

**DRAFT AGENDA
WESTERN GOVERNORS' WILDLIFE COUNCIL MEETING
November 3 – 4, 2011**

**The Edgewater Hotel
2411 Alaskan Way, Pier 67
Seattle, Washington 98121**

Meeting Objectives:

- 1) Highlight WGWC accomplishments to develop state-based wildlife Crucial Habitat Assessment Tools (CHATs) and a regional CHAT in 2013;
- 2) Ensure the use of information in the CHATs to better inform land use and conservation planning in Western states;
- 3) Continue engaging federal officials to increase the integration of federal initiatives with Wildlife Council efforts;
- 4) Expand Council integration and relations with Stakeholder Advisory Group and the public.

Thursday, November 3- Olympic Ballroom

8:30 a.m.	Welcome Remarks - Marty Loesch, Chief of Staff for Governor Gregoire
9:00 – 9:30	Introductions & Agenda Review <i>John Harja, WGWC Chair & John Mankowski, WGWC Vice-Chair</i>
9:30 – 10:30	Demonstration of Washington's Priority Habitat System & Current Successes to Integrate Into Decision-Making Lisa Veneroso and Katie Knight, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife; Kelly McAllister, Washington Dept. of Transportation; Josh Greenberg, Skagit County, Washington & Christopher Walter, Cascade Land Conservancy
10:30 – 11:15	WGWC Vision - Western Wildlife Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool & State Progress to Date Including presentations of new state CHATS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Southern Great Plains CHAT – Bob McCready, Playa Lakes Joint Venture• Wyoming Interagency Spatial Database & Online Management System – John Emmerich, Wyoming Dept. of Game and Fish• California's Areas of Critical Conservation Emphasis – Kevin Hunting, California Dept. of Fish and Game

11:15 – 12:15	<p>Industry Panel: Utilization of Crucial Habitat and Corridor Information</p> <p><i>Purpose: Highlight where industry is working with states to successfully improve planning decisions. Specifically, speakers will consider what mechanisms have been utilized to support this work, and how success can be enhanced with a regional CHAT.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Horn, Vice President for Environment, Health and Safety, Oklahoma Gas & Electric • Brad Loveless, Director, Biology and Conservation Programs, Westar Energy • David Brown, Contract Regulatory Lead, BP America & Spencer Kimball, Government Affairs Manager, Western Energy Alliance
12:15 – 2:00	Lunch Provided – Olympic Ballroom
2:00 – 2:30	<p>Remarks by Ed Roberson, Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management</p> <p><i>BLM Assistant Director Roberson will discuss BLM’s land management priorities and highlight the utility of the CHATs to better inform BLM’s land management decisions.</i></p>
2:30 – 3:30	<p>Federal Panel: Implementation of Agreement Under the 2009 MOU</p> <p><i>Purpose: Highlight where WGA, DOI agencies and USFS are successfully implementing the 2011 MOU addendum, and highlight federal agency use of regional information through CHAT.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Bean, Counsel to Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of the Interior • Karen Prentice, National Healthy Landscapes Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management • Doug Austen, National Coordinator, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service • Anne Zimmermann, Director, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants, U.S. Forest Service
3:30 – 4:00	<p>Update: Regional Transmission Expansion Planning Project</p> <p><i>Status of Council’s effort to inform DOE’s Western regional transmission planning with CHAT information.</i></p>
5:00 – 7:00	Reception hosted by the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group – Alki/Winslow Room

Friday, November 4

7:30	Breakfast Provided – Olympic Ballroom
8:30 – 10:00	State & Local Land Use Panel: Utilization of Crucial Habitat and Corridor Information <i>Purpose: Highlight where state and local government and conservation organizations are successfully working to improve planning decisions. Specifically, speakers will consider what mechanisms have been utilized to support this work, and how success can be enhanced with a regional CHAT.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wade Crowfoot, Deputy Director, California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research• Carmen Bailey, Impact Analysis Coordinator, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources• Karen Anderson, State Director, The Nature Conservancy Washington Chapter• Bob Budd, Executive Director, Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust• Charity Fechter, Planning Director, Madison County, Montana
10:00 – 11:00	Looking Ahead: Plans for Progress from 2011 - 2013 <i>WGWC presentation/discussion of expected outcomes and accomplishments in the next year, building towards Governors’ goal of public information in 2013.</i> Technical Elements in 2011 - 2012 - Carmen Bailey, Utah Department of Wildlife Resources & John Pierce, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
11:00 – 11:30	Public Comment
12:00	Wrap Up and Adjourn