



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**Fish and Wildlife Commission**

**Preliminary Meeting Agenda**  
**DECEMBER 9-10, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING**  
Natural Resource Building – 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501  
First Floor – Room 172

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

Fish Committee Meeting – Carpenter, Mahnken, Kehoe, Graybill – 3:30 PM Director's Conference Room

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016**

Wildlife Committee Meeting – Wecker, Kehne, Holzmilller, Thorburn – 6:30 AM - Budd Bay Café

- 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** *30 min*  
    The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 9:15 AM**     **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *30 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: Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 9:45 AM**     **Break** *15 min*
- 10:00 AM**    **5. North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing and Public Hearing** *40 min*  
    Department staff will provide a briefing of the Commission's North of Falcon Policy C-3608 (currently in effect through December 31, 2016) and propose modifications for the Commission's consideration of a January, 2017 through December, 2018 policy.  
  
    Staff Report: Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager

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- 10:40 AM 6. **Charter Stamps Rule – Decision** *10 min*  
 Department staff will brief the Commission on rules needed to clarify the obligations of fishing guides and charter-boat operators in their use of charter stamps, helping to provide a clear process and identifying penalties.  
  
 Staff Report: Deputy Chief, Mike Cenci
- 10:50 AM 7. **Classifying Three Species of King Crab to Combat Illegal, Unreported, or Unregulated Fisheries (IUU) – Decision** *10 min*  
 Department staff will brief the Commission on rules needed to enable Enforcement officers to better regulate illegal importation of King Crab into Washington.  
  
 Staff Report: Deputy Chief, Mike Cenci
- 11:00 AM 8. **2017 – 18 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Decision** *30 min*  
 Department staff will seek approval from the Commission on proposals for the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations 2017-18 season.  
  
 Staff Report: Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager, and Dayv Lowry, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Fish Program
- 11:30 AM 9. **Interpretation and Application of Adaptive Management – Briefing** *30 min*  
 Department staff will provide a briefing on the interpretation and related application of the adaptive management provisions within Commission Policies.  
  
 Staff Report: Ron Warren, Fish Program Assistant Director
- 12:00 PM **Lunch** *60 min*  
 Big Tent Committee Meeting – Smith, Wecker, Thorburn, Graybill – Director's Conference Room – bring your lunch
- 1:00 PM 10. **WDFW Research Priorities – Briefing** *90 min*  
 Department staff will provide a briefing on science divisions and selected research projects currently underway throughout the agency.  
  
 Staff Report: Mara Zimmerman, Fish Program, Senior Research Scientist, George Wilhere, Habitat Program, Senior Research Scientist, Phillip Dionne, Habitat Program, Research Scientist and Scott Pearson, Wildlife Program, Senior Research Scientist
- 2:30 PM 11. **Periodic Status Review of Listed Species (Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, American White Pelican, Marbled Murrelet, and Lynx) – Decision** *15 min*  
 Department staff will seek approval from the Commission on Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the state listed species referenced above.  
  
 Staff Report: Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager
- 2:45 PM 12. **Draft Policy on Improving the Conservation of Washington's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources – Briefing, Discussion and Public Hearing** *30 min*  
 Department staff will brief the Commission on National (Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources) and Washington

State efforts (Washington Wildlife Leaders Forum) seeking additional capacity and funding to conserve species and habitats of greatest conservation need and connect people with nature. The Commission will discuss the draft policy as a response to guidance from Governor Inslee. The Commission will hear public testimony and solicit additional public input to be received in writing before making a decision on the policy at the January meeting.

Staff Report: Penny Becker, Wildlife Program, Diversity Division Manager; Amy Windrope, Habitat Program, Ecosystem Services Division Manager; and Jennifer Quan, Government Affairs Director

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**3:15 PM**      **Break**      *15 min*

**3:30 PM**      **13. Forage Fish and Commercial Smelt Fishery Update – Briefing**      *30 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on abundance trends of forage fish particularly for herring and sand lance, and the geographic significance by area for spawning capacity. Staff will also provide the Commission a briefing on the commercial smelt fisheries status since regulation changes were implemented in June 2014.

Staff Report: Dayv Lowry, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, Fish Program

**4:00 PM**      **14. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing**      *60 min*

Regions 2 and 3 Enforcement Program staff will provide an overview of how they have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program's strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

Staff Report: Sergeant Mike Jewell and Captain Bob Weaver, Captain, Enforcement Program

**5:00 PM**      **Recess**

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2016**

**8:00 AM**      **15. Open Public Input**      *30 min*

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**8:30 AM**      **16. Pacific Salmon Treaty – Briefing**      *60 min*

A briefing will be provided on the composition, authorities and responsibilities of the Pacific Salmon Commission; the process for resolving competing issues; how the utilization and conservation interests are balanced; how the process responds to the interests of Washington State; and the key issues being addressed this year.

Staff Report: Jim Scott, Special Assistant and Phil Anderson, U.S. Chair, Pacific Salmon Commission

- 9:30 AM**      **Break** *15 min*
- 9:45 AM**    **17. Commission Budget Policy – Discussion, Public Hearing and Decision** *30 min*  
 The Commission will discuss the 2017-19 budget policy and hear public input before making a decision on the final policy.

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- 10:15 AM**    **18. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing and Public Hearing** *3 hrs*  
 Department staff will brief the Commission on performance of fisheries managed under the Policy through the transition period, including preliminary results for 2016 fisheries, and seek preliminary guidance on potential adaptive management measures for the future.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Fish Program Assistant Director and Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator – Commercial and Recreational Panels

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- 1:15 PM**      **19. 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.

**1:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

**MEMBERS**

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**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: Owner, Master Marine Services, Inc.  
 Term: 12/06/2011 - 12/31/2016

**Conrad Mahnken**, Ph.D., Bainbridge Island  
 (At-Large position, Kitsap County)  
 Occupation: Retired fisheries biologist  
 Current Term: 06/07/2011 - 12/31/2016

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

**Kim Thorburn**, MD, MPH, Spokane  
 (Eastern Washington position, Spokane County)  
 Occupation: Retired public health physician  
 Current Term: 03/23/2015 - 12/31/2016

**Jay Holzmiller**, Anatonie  
 (Eastern Washington position, Asotin County)  
 Occupation: Equipment Operator, Asotin County Public Works, Rancher  
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**Miranda Wecker**, Naselle  
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