

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
Transition Document

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Commission Responsibilities

Statutory Authority: Chapters 77.04, 77.12, RCW

- *Establish policy and direction for managing fish and wildlife species and their habitats in Washington*
- *Appoint the Director of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; establish Director's goals and evaluate performance*
- *Monitor the Washington Fish and Wildlife Department's implementation of the goals, policies and objectives established by the Commission*
- *Classify native wildlife species that have need of protection*
- *Establish the basic rules and regulations governing the time, place, manner, and methods used to harvest or enjoy fish and wildlife*
- *Conduct formal public meetings and informal hearings held in communities throughout the state to provide opportunities for citizens to actively participate in management of Washington's fish and wildlife*

Commission Members and Current Terms:

Will Roehl, Bellingham (Chair)

1/21/03 - 12/31/08

Ron Ozment, Cathlamet (Vice Chair)

9/13/01 - 12/31/06

John A. Hunter, Cashmere

7/24/03 - 12/31/08

Holly Ledgerwood, Pomeroy

4/30/04 - 12/31/08

Lisa Pelly, Bainbridge Island

2/24/99 - 12/31/04

Dr. J. Pete Schroeder, Sequim

7/26/04 - 12/31/06

Fred Shiosaki, Spokane

2/24/99 - 12/31/04

Bob Tuck, Selah

9/13/01 - 12/31/06

R.P. Van Gytenbeek, Seattle

2/24/99 - 12/31/04

Commission Appointments and Terms

The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve six-year terms. Three members must reside east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, three must reside west of the summit, and three may reside anywhere in the state. No two Commissioners may reside in the same county.

Upcoming Vacancies

Three position terms (currently held by Lisa Pelly, Fred Shiosaki, and R.P. "Van" Van Gytenbeek) expire at the end of 2004.

Frequency of Meetings

The Commission is statutorily required to conduct at least four public meetings per year, but generally holds ten or more per year. In addition, conference calls are scheduled bimonthly and special meetings are called when necessary, as determined by the Chair and majority of members.

Budget

The Commission's operating budget comes from the State General Fund and Wildlife Account. Current funding totals \$376,370 for the 2003-05 Biennium, and the Department's Business Services Program administers the Commission budget (Agency 477, Program 010).

Current Issues and Priorities

See also the transition document for the Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Restoring wild salmon stocks
- Increasing public safety and mitigating property losses due to dangerous and problem wildlife incidents, consistent with sound resource management
- Reforming the hatchery system and practices
- Enhancing opportunities for the state's hunters and recreational and commercial fishers
- Bolstering non-consumptive wildlife activities
- Protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, and promoting public understanding of the value of these habitats
- Expanding public access to private lands
- Increasing public involvement opportunities
- Crafting a new, comprehensive lands management strategy

Board Member Listing by Board Position

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION (NS085)

Agency 477 - Department of Fish and Wildlife	Senate Conf. Y	Positions: Maximum 009
Authority Governor	Public Disc. Y	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 77.04.030	Term Length 072	Actual 009
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 04	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Shiosaki, Fred A. 10406 East Dean Avenue Spokane, WA 99206	A	AP	02/24/1999	12/31/2004
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Eastern Washington		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Chew, Kenneth 4544 W. Sheridan St. Seattle, WA 98199	A	AP	10/01/2004	12/31/2010
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Western Washington		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Tuck, Robert L. 270 Westridge Road Selah, WA 98942	A	C	09/13/2001	12/31/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Eastern Washington		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Schroeder, J. Pete 620 W. Anderson Rd. Sequim, WA 98382	A	C	07/26/2004	12/31/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Western Washington		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Roehl, William P. (Mr.) 3113 Eldridge Avenue Bellingham, WA 98225	A	C	01/21/2003	12/31/2008
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Western Washington		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Hunter, IV, John P. O. Box 337 Cashmere, WA 98815	A	C	07/24/2003	12/31/2008
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Eastern Washington		

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Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
007	Pelly, Lisa M. (Ms.) 6332 N.E. Hidden Cove Road Bainbridge Island, WA 98110	A	C	02/24/1999	12/31/2004
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Western Washington		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
008	Ozment, Ronald D. 622 Elochoman Valley Road Cathlamet, WA 98612	A	C	09/13/2001	12/31/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	At-Large Washington		
Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
009	Ledgerwood, Holly (Ms.) 417 Howell Grade Rd. Pomeroy, WA 99347	A	C	03/31/2004	12/31/2008
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	Eastern Washington		