

Wildland Fire Advisory Committee – Roster

Updated 4/10/2023

Per RCW 76.04.179, the Commissioner of Public Lands has the discretion to appoint “members to the wildland fire advisory committee as the commissioner determines is the most helpful in the discharge of the commissioner's duties.”

Name	Term Began	Term Expires	Position
Allen Lebovitz, Wildland Fire Liaison – Chair Twisp, WA	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Wildland Fire Liaison, WADNR
Laura Osiadacz, Kittitas County Commissioner Ellensburg, WA	4/6/2023	Pleasure of the Commissioner	County Commissioner – Eastside
Melanie Bacon, Island County Commissioner Coupeville, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	County Commissioner – Westside
Wade Pierce, Washington Woodlands Manager, Stimson Lumber Co. Newport, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Industry Landowner – Timber
Lee Hemmer, Owner Hemmer Ranch	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Industry Landowner – Range
Melissa Gannie, Assistant State Fire Marshal, Washington State Patrol	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	State Fire Marshal’s Office

Cody Rohrbach, Fire Chief - Fire District 3 Spokane County, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Fire Chief – Eastside
Leonard Johnson, Fire Chief – Fire District 9 Thurston County, WA	6/29/2021	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Fire Chief – Westside
Tom Smith, Fire Commissioner – Fire District 16 Acme, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Fire Commissioner
Kari Grover-Wier, District Ranger/Acting Chief of Staff USFS Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Chelan, WA	6/16/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Representative of a federal wildland firefighting agency
Cody Desautel, Natural Resources Director, The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Representative of a tribal nation – Eastside
Valentino Villaluz, Wildlife Program Manager – Swinomish Tribe LaConner, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Representative of a tribal nation – Westside
Samantha Schinnell, Fire Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy Morton, WA	4/6/2023	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Statewide Environmental Representative

Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, School Trust Lands Advisory Task Force – Washington State School Directors’ Association	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Representative of a State Land Trust Beneficiary
Tony Craven, Director of Lands and Natural Resources – Suncadia Community Associations	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Small Forestland Owner
K.C. Whitehouse, Battalion Chief – Central Mason Fire and EMS	--	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Washington State Council of Firefighters
Annie Schmidt, Director of Policy and Partnership – Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network Leavenworth, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
Carlene Anders, Executive Director – Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Pateros, WA	8/11/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Community Resilience Representative
Chris Martin, Executive Director – Washington Prescribed Fire Council Roslyn, WA	9/15/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner	Prescribed Fire Representative

Board Composition

Per RCW 76.04.179 -

(2) The commissioner may appoint members to the wildland fire advisory committee as the commissioner determines is the most helpful in the discharge of the commissioner's duties. However, at a minimum, the commissioner must invite the following:

(a) Two county commissioners, one from east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one from west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

(b) Two owners of industrial land, one an owner of timberland and one an owner of rangeland;

(c) The state fire marshal or a representative of the state fire marshal's office;

(d) Two individuals with the title of fire chief, one from a community located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one from a community located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

(e) An individual with the title of fire commissioner whose authority is pursuant to chapter [52.14](#) RCW;

(f) A representative of a federal wildland firefighting agency;

(g) A representative of a tribal nation;

(h) A representative of a statewide environmental organization;

(i) A representative of a state land trust beneficiary; and

(j) A small forestland owner.

(3) The local wildland fire liaison serves as the administrative chair for the wildland fire advisory committee.

(4) The department must provide staff support for all committee meetings.

(5) The wildland fire advisory committee must meet at the call of the administrative chair for any purpose that directly relates to the duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section or as is otherwise requested by the commissioner or the administrative chair.