

Quarterly Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

10:00am to 2:00pm

Optional additional meeting for committee members:

Washington Prescribed Fire Council Statewide Prescribed Fire AAR following from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Hybrid meeting

In person Room 172, Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington St. SE, Olympia WA 98504

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The Forest Health Advisory Committee (FHAC) was established by RCW 76.06.200 in 2017. Board operations are governed [by a charter](#). The Commissioner of Public Lands serves as the state of Washington's lead for all forest health issues per RCW 76.06.150(1). The mission of the FHAC is to contribute to the improvement of forest health by providing guidance and advice to the Commissioner on forest health conditions and solutions thereby helping to make Washington forests, regardless of ownership, healthier and more resilient to insects, disease, invasive species, catastrophic wildfire, climate change, and other disturbance. Specifically, this committee helps to inform successful implementation of the *20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan: Eastern Washington and Washington's Forest Action Plan*. The FHAC, through collaborative leadership, with input from a variety of constituent groups, strives to continually improve and maintain the health and resilience of Washington's forests for current and future generations. The committee is co-chaired by a staff chair and an individual elected from the membership and consists of individuals from across the state, representing different constituencies.

Meeting Agenda

All times are estimates to assist in scheduling and may be changed subject to the business of the day and at the Member and Staff-Chair's discretion. The meetings will be recorded.

Public Comment: To participate in public comment please RSVP to Lori.Reynaud@dnr.wa.gov no later than 5:00 pm on Friday December 6, 2024. Public comment shall be limited to 5 minutes per person – time may be shortened if needed to accommodate all interested parties.

TIME	BUSINESS	MATERIALS
10:00 AM	Call to Order & Roll-call – Darcy Batura (Member Chair) and Kate Williams (Staff Meeting Chair)	
10:10 AM	Approval of Quarterly Meeting Summary <i>Action Item: Consider approval of meeting summary</i>	Draft September 10, 2024 meeting

10:15 AM	<p>DNR Executive Forest Resilience Update – George Geissler (State Forester) and Katie Allen (Deputy of Forest Regulation, Forest Resilience, and Aquatics).</p> <p><i>Update will include a request to re-convene a joint HB 1168 (Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account) workgroup with the Wildland Fire Advisory Committee for both review and advisement.</i></p>	<p>For reference, materials from 2022-2023 HB 1168 subcommittee work</p> <p>Current DNR HB 1168 dashboard</p>
11:00 AM	<p>Committee Member Information Sharing– Invitation to Committee Members to share timely and relevant forest health news and information for the record and with one another. In addition to new member raised topics, specific updates from committee member organizations will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest Forest Plan Amendment DEIS update – US Forest Service • 2025 legislative session priorities 	<p>NWFP Amendment overview and comment portal.</p>
11:30 AM	<p>Follow up on existing committee business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee letter and invitation to Commissioner of Public Lands Elect as they start their term <i>Action item led by Member Chair: Review and approve draft letter to incoming Commissioner</i> • Follow-up on the Department of Commerce’s Timber Work Group. • Western Washington Subcommittee update • State Stewardship Coordinating Subcommittee update 	<p>May 2023 Western Washington Tasking Memo, and May 2024 Subcommittee Recommendations Memo.</p>
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	Lunch on-site will be available for those in person
12:30	Public Comment	
12:45 PM	<p>2024 RCW 76.06.200 Legislative Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review report and updated Treatment Tracking Memo • Monitoring Subcommittee update <p><i>Action Item: Approve and provide feedback to proposed task by Monitoring Subcommittee for 2025 to discuss and define shared expectations of monitoring the plan consistent with Goal 3 to “Plan and implement coordinated landscape-scale forest restoration and management treatments in a manner that integrates landowner objectives and responsibilities”</i></p>	<p>2024 Report to the Legislature (to be sent to the committee once it is submitted to the legislature by 12/1/2024)</p>
1:15 PM	<p>Prescribed Fire</p> <p>CPL leaders intent, scale of need, and lessons learned from partner organizations across all-lands in implementation to date.</p>	<p>2024 CPL Prescribed Fire Implementation Leader Intent</p> <p>2023 Washington Prescribed Fire Barriers Assessment and Strategic Action Plan</p>
2:00 PM	Official committee meeting ends – transition room for Prescribed Fire AAR	

<p>2:30 PM – 4:30pm</p>	<p><i>Optional: 2024 All-Lands Prescribed Fire After Action Review (AAR)</i> <i>Facilitated by the Washington Prescribed Fire Council.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome & Introduction</i> • <i>Review 2024 accomplishments and discuss hurdles related to Rx Barriers Assessment:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regulatory</i> • <i>Training</i> • <i>Planning</i> • <i>Operations & Implementation</i> • <i>Public Engagement and Outreach</i> • <i>Policy (State and Federal)</i> 	
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