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AGENDA

DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Following is the semi-annual rule-making agenda for the department of fish and wildlife (department) for the January-June 2024 time period. This agenda briefly describes both the current and anticipated rule-making activities for the department. This agenda has been compiled and sent as required under RCW 34.05.314. If you have any questions regarding this proposed agenda, please contact Scott Bird at 360-790-7561 or Rules.Coordinator@dfw.wa.gov.

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SEMI-ANNUAL RULE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

January - June 2024

WAC Chapter	Rule Title or Subject	Agency Contact	Tentative Timeline			Short Description
			CR-101	CR-102/ CR-105	CR-103	
220-340-130 and 220-340-170	2024 Annual oyster drill	Katy Davis Katherine.davis@dfw.wa.gov	December 6, 2023		TBD	The department is considering updates to beach designations (oyster drill restricted areas) according to shellfish pest status.
220-330-110 and 220-330-140	2024 Clam and oyster season	Camille Speck Camille.speck@dfw.wa.gov	October 17, 2023	January 24, 2024	February 2024	The department is considering annual changes to rules for recreational clam, mussel, and oyster harvest seasons.
330-352	Quick reporting vessel information	Kelly Henderson Kelly.henderson@dfw.wa.gov	February 9, 2023		TBD	The rule making project seeks to explore modification of the quick reporting rules to require additional information for Puget Sound commercial and coastal troll salmon fisheries.
220-312 and 220-313	2024 North of Falcon recreational fisheries	Kelly Henderson Kelly.henderson@dfw.wa.gov	January 17, 2024	May 1, 2024	June 2024	Amendments resulting from stakeholder recommendations made during the 2024 North of Falcon process.
220-354 and 220-301	2024 North of Falcon Puget Sound commercial fisheries	Kelly Henderson Kelly.henderson@dfw.wa.gov	January 17, 2024	May 1, 2024	June 2024	Amendments resulting from stakeholder recommendations made during the 2024 North of Falcon process.
220-354	2024 North of Falcon coastal commercial fisheries	Kelly Henderson Kelly.henderson@dfw.wa.gov	January 17, 2024	May 1, 2024	June 2024	Amendments resulting from stakeholder recommendations made during the 2024 North of Falcon process.

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220-312-050	Deer Lake recreational rules	Chris Donley Christopher.donley@dfw.wa.gov	The commission approved the rule petition on December 14, 2023	December 19, 2023	February 2024	This rule-making project began as a petition from the public and seeks to increase recreational opportunity for fishing for trout in Deer Lake in Stevens County.
220-410	Columbia River commercial logbooks	Bethany Deacy Bethany.deacy@dfw.wa.gov	January 3, 2024	March 6, 2024	May 2024	This project seeks to collect data about fishing effort and catch and release information from the Columbia River commercial fisheries for management purposes.
220-370	Amend aquaculture regulations	Chris Eardley Christopher.eardley@dfw.wa.gov	March 30, 2018		TBD	This is an expedited rule making to amend regulations in chapter 220-370 WAC following passage of ESHB 2957 in the 2018 legislative session.
220-353-080	Testing commercial fishing gear	Thomas Knoll Thomas.knoll@dfw.wa.gov		January 17, 2024	TBD	The department seeks to clarify the requirements for notifying department law enforcement officers about testing commercial fishing gear.
220-450	Beaver relocation	Heather Bonagofski Heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov	March 12, 2019	Spring 2024	TBD	The department is developing a new permit for beaver relocation that is consistent with requirements of RCW 77.32.585.
220-500	Construction, creation and maintenance of roads, trails, and structures	Heather Bonagofski Heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov	July 31, 2023	February 21, 2024	TBD	The department is considering adding new sections to chapter 220-500 WAC to prevent further resource damage to department-managed lands.
220-340-430 and 220-330-020	Three-year season setting	Heather Bonagofski Heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov	December 20, 2023	February 21, 2024	TBD	For the upcoming three-year season setting, the department is considering rule changes for the following hunting topics: Deer, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, equipment, waterfowl, trapping, small and upland game, landowner hunting permits and raffle hunts, and other related rule changes as needed.

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220-440-210	Black Bear lower timber damage permits	Heather Bonagofski Heather.bonagofski@dfw.wa.gov	February 28, 2019	August 21, 2023 Continuance - September 13, 2023	TBD	This rule making seeks to establish a new rule that allows the department to issue permits to lethally remove black bears where the bears are damaging to commercial timber.
New 220-670	Fishway and screening rules	Gabrielle Stilwater Gabrielle.stilwater@dfw.wa.gov	June 17, 2020	July 17, 2023 Continuance - September 18, 2023	TBD	The department is creating new chapter 220-670 WAC that defines general passibility and protection standards for new and existing fishways and water diversions across the state.
220-460	Implementation of ESSB 5371 - Commercial whale watching	Julie Watson Julie.watson@dfw.wa.gov		July 31, 2023	TBD	This is an expedited rule making that adopts changes to chapter 220-460 WAC following the passage of ESSB 5371 in the 2023 legislative session.
220-500	Recreational easements on private lands	Shane Belson Shane.belson@dfw.wa.gov	August 30, 2022		TBD	The department seeks to amend terms used in chapter 220-500 WAC to improve clarity and consistency.
Title 220	Amending and consolidating rules into one chapter under Title 220 WAC	Thomas Knoll Thomas.knoll@dfw.wa.gov	January 23, 2019		TBD	The department seeks to consolidate and clarify its administrative hearing rules into one chapter for all of Title 220 WAC.
220-660	Implementation of SHB 1085 - Flotation materials in overwater structures	Theresa Nation Theresa.Nation@dfw.wa.gov		January 24, 2024	May 2024	This is an expedited rule making that adopts changes to chapter 220-660 WAC following the passage of SHB 1085 in the 2023 legislative session
220-610-010 and 220-200-100	Periodic status review for the grey [gray] wolf	Julia Smith Julia.smith@dfw.wa.gov	October 1, 2018	February 7, 2024	TBD	This is a periodic status review for the grey [gray] wolf.

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