cowlitz Hooking Mortality Study
- C-3622 Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Option Review
- General discussion – current events

3:30 PM **Wildlife Committee** - Commissioners Thorburn, Smith, Anderson, Rowland
Location: **Ocean Shores Convention Center, Rooms: Pacific Halls A, B, and D**
Agenda topics:

- Spring Bear Policy planning and scheduling
- Game Management Plan scope and schedule proposal
- General discussion – current events

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING

Virtual Participation:

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8:00 AM	1. <u>Call to Order</u> Commissioner's Discussion Meeting Minutes Approval August 4-6, 2022, webinar meeting minutes August 26, 2022, web conference meeting minutes Committee Reports	<i>45 min</i>
8:45 AM	2. <u>Open Public Input</u> The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this meeting portion. NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.	<i>60 min</i>
9:45 AM	3. <u>Director's Report</u> The Director will brief the Commission on various items. - Intro of new Region 6 Director	<i>30 min</i>
10:15 AM	4. <u>Chelan River Petition- Briefing, Public Hearing</u> Staff will brief the Commission on a proposal to open a previously closed section of Chelan River by allowing only catch-and-release fishing, using only barbless hooks with no bait. Staff Report: Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager	<i>45 min</i>
11:00 AM	<u>BREAK</u> <u>Public Hearing – This Item Only</u>	<i>15 min</i>

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- 11:15 AM** **5. Brown Pelican Periodic Status Review (Maintain) – Briefing, Public Comment, Decision** *15 min*
Staff will brief the Commission and ask for a decision on the recommendation to maintain the status of the Brown Pelican.

Staff Report: Taylor Cotten, Conservation Assessment Section Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 11:30 AM** **6. Western Snowy Plover Periodic Status Review (Maintain) – Briefing, Public Comment, Decision** *15 min*
Staff will brief the Commission and ask for a decision on the recommendation to maintain the status of the Western Snowy Plover.

Staff Report: Derek Stinson, Diversity Division Biologist

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 11:45 AM** **7. White Pelican Periodic Status Review – Briefing, Public Hearing** *15 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the amendments to WAC 220-200-100 that would reclassify the white pelican from “threatened” to “sensitive” in the state of Washington.

Staff Report: Taylor Cotten, Conservation Assessment Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 12:00 PM** **8. Cascade Red Fox Periodic Status Review – Briefing, Public Hearing** *15 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the WAC 220-200-100 amendments that would classify the Cascade red fox as “threatened” in the state of Washington.

Staff Report: Jeff Lewis, Wildlife Biologist

Public Hearing – This Item Only
- 12:15 PM** **LUNCH** *60 min*
- 1:15 PM** **9. Coastal Steelhead Update (Season Review, Prospects, and Process for Next Season) – Briefing, Public Comment** *65 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a review of the 2022 season and prospective status for the 2023 season.

Staff Report: Kelly Cunningham, Director of Fish Program, and James Losee, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

Public Comment – This Item Only
- 2:20 PM** **10. Executive Session** *2 hrs*
Under RCW 42.30.110, the Commission will meet in an executive session. No action will be taken during the executive session, and the public is not permitted to attend.
- 4:20 PM** **RECESS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING

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| 9:00 AM | 12. <u>C-3622 Willapa Bay Policy Review– Briefing, Public Comment</u> | <i>90 min</i> |
| | Staff will provide a briefing on the status of the Willapa Bay Policy review, and the Commission will take public comment on the future process and schedule of the policy review. | |
| | Staff Report: Marlene Wagner, South Coast Policy Lead, and Ken Warheit, Fish Health and Molecular Genetics Lab | |
| | <u>Public Comment – This Item Only</u> | |
| 10:30 AM | 13. <u>Meeting Debrief and Future Meeting Planning</u> | <i>45 min</i> |
| | The Commission will discuss items immediately before, during, or after the meeting and consider future agenda planning. | |
| 11:15 AM | <u>ADJOURN</u> | |

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Term: January 24, 2022 - December 31, 2024

Molly Linville, Vice Chair, Palisades
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Occupation: Cattle Rancher/Farmer
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Term: 07/24/2019 – 12/31/2024

Donald McIsaac, Ph.D., Hockinson
(Western Washington Position, Clark County)
Occupation: Retired Executive Director of the Pacific
Fishery Management Council; Part-time Consultant
Term: 08/14/2017 – 12/31/2022

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

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