

# Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) Online Meeting

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW)

January 7-8, 2025

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## Mission of the WAG

*To promote equitable, inclusive, and respectful dialogue and decision-making among diverse people to foster durable peace by transforming the root causes of social conflict and providing high quality recommendations on wolf recovery, conservation, and management.*

## Meeting Objectives

1. Affirm issues and determine a path forward to address concerns raised during the November meeting discussion of the Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol.
2. Discuss updates on the progress of WAC Revision and Pay-for-Presence Compensation recommendations.
3. Provide opportunities for WAG members and WDFW staff to build collaborative capacity, promote conflict transformation, and strengthen their relationships with one another.

## Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
<b>8:30 AM-9:45 AM</b>	<i>Informal Session (WAG &amp; WDFW Staff only)</i>	<i>Build relationships and collaborative-capacity, and promote conflict transformation.</i>	---
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Gathering – Facilitation Team</b> 1. Welcome to public observers 2. Meeting purpose and agenda	Establish expectations for the meeting and introduce WAG and WDFW participants	1. Agenda 2. <a href="#">WAG Guidelines</a>

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	3. Introductions		3. November WAG Meeting Summary
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>WDFW Announcements – WDFW Staff</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide any updates not addressed in the WDFW Gray Wolf Update</li> <li>2. Allow for WAG questions regarding the monthly WDFW Gray Wolf Updates</li> </ol>	<a href="#">Gray Wolf Updates</a> <i>(WAG: Please review published updates and bring any questions to the meeting.)</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Compensation Program Recommendation Updates:</b> WDFW and WAG P4P Task Group <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WAC Revisions – <i>WDFW Staff</i></li> <li>2. Pay-for-Presence – <i>WAG Subtask Group</i></li> </ol>	Receive an update on WDFW's progress with the WAC revisions; receive an update on identifying a potential administering agency as the next step for the Pay-for-Presence proposal and progress on proviso support	---
<b>11:30 PM</b>	<b>Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol: Current Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perspectives on Protocol development and implementation – <i>WDFW Staff and WAG</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affirm what is working/not working with the Protocol – <i>All</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• What is WAG's expectation on range riding as a non-lethal tool?</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hear from “legacy” members and staff how the protocol was developed and the challenges encountered along the way</li> <li>2. Share perspectives about how the protocol is being implemented</li> <li>3. Refine a draft problem statement and identify key issues: What parts of the protocol are helpful, confusing, create conflict, or hinder trust?</li> <li>4. Under what conditions is range riding essential?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol (as amended in September 2020)</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">Video of the Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol briefing</a> to the Wildlife Committee, WA Fish &amp; Wildlife Commission (begin at 36 min. mark)</li> <li>3. Template for Consideration/Evaluation of a Lethal Removal Action</li> <li>4. Online white board populated with key issues identified at the November WAG meeting</li> <li>5. Preliminary draft problem statement</li> </ol>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (1 hour)</b>		

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol: Current Implementation (Continued)</b>	(See Above)	(See Above)
<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>	---	---
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> (up to three minutes per person)	Information-sharing	---
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Closing Reflections</b> — <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity	---
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Day 1 Adjourn		

### Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Time	Topic	Purpose	Reference Materials
8:30 AM-9:15 AM	<i>Informal Session (WAG &amp; WDFW Staff only)</i>	<i>Build relationships and collaborative-capacity, and promote conflict transformation.</i>	---
9:30 AM	<b>Opening and Agenda Review</b> — <i>Facilitation Team</i>	Information	1. Agenda 2. WAG Guidelines
9:40 AM (includes 15-min break)	<b>Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol—Part 3: Future Guidance &amp; Implementation</b> 1. Based on Day 1 discussion, what portions of the protocol (both as written and as implemented) may benefit from clarification and/or revision? 2. How would these changes help support broader/common interests, and improve on-the-ground actions and relationships?	Identify potential actions that may be taken to address issues with the Protocol, and the intended outcomes of these actions.	3. Online white board with summary of key issues affirmed from Tuesday, and any suggested actions from the Nov WAG meeting
12:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b> – 1-hour break		

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1:00 PM	<b>Public Comment</b> (up to three min. per person)	Information-sharing	---
1:30 PM	<b>Agreements, Next Steps and Closing Reflections</b> – <i>WAG members and WDFW Staff</i>	Build relationships and collaborative-capacity, and promote conflict transformation.	---
3:00 PM	Day 2 Adjourn		

To keep current on Wolf Advisory Group's progress, visit the WAG website at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/advisory/wag#>  
To contact the WAG Facilitation Team, email at: [wagfacilitationteam@rossstrategic.com](mailto:wagfacilitationteam@rossstrategic.com)

#### Web Addresses for Reference Material Links *(included as part of the meeting packet)*

- November 2024 WAG Meeting Summary:  
[Link when available]
- Gray Wolf Updates:  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/at-risk/species-recovery/gray-wolf/updates>
- Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol (as amended in September 2020):  
[https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/20200915\\_wdfw\\_wolf\\_livestock\\_interaction\\_protocol.pdf](https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/20200915_wdfw_wolf_livestock_interaction_protocol.pdf)
- Video of the Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol Briefing: <https://tww.org/video/washington-fish-and-wildlife-commission-wildlife-committee-2024091056/?eventID=2024091056>