



Wildland Fire Advisory Committee – Roster

Updated 9/9/2024

POSITION	NAME	Term Began	Term Expires
Chair Department of Natural Resources	Allen Lebovitz Wildland Fire Liaison Olympia, WA	7/2020	Pleasure of the Commissioner
County Commissioner – Eastside	Laura Osiadacz Kittitas County Commissioner Ellensburg, WA	4/2023	Pleasure of the Commissioner
County Commissioner – Westside	Melanie Bacon Island County Commissioner Coupeville, WA	6/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Industry Landowner – Timberland	Wade Pierce Washington Woodlands Manager, Stimson Lumber Co. Newport, WA	6/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Industry Landowner – Rangeland	Vacant	N/A	N/A
State Fire Marshal’s Office	Melissa Gannie Assistant State Fire Marshall, Washington State Patrol Olympia, WA	8/2018	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Fire Chief – Eastside	Cody Rohrbach Fire Chief – Fire District 3 Spokane County, WA Cheney, WA	6/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Fire Chief – Westside	Leonard Johnson Fire Chief – Fire District 9 Thurston County, WA Olympia, WA	6/2021	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Fire Commissioner	Tom Smith Commissioner – Fire District 16 Whatcom County, WA Acme, WA	6/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Representative of a Federal Wildland Firefighting Agency	Kari Grover-Wier District Ranger Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Chelan, WA	6/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Representative of a Tribal Nation – Eastside	Cody Desautel Natural Resources Director, The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Nespelem, WA	4/2016	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Representative of a Tribal Nation – Westside	Valentino Villaluz Wildlife Program Manager – Swinomish Tribe LaConner, WA	6/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Representative of a Statewide Environmental Organization	Vacant	N/A	N/A



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Fire Adapted Communities Representative	Annie Schmidt Leavenworth, WA	6/7/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Community Resilience Representative	Carlene Anders Executive Director – Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Pateros, WA	8/11/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Prescribed Fire Representative	Chris Martin Board Member Washington Prescribed Fire Council Roslyn, WA	9/15/2022	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Representative of a State Land Trust Beneficiary	Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt School Trust Lands Advisory Task Force – Washington State School Directors Association Acme, WA	8/2017	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Small Forest Landowner	Tony Craven Roslyn, WA	12/2015	Pleasure of the Commissioner
Washington State Council of Firefighters	K.C. Whitehouse Battalion Chief – Central Mason Fire	2/2020	Pleasure of the Commissioner



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.