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2023 Candidates

Name	Code	Where?	Source	Applied?	Eligible 2022?	Interviewed?	County	Email	Key Notes	Notes (2023 and 2022)	2024 Search Notes	Next Steps
Anderson, Phil	SO	W	From 2021	Yes	No		Grays		Not mentioned	years old; Commissioner, Pacific Salmon Commission		
Andrade, Charlene	NE	E	S-R	Yes	No		Mason		Did not apply based on Governor's Office records.	Do not have her application, but have notes that she was recommended by the League of Women Voter's Climate Change Committee. She appears to be young, and currently working as an environmental planner for the Department of Commerce. Here is a bio:		
Andrzejewski, Julie	NE	W	Sophia	No	No		Pierce	Sophia will	10/27 sam	Not interested at this time.		
Bachman, Chris	D	E	Chris and	Yes	Yes		Spokane	chrisbachm	Not on	A former middle school teacher who has worked for the		
Baerwaide, Matt	NE	W	WFC	No	No		King	mjbaerwald e@hotmail. com	9/28 speculate he wouldn't be willing to give up what he's doing now. Would be Tier 1 if interested. Late 30's. Sam emailed 10/23, we need to determine interest and stance on carnivore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County: King (Seattle) TIER 2 Works for the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe as an Environmental Policy Analyst focusing on salmon recovery water quality (Matt is non-tribal) Honest, kind, technical, good conservation ethics He really likes his job and has young kids and therefore may not be able/ interested 		
Bafundo, Greg	NE	E	2021 Proces	Yes	No		Okanogan		No longer	Wilderness Ranger for the Okanogan Wenatchee National		
Bailey, Jarrod	O	E	PDR	Yes	No		Benton	jayrod9528		Store manager at RDO Equipment Company (2008-		
Bain, Dave	R	W	Orca Conservancy and PDR	Yes	Yes		Snohomish	dbain@orca conservancy .org	On recommended list. Not contacted as of 1/31.	<p>has specialized in killer whale research and recovery for the past 35 years and served as a co-author for co-author of Canada's Resident Killer Whale Recovery Strategy. He is scientific director for the Orca Conservancy and also serves on the board of Sound Action. CLD</p> <p>David would not be my first choice. He is very much a contrarian and a devil's advocate in a way that I don't think is helpful. David would not be my first choice. He is very much a contrarian and a devil's advocate in a way that I don't think is helpful. He's definitely a very smart person but he has derailed a lot of conversations I've been in with groups in ways that propose lesson ideal compromises or just completely overcomplicate the conversation. I will also note that we do often align on many issues because he is very science-based. Emma Helverson 10/26/2022 1/13/2023 Diversity statement in folder. It is important to reach diverse student bodies at young ages. Better funding of academic and non-profit research and stewardship would help with equity concerns. Park access fees are barrier to experiences with wildlife and can channelize</p>		
Baker, Barbara	R	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Thurston	bbakerisinol uaie.parmori	Assume she	Current Commissioner.		
Bambrick, Dale (Forrest)	NE	E	Debra Chase (2021) and PDR	Yes	No		Kittitas	ck@noaa.gov	Not responsive. Appears to be	Retired branch chief of NOAA. We talked to him and liked him, but I cannot find notes. Ann? Ann does not recall talking with him. Sam called 10/15 and left VM. Does not		
Barkhurst, Ross	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Pacific	rp.barkhurst @hotmail.c om		From his application: He is a qualified chief engineer for any US nuclear ship, a former plant manager for a nuclear power station, and last retired as president and CEO of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. He owns 160 acres of bottom land along Mailboat Slough that he manages for waterfowl and raptor habitat, including two species of concern (Dusky Canada Goose and Cackling Goose). Sprayed for spartina on his commercial shellfish bed on Nemah Flats from 2004-2008. Is applying because he		
Barson, Len	R	W	Melanie	Yes	Yes	Yes	King	lbarson@g	One of top 8.	Environmental attorney and former senior policy advisor		
Bearden, Robert	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Pierce	rbearden@c		Enjoys hunting, fishing and clamming. Retired. Has had the		
Beckwith, Jim	NE	E	Tim Coleman	No	No				Not interested.	Jim Beckwith said he would be interested in serving on the		

Beeman, Shauna	NE	E	PDR	Yes	No		Okanogan	fasthorses3		Fencing Contractor, is a cattle rancher and has a small		
									Earlier indications from RM indicated he is going nowhere, despite strong support from hunter/fisher groups.	senator. Hunting lobby backs, but fishing interests are mixed based on association with commercial fishing. From 2021 letter to governor: "Mr. Blake represented District 19 in the state house for 20 years and was chair of the agriculture and natural resources committee for 12 years, before losing his seat in 2020. He has a B.S. in environmental studies from Evergreen College. He was named legislator of the year by the Washington Farm Bureau, and the Capitol Press called him the "most powerful ally" in the legislature for farming groups, lauding him for actions such as successfully blocking a bill to ban harmful pesticides and supporting removal of wolves from the state endangered species list. He is a hunter,		
Blake, Brian	SO	W	PDR	Yes 12.17.2021	Yes		Gray's Harbor	brian.e.blake@outlook.com				
Blankenship, Lee	NE	W	rec fish	No	No		Thurston		Not eligible, in Baker's county. Did not apply.	County: Thurston (Olympia) TIER 2 Currently the Director of Biological Services at Northwest Marine Technology (they sell tagging products for monitoring/ researching fish and other aquatic animals) Retired WDFW senior scientist; Vice Chair as an agency representative; independent scientist after retirement on the Hatchery Science Review Group (HSRG) with the Hatchery and Harvest Reform Project; member of the		
Boehm, Wayne	O	W	PDR	Yes	No		Island	waynejboeh		President of Washington State Bowhunters (Jan 2015 to		
Bogatz, Zachary	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		King	zachjbogatz		Producer II, Crystal Dynamics, and has experience with		
Bogen, Brian	SO	W	PDR	Yes	No		Snohomish	bkbogen@g	Not on S-R	Managing Director at Cascadia Capital, previously served		
Borysewicz, Mike	NE	E	Tim	No	No					wolf hunting. We spoke to him based on Tim Coleman's notes a Ph.D. in ecology and environmental biology and an M.S. in marine biology and has more than 100 peer-reviewed publications. Former positions include division chief of the office of protected resources for NOAA, director of the NOAA national marine mammal laboratory, a wildlife ecologist with NMFS, and a professor at Southern Oregon University. CLD Sam spoke with him on 10-28 and he is still interested. He is communicating about the process and an independent thinker, wanted to make sure that working with us doesn't mean he is a rubber stamp for our issues either. Thoughtful. Tim Ragen said he would be good, but basically has the same background as him. Served 2 years on Seattle Public Schools Sex Equity Cmsn, and serves on the Ethics and Institutional Effectiveness Cmte, Spokane Falls CC, and the Alcohol and Drug Use		
										APHolds a Ph.D. in ecology and environmental biology and an M.S. in marine biology and has more than 100 peer-reviewed publications. Former positions include division chief of the office of protected resources for NOAA, director of the NOAA national marine mammal laboratory,		
Braham, Howard	R	E	PDR	Yes 11.21.2021 and 12.21.2022 (Position 9)	Yes		Spokane	braham.h@gmail.com	On recommended list. Not contacted as of 1/31.			
									would apply. We have not followed up, as to not encourage him	the fall. Agrees it would be hard to tell the difference between male and female bears. Would not support spring bear hunting given the information Tim Coleman gave him. Would not support wolf hunting. Close friends with Tim and Sue Coleman, who could have a positive		
Braken, Eric	C	E	Tim (by way of Jim Beckwith)	Will apply (per Tim Coleman, 1/5/2023)	Yes?		Ferry	Erickbracken@gmail.com				
Brown, Scott	O	W	PDR	Yes 11.24.2	Yes		Whatcom	scottwayne		Former construction worker and first responder. From		
Buffam, Stephanie	NE		Sophia	No	No			Sophia will	Sophia says-	Retired ED of friends of the San Juans		
Burger, Janis	NE	W	S-R Article	No	No		Clallam		Latest PDR-	Have letter to Ruth, but not application. Letter indicates-		
Bynes, Coleman	NE	W	Sophia	No	No		Clallam	Sophia or Lorna will get	12/1 Sam emailed Sophia and she indicated-	Biologist. Talk with Lorna about him.		
Carlson, Glen	O	W	PDR	Yes.	Yes		Kitsap	gcarlson@w		ER doctor, lifelong hunter, with masters in wildlife ecology.		

Carney, Sherry	FU	W	Pat Arnold	No	No		Vancouver		Sam has no			
Cassinelli, Mike	O	W	PDR letter,	Yes	No		Kitsap			Branch manager for LFS Marine & Outdoors, is an avid		
Castle, Vanessa	NE	W	Noel Purser	No	No		Clallam/	(360) 461-	12/1 not	Noel recommended Vanessa Castle who works in natural		
Chambers, Nick	NE	W	WFC	No	No		Snohomish	fishnick62@	9/28 most	County: Snohomish (Index) TIER 2		
Coleman, Tim	D	E	Us, PDR	Yes	Yes		Ferry	tcoleman@	Decoy	Executive Director of the Kettle Range Conservation Group		
Conniry, Merrilyn	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Gray's	susan.conni	David Linn	City Council Member for the City of Ocean Shores, has		
Conroy, Steve	NE	W	WFC	No	No		King	skeena20@l	10/26 not	County: King (Covington) TIER 1		
Cook, Mathews	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Clallam	mathewsec		Commercial fisher, hunter, supports gillnets. Marine trade.		
Cooper, Toby	D	W	Bob McCoy	Yes	Yes		San Juan	toby@tobyc	Decoy	Holds dual Masters' degrees in zoology and wildlife		
Costello, Greg		W	Sharon (?)	No			King			Environmental Lawyer. Prior Conservation Director and now Senior Advisor for Wildlands Network with plenty of experience with advocacy/conservation. Also, against barred owl plan (very forward-looking views on conservation). Should contact. FSA	CONTACT	
Croonquist, Dave	O	W	PDR	Yes.12.29.2020	No		Clallam	360-582-1370	Note he has background in wildlife law enforcement.	Retired, recreational fisherman,PDR says "very controversial." Croonquist has three-decade career in wildlife law enforcement with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and nearly two decades of recreational angling advocacy here in Washington. Member of Puget Sound Anglers and the Coastal Conservation Association. He will be very pro-fishing interests. Do not believe he applied this year due to CCA's recommendations. Very pro hatchery volunteer coordinator for the Dungeness Hatchery		
D'Angelo, Kiera Rose	C	W	Lorna	No	No			Lorna can-		please confirm-		
DeSilvis, Denis	FU	W	Ocean	No	No			royhome@o		On biodiversity committee? Well spoken. Audubon. Lorna		
DeWeert, Lacey	O	W	PDR	Yes	No		Clark and	laceydewee		Teacher, non consumptive user, grew up in family of		
Doyle, Randy	O	W	PDR	Yes	No		Clark	doylesdram		Sales Director, East Metals North America		
Eichstaedt, Rich	NE	E	Linda-	No	No		Spokane			Ann's former EPA colleague. Hearings Officer on-		
Estabrooks, Austin	NE		PDR 2021	No	No			austin.estab		Not a commission applicant-		
Faubion, William	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Wahkiakum	wfaubion@		Lawyer, is an avid fisher and hunter, retired District Court		
Fuller, Jacob	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Pierce	jfuller488@		Finance Manager for Larson Ram, is an avid hunter and		
Garcia, Victor	NE		CNW (2021)	No	No		Skagit		Deceased	Diverse science teacher at Anacortes HS. Spoke to him-		
Gaten, Gale	FU	W	Emma		No		King			Audubon.	Unable to find any info. FSA	
Gehrmann, Grant	O	W	PDR	Yes 12/20/2022	Yes		Clark	grantgehrmann@yahoo.com	Recommended by Mclsaac	From his application: I am a lifetime resident of Washington, attorney at law, trained mediator, and active angler and bird hunter. I have hunted and fished throughout the state for most of my adult life and I believe that I could add meaningful insight and assistance to the commission. I am a former deputy prosecuting attorney in Clark County, former municipal court judge, and have been an attorney in Washington for 30 years.I believe that the		
Giles, Debra	NE		Lorna	No	No				Does not have time 2022	Emma thinks Giles would be great. So busy but if she had the capacity, that would be great. Running a lab out of UW. Tim has had very negative interactions with her. He would be very cautious with her; was very skeptical on vessel impacts. She only wanted salmon considered. Tim has found her not very forward thinking and limited in-		
Gisclair, Rebecca	FU	W	BSFAB PDR	No	No		Whatcom	bgisclair@o	WFC thinks	on WA N Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, Working	Currently Senior Director for Arctic	
Goen, Jamie	O	W	PDR 2021	No	No			absc.jamie		Alaska-Bering Sea Crabbers		
Goldberg, Larry	O	W	PDR	Yes	No		Grays	larrydavidgo		Retired furniture store owner; recreational angler		
Grant, Orion	NE	W	CBD (2021)	No	No		King County		2021 did not	Young, diverse, but was finishing B.A. at the time. Spoke-		

Owens, Linda	NE	W	Rolfes	Applied in	No		Mason	206-399-	Sam spoke	Claire will call her the week of 9/12. Lorna can scare her off		
Padilla-Gamino,	FU		None		No					Sam found in UW directory.		
										management for Yakama Nation. We talked to him in 2021 and took off list, but cannot find notes. Ann does not recall talking to him. Worked in Dept of Ecology. CLD WFC strongly opposes because of position on hatcheries. Overall,		
				Yes 2.2.2021 and 10.18.2022	Yes			steveathom eport@gmail.com	Among group being backed by tribes and hunters, re RM in 12/23 call. Opposed by WFC and us b/c not friend of science. Likely appointee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • he will be a real disruptive force on the commission, particularly on harvest/ hatcheries issues • he is skeptical of science that is critical of his belief system and will work to undermine those scientific perspectives as well as the scientists with whom he disagrees • willing to attack people personally • demonstrated he did not believe in independent science review and might work to eliminate the ISAB • does not believe the public has a right to question or understand decisions that fisheries managers are making • hostile when he disagrees, unable to discuss complex and political fisheries management issues without getting 		
Parker, Steve	SO	E	PDR	10.18.2022	Yes		Yakima		2021	Past WDFW employee and good candidate recommended		
Parsons, Christine	NE	E	Lorna (2021)	in 2021-	No		Chelan			Former Executive Director of the Lands Council; has been an institution in the conservation community of eastern Washington for more than 30 years. Also serves on the Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition, where he has helped bring together logging companies and conservation organizations to collaborate on plans for the Colville National Forest. CLD		
										Lorna's initial comments (backed off later): Really a misogynist, does not respect women in leadership positions. He's not going to care about equity issues. Don't know him personally that well (all seems to be based on one phone call that ended badly)		
										Sam and Claire spoke with him on 11/13. See notes. Believe he is a good candidate, but worry about whether he would be too willing to compromise. Those fears somewhat eased by call.		
										Spring bear—would definitely get rid of that. Majority of people in state don't want a spring bear hunt. To say that is the only tool they can use to protect some forest and property, there is no science. Masters in engineering. Logically, as opposed to Anti trophy hunting. Would stand ground in Blue Mountains scenario, not cave like Lehmkuhl. Dan Wilson of BHA is one of references. Was supportive. Hatcheries, new to that issue, but would look at impact on wild fish, as well as tribal concerns. Worked with tribes well on timber issues. Works a lot with beaver,		
Petersen, Mike	R	E	Chris Bachman and	Yes 10.12.2022	Yes	Yes	Spokane	mikeppeters en@gmail.com	One of top 8.			
Pitts, Jeffrey	SO	E	PDR	Yes	Yes		Stevens	j.pitts98@g	Some	General manager at Arden Tree Farms (manages 30,000		

											Wildlife Program of the Yakama Nation, with an M.S. in Anthropology. He helped to implement the Boldt decision to develop a viable timber industry, provide clean water, provide fish and wildlife habitat, and protect tribal cultural resources. Not a tribal member, but close to tribal elders with extensive experience in tribal/agency collaborative projects. CLD.Honorary Yakama Nation member who did a lot of forest restoration work with the Yakama. Easy to talk to. Does not support killing carnivores, will need to work with him to refine his stance for interviews. Lets elk hunters camp on his property and has held a fishing license in the past.		
Powell, David	R	E	Pat Arnold and PDR	Yes 10.27.2022	Yes		Yakima	david98902@gmail.com	Removed from recommendations b/c of concern re hatchery position and relationship with tribes.	Sam after interview: Honorary Yakama Nation member who did a lot of forest restoration work with the Yakama, Easy to talk to. Does not support killing carnivores, will need to work with him to refine his stance for interviews. Lets elk hunters camp on his property and has held a fishing license in the past. Diversity statement (see folder) submitted 1/10/2023:			
Pryor, Lawrence	O	E	PDR 2021	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yakima	lpryor@nwf	Pro hatchery	Chairman, Northwest Fisheries Enhancement Group			
Purser (Rosario), Noel	NE	W	CBD	Yes	No		Kitsap	noelnicolep	9/19 Lots of	Young, indigenous (Suquamish), knowledgeable.			
Rachey, Ross	FU	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Snohomish	rrachey@g		Amazon Director for Global Fleet and EV Products and is			
Ramsey, Steven	NE	W	Sophia	No	No		Jefferson		Same county				
Regelin, Wayne	FU	E	PDR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Spokane	regelinwl@g	Ruth called	Ph.D. in wildlife biology. Former deputy commission of			
Rettig, Jim	NE	W	Sophia	No	No		King	Sophia will	Not interested				
Riker, Mike	NE	W	2021 PDR	Yes	Yes		Snohomish	Mark@wab					
										Renowned mountaineer and outdoorsmen from a famous Eastern Washington family, who has written several books about mountain climbing and other outdoor adventures, including a paddler's guide to all 1,200 miles of the Columbia River. He was a former Spokane County Commissioner (1994-2004) and former member of the Growth Management Hearings Board and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. He grew up hunting and fishing, and still hunts pheasants. He worked with the Nature Conservancy, the Washington Wildlife and Recreational Coalition, and the Center for Environmental Law & Policy. Known for his independence and dedication to conservation. CLD 1/12/2023 JBruegger interview notes (in folder): I would rank him as highly or higher, than Mike Petersen, because he is less likely to compromise. John is an avid outdoorsman who climbs, paddles, rides horses, hunts (more occasionally now, bird-hunting), and fishes. He "loves" coyotes and wants to change how there are managed. He attended the original wolf hearings in the Northeast and was incredibly disappointed when the Department management backed down and cowered from producers. He thinks they still do and it's not right. He called Kelly weighing in on his personal experience with bear hunting "incredibly inappropriate." He would have			
Roskelley, John	R	W	PDR	Yes 12.2.2021	Yes	Yes	Spokane	john@johnroskelley.com	One of top 8.	Beaver expert, solid conservationist, who knows fish. We			
Rustay, Mike	NE		Lorna (2021)	No	No		Snohomish		Not interested.	odd Sandell is the forage fish biologist I previously			
Sandall, Todd	NE	W	Emma	No	No					USFS activist in Vancouver. Street fighter with Lorna in			
Saul, Susan	FU	W	Lorna	No	No		Clark	Lorna will	11/30. Lorna				
Schileps, Jenny	FU	W	NARN	No	No		King County	425-495-					
Shanks, Bern	NE		Kurt	No	No				Bern not	Former WDFW Director that was ousted for trying to bring			
Sheedy, Dana	NE	E	Kurt, Wild	No	No		Walla Walla		Dana works	Sam spoke with on 10/14 and she is interested. She was			
Shuhda, Tom	SE	E	WFC	No	No		Stevens	tshuhda@pl	Sam	County: Stevens (Colville) TIER 2			
Silver, Jill	NE	W	WFC		No		Jefferson	jsilver@way		Lorna and Darrell believe Jill to have a difficult personality			

Skalski, John	S	W	WFC and PDR	Yes	Yes		Thurston	jrskalski@co	Same county	• Statistician, PhD (focus on how humans effect natural		
Smitch, Curt	NE	W	WFC		No			curtmargie	Curt is not	Former Department of Wildlife exec		
Smith, Bradley	SO	W	PDR BSFAB		No		Whatcom	brad.smith	Not a	Environmental scientist, dean, Huxley College of the		
Somers, Elaine	NE	W	Ann and	No	No		Snohomish	elsomers@e	Discussed in	Married to Dave. She worked for EPA for many years.		
Soverel, Pete	D	W	WFC	Yes, 12.23.2022	Yes		Snohomish	soverel@ms n.com	Decoy	9/28/2022 WFC very direct and uncompromising. Founded the wild salmon center. Presents like a politician, could be a Tier 1 candidate. Could potentially blow up meetings-strong opinions and not afraid to voice them. He could be a lightning. Not quite the same as Kurt, but almost. CLD Founder and board chairman of The Conservation Angler, Pete is a lifetime hunter and angler and highly decorated Navy officer, who has dedicated the past 30 years to salmon and steelhead conservation. Full bio: Our People — The Conservation Angler. Has strong opinions and is not afraid to voice them. Diversity statement in folder (1/9/2023): The Cmsn/Dept must be open and responsive to the views and values of all		
Stanford, Jack	NE		Kurt (2021)	No	No				Considered	Board member of WFC, head of Flathead Research		
Stenberg, Kate	FU	W	NARN		No		King County					
Strong, Janet	NE	W	David Linn	No	No		Gray's	360-495-	Janet does not	Grays Harbor Audubon society. Applied in the past and		
Sundberg, Kimbal	R	W	Tina Whitman (Friends of San Juans)	Yes, 12/2/2022	Yes		San Juan	sundberg@c enturytel.net	Not contacted as of 1/31. Why?	and Game, who is now the lead for San Juan County on the Salmon Recovery Technical Advisory Group, and a member of the WDFW Hydraulic Code Implementation Advisory Group. He is a hunter and angler with extensive knowledge about fish habitat and a focus on salmon recovery issues. Washington native who went to high school with Governor Inslee. CLD Sam's notes (11.30.2022): Kim was great, knowledgeable about salmon and an active hunter/ fisher. He does not think that users should dictate how the Department operates, and the Department should view its customers		
Swanson, Mark	NE	E	PDR-2021		No		Whitman	509-335-		Does not have time. 2021 PDR says "support for		
Taylor, Mark	FU	W	Trout	Yes	Yes		King	emtbcct@m		We talked to him in 2021 and took off list, but cannot find		
Thompson, Audrey	NE	W	WFC	No	No		Whatcom	audrey.thom	Not intrested.	Audrey Thompson TIER-4		
Thorburn, Kim	SO	E	PDR	Yes	Yes		Spokane	kthorburn@		Current commissioner. Reapplied, and strongly pushed by		
Tomine, Dylan	TOP	W	Emma and	Yes10.28.2	Yes		Kitsap	dtomine@c	Recommend	Update 11/27/22. Concern that Dylan does not have time		
Truscott, Keith	NE		? (2021)	No	No				2021	Retired fisheries biologist. Curt Smitch thinks he would be		
Twitchell, Marlyn	NE	W	BSFAB	No	No		King	marlynt1@g		On Bering Sea Fisheries Advisory Board (or was in 2020).		
Tyler, Randy	O	E	PDR	Yes	Yes		Grant	Randll.60Tyl		Retired from Grant County PUD, avid fisher and hunter.		
Van Dyke, Travis	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Clark	tvandy45@		Consultant at Deloitte Consulting, is an avid hunter, fisher,		
Wallin, David	R	W	CNW (2021)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Whatcom	david.wallin	One of top 8.	A professor of environmental sciences at Western		

										Highly recommended by Kurt Bearussee. PhD in Marine Biology from Scripps. Currently Senior Scientist, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, Seattle. Talking Points from Emma and Kurt: • spent a lot of time surviving and diving which led to a passion in marine biology • talented geneticist, strong focus in fisheries science but his background would apply well to a variety of other wildlife issues, good understanding of biological needs • non-political and very technical focused (no reason to believe he'd be viewed as polarizing to any one usergroup/ hard to find examples of biases) • was a professor/ speaks well on technical issues, would be a good resource for other Commissioners and diversify existing specialities • good record working for/ with government and UW School of Fisheries • well published • retired • inquisitive, honest. AP See Sam's interview notes in folder. CLD Retiring in December as a senior scientist at the Northwest Fisheries Center. A geneticist with a strong focus on fisheries sciences and a record of working with academic and government institutions. He is spear fisher and holds a	gal	
Waples, Robin	R	W	WFC	Yes	Yes		King	robinw3@uw.edu	Too academic and indecisive. Not ultimately recommended			
Warren, Ron	SO	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		Mason	ronwarren.r	1/31. Woody	Retired. Former WDFW employee. 41 years. It allowed me		
Wattson-Lambe, Anne-Marie	FU	W	Sophia		No		Whatcom		Not interested.			
West, Richard	R	W	PDR	Yes 1.23.2022	Yes		Snohomish	rscottwest@mac.com	On recommended list. Not contacted as of 1/31.	Scott is at the other end of the spectrum. He would be an extremely strong, committed advocate, and a fantastic choice. He also has expertise in law enforcement and wildlife rehabilitation, two areas in which our current commission is very weak. However, I think that the governor is likely to see him as too radical, and he is probably a long shot. A former senior federal law enforcement manager for EPA, who served as the special agent in charge of the SEPA's criminal investigation division for Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Alaska, and later worked for the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. He is married to the director of Sarvey Wildlife and would bring expertise in both environmental enforcement and wildlife rehabilitation. CLD Diversity statement: My appointment to the Commission would actually bring viewpoints, values, and voice that are seldom, if ever, included in fish and wildlife management. I am specifically referring to my experience with conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, and enforcement. I bring an awareness that conservation can actually benefit from hunting. In addition, I remain open to hearing and understanding various viewpoints before making decisions. I am not without the ability to adapt my own perceptions and positions with new information or perspectives. At my core, I am an investigator. My approach is to listen, question, and learn. 1/10/2023 Re his answer that "conservation can actually benefit from		

Westley, Josh		W	PDR	12/25/2022 (Position 7)	Yes	Robin	Lewis	jwestley11@gmail.com (personal) and josh@muledeer.org (work)			Regional Director, Mule Deer Foundation (1 year). Speaks daily with hunters and conservationists. Formerly the Service Operations Manager for Rogers Machinery. From his appl. AEP	
Weythman, Rylan	NE		PDR/News		No		Okanogan				Attorney at Foster Garvey specializing in litigation, is an	
Whitman, Mark	NE	E	PDR		No		Whitman		time right now.		PDR says "#1 for J"	
Williamson, Elizabeth "Ann"	R	W	Ann Prezyna and PDR	yes 10.28.2022	Yes	Robin	King	gohuskies78@gmail.com	On recommended list. Not contacted as of 1/31/23.		UW grad with a BS in geology and MS in science from the school of engineering in environmental studies. Scientist and former associate director of the Office of Environmental Assessment for the EPA, who focused on clean air and hazardous waste, and issues of ESA, NEPA and SEPA compliance; would be dedicated to ensuring that Department is managing fish and wildlife in light of the threats of climate change and biodiversity loss. Diversity statement (1.11.2023) in folder: The Commission and Dept should represent diversity viewpoints, values, and voices, particularly those who have been traditionally excluded. My approach would be to identify who or what is potentially affected, seek to understand the specific concerns, and develop a strategy for proactively engaging all parties. I value diverse viewpoints and would welcome inclusivity. My work experience included interactions with a wide spectrum of people: indigenous people, business and industry representatives, property owners, politicians, members of the medical community, and environmental justice groups who faced gender, race, and socioeconomic challenges. Each has unique perspectives that deserve to be heard, particularly those marginalized, ignored, or unable to speak for themselves. She is a strong supporter of the environmental review process and would not tolerate the Department's evasion of environmental review within its policies, as	
Wilson, Stanley	O	E	PDR	Yes	Yes		Asotin	srwwilson@	Spoke at		From application: Started fishing as a youth, and	
Wilund, Josh	FU	W	PDR 2021	Yes	Yes		King	josh.wilund			Public Affairs and Community Engagement Consultant at	
Wolf, Keith	O	W	PDR	Yes	Yes		King	keith.wolf@	Opposed		Endangered Species Specialist at NOAA. Believes	

Elaine Harvey

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2024 candidates

Name	Code	Code 2024	Where?	Source	Applied last time	Eligible?	Interviewed?	County	Phone	Email	Interview	Key Notes 2022	Notes (2023 and 2024)	2024 Search Notes	Next Steps
Bain, Dave	R	D	W	Orca Conservancy and PDR	Yes 10.31.2022	Yes		Snohomish	(425) 830-5141	dbain@orcaconservancy.org	Claire spoke to him prior to application. Good candidate, very methodical and thorough--perhaps frustratingly so. WFC likes, but not would be their first choice.	On recommended list. Not contacted as of 1/31.	A marine mammal biologist with a Ph.D. in biology, who has specialized in killer whale research and recovery for the past 35 years and served as a co-author for co-author of Canada's Resident Killer Whale Recovery Strategy. He is scientific director for the Orca Conservancy and also serves on the board of Sound Action. CLD David would not be my first choice. He is very much a contrarian and a devil's advocate in a way that I don't think is helpful. David would not be my first choice. He is very much a contrarian and a devil's advocate in a way that I don't think is helpful. He's definitely a very smart person but he has derailed a lot of conversations I've been in with groups in ways that propose lesson ideal compromises or just completely overcomplicate the conversation. I will also note that we do often align on many issues because he is very science-based. Emma Helverson 10/26/2022 1/13/2023 Diversity statement in folder. It is important to reach diverse student bodies at young ages. Better funding of academic and non-profit research and stewardship would help with equity concerns. Park access fees are barrier to experiences with wildlife and can channelize people away from careers in wildlife management. Opportunity is also an issue in public input. Reaching people in their native language is likely to be more effective than using English. Children learn better from instructors who look like them, so when trying to build capacity by	Revisit as alternative to Anderson (Decoy)? FSA	CONTACT (Fran) (EMAILED 11/7) -- mentioned he would apply and provided the below leads Email from Dave: Could reach out to Long Live The Kings (Jacques White) or Forterra for suggestions Natasha Cuomo with the Tulalip Tribes would be a point of contact: ncuomou@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov Andrew Gobin (agobin@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov) would probably be the best person to talk to about how to work with tribes on things like tribal participation in state government entities, although I don't think he's as directly involved with natural resources staff as she is.
Barson, Len	R	R	W	Melanie	Yes 11.30.2022	Yes	Yes	King	206-498-4629	lbarson@gmail.com	Sam	One of top 8.	Environmental attorney and former senior policy advisor for The Nature	Concerns over social pressures about hunting (see prior)	CONTACT (Claire)
Bruggeman, Jay															
Castle, Vanessa	NE		W	Noel Purser	No	No		Clallam/		(360) 461-7704		12/1 not	Noel recommended Vanessa Castle who works in natural resources for the	Could not find any specific information (by just name). FSA	CONTACT (Fran)
Coleman, Tim	D	D	E	Us, PDR	Yes 10.16.2022	Yes		Ferry	(509) 775-2667	tcoleman@kettlerange.o		Decoy	Executive Director of the Kettle Range Conservation Group and a former member	Recently retired (Oct 5), perhaps worth reaching out to? FSA	CONTACT (Fran)
Coward, Randy			W	Loma	No			Snohomish						Could not find any info on him. FSA	CONTACT (Fran)
Harris, George	NE	D	W	rec fish	No, next year	No		King	206-634-0911	george@nmta.net		George is still	The rec fish groups all support George Harris. Carl Burke indicated he would	Consider against Anderson?	Check w/fish folk (EMAILED WFC 11/6)
Harvey, Elaine			W					Klickitat					Yakama citizen. Worked in various capacities for the Yakama Nation Fisheries	NEW ADDITION, but unlikely candidate. FSA	Check w/fish folk? (EMAILED WFC 11/6)
Hennick, Doug	NE	D	W	WFC	No	No		King				9/28 WFC	* County: King (Lake Forest Park) TIER 1	Decoy to Anderson?	Check w/fish folk if he would be interested?
Kliegman, Sarah			E	Liz (KRCG)	No	No		Okanogan					Co-Executive Director of the Okanogan Highlands Alliance (OHA). Originally from Okanogan County, Washington Studied biochemistry and molecular biology at Reed College Earned a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, focusing on how metals could help degrade pollution in groundwater Taught as a visiting professor of chemistry at Reed College from 2014 to 2016 Also taught at Claremont McKenna Colleges Joined OHA to continue the work her father had been doing Focuses on holding mining companies accountable and ensuring they clean up environmental damage Works on protecting local water resources and addressing ongoing water quality issues related to past mining activities Driven by a desire to protect the local environment and ensure clean drinking water for future generations Combines her scientific background with a passion for community-based environmental protection	Worth exploring, but not eligible (same county as Melanie)	Check w/fish folk (EMAILED WFC 11/6)
Lowe, Larry	NE	D	W	WFC	No	No		Snohomish				10/22 Larry	* County: Snohomish? TIER 1	Alternative to Anderson? FSA	Check w/fish folk (EMAILED WFC 11/6)
Lynch, Katherine			W	Top Choice for	yes 10.28.2022	No		King	Cell: 425-268-	Katherine.Lynch@seattle	Yes, 10/25	Not interested	Fisheries biologist with degrees in aquatic biology and behavior ecology of	Maybe interested this year? Did not find any info on her	CONTACT (Claire)
Macy, Alyssa				Erica				King		alyssa@waconservation			https://waconservation.org/people/alyssa-macy/	CONTACT (Fran)	
Matthews, Julian	D		E	WildEarth	Yes 1.19.2021	Yes		Whitman	(208) 790-4296	jmatthews@alumni.uida		RM comments	A Nez Perce tribal member who runs Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment, a	Has been an advocate for tribal wolf/grizzly issues (not much)	CALLED/VOICEMAIL/EMAIL (11/14)
McGlenn, John	NE		W	WFC	No	No		King	206-719-2214	johnmglenn@gmail.co		9/28 not	* County: King (Bellevue)	Alternative to Anderson? FSA	Check w/fish folk about family and potential
Ness, Laurie			E	CBD (2021) PDR	Yes 12.11.2020	Yes		Benton	509-430-5338	Pennifurs.mom@gmail.c		On	A dedicated outdoor enthusiast with a B.S. in fisheries and wildlife, who has spent	WA Ornithological Society Board Member (2022)	CONTACTED HER ON 10/30 -- will follow up
Nicolai, Scott	NE		E	WFC	No	No		Kittitas	no phone	vkfphabitat@ellitel.net		Emma	* Fish/ Habitat Biologist with the Yakama Nation TIER 2	His work has focused on habitat restoration and salmon	Check w/Emma (EMAILED WFC 11/6)
Purser (Rosario), Noel	NE		W	CBD originally	Yes 10.6.2020	No		Kitsap	360-674-6266	noelnicolepurser@outloo		9/19 Lots of	Young, indigenous (Squamish), knowledgeable, articulate, with right orientation.	Claire mentioned some personal issue(s) with tribe, but	CONTACT (Claire)
Sandall, Todd	NE		W	Emma	No	No							Todd Sandell is the forage fish biologist I previously mentioned who is retiring/	Alternative against Anderson? FSA	Check w/fish folk (EMAILED WFC 11/6)
Saul, Susan			W	Lorna	No	No		Clark	Landline:	Lorna will get		11/30. Lorna	USFS activist in Vancouver. Street fighter with Lorna in the 80s.	Some history of conservation activism w/Washington	Perhaps 1/3
Somers, Elaine	NE		W	Ann and Lorna	No	No		Snohomish	360-794-8927	elsomers@comcast.net		Discussed in	Married to Dave. She worked for EPA for many years. Early on was very involved	No record of applying. Not sure she would challenge	Reach out to Emma to talk to her (EMAILED)
Soverel, Pete													9/28/2022 WFC very direct and uncompromising. Founded the wild salmon center. Presents like a politician, could be a Tier 1 candidate. Could potentially blow up meetings- strong opinions and not afraid to voice them. He could be a lightning. Not quite the same as Kurt, but almost. CLD Founder and board chairman of The Conservation Angler, Pete is a lifetime hunter and angler and highly decorated Navy officer, who has dedicated the past 30 years to salmon and steelhead conservation. Full bio: Our People — The Conservation Angler. Has strong opinions and is not afraid to voice them. Diversity statement in folder (1/9/2023): The Cmsn/Dept must be open and responsive to the views and values of all citizens recognizing that different ethnic/cultural groups will likely have different viewpoints. Had 31 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy that pioneered merit-based performance and promotion that resulted in a radical restructuring of the Navy including massive increases in Board member of WFC, head of Flathead Research Center. Highly published. Associate Environmental Planner at CDM SmithDr. Stenberg has 35 years of	Potential candidate against Anderson? FSA	Not viable candidate.
Stanford, Jack	NE			Kurt (2024)	No	No							Not sure where in WA he resides. FSA	Not viable candidate.	
Stenberg, Kate	FU		W	NARN	No	No		King	425-495-5095				Recommended by NARN, but can't find any info on her	CONTACT (Fran)	
Sundberg, Kimbal													Former career biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, who is now the lead for San Juan County on the Salmon Recovery Technical Advisory Group, and a member of the WDFW Hydraulic Code Implementation Advisory Group. He is a hunter and angler with extensive knowledge about fish habitat and a focus on salmon recovery issues. Washington native who went to high school with Governor Inslee, CLD Sam's notes (11.30.2022): Kim was great, knowledgeable about salmon and an active hunter/ fisher. He does not think that users should dictate how the Department operates, and the Department should view its customers as the fish and wildlife of the state. I asked him if he belonged to any hunting or fishing orgs, and he said it wasn't his thing, he sees himself as a scientist who happens to hunt.	Alternative against Anderson? FSA	Contact and see if he's still interested. CONTACTED 10/30 (email)
Van Sweringen, Anne			W	Tina Whitman (Friends of San Juans)	Yes, 12/2/2022	Yes		San Juan	(360) 378-9588	sundberg@centurytel.ne	Yes,	Not contacted as of 1/31.	Why?	Affiliated w/ WA League of Women voters, Audubon, Sierra	MAYBE? (Not clear on views)
Wallin, David			W	CNW (2021) and	Yes 9.5.2020 and	Yes		Whatcom	360-220-6635,	david.wallin@www.edu		One of top 8.	A professor of environmental sciences at Western Washington University, and	Was unable to find any additional info, including on	Keep him in list, just in case.

West, Richard	R	W	PDR	Yes 1.23.2022	Yes	Snohomish	425-299-8727	rscottwest@mac.com	Ann and Claire interviewed. Ann has notes. Would be very good, but fiery, probably too extreme to be considered.	Former EPA Deputy Director, scientist, worked with Ann. Scott is at the other end of the spectrum. He would be an extremely strong, committed advocate, and a fantastic choice. He also has expertise in law enforcement and wildlife rehabilitation, two areas in which our current commission is very weak. However, I think that the governor is likely to see him as too radical, and he is probably a long shot. A former senior federal law enforcement manager for EPA, who served as the special agent in charge of the SEPA's criminal investigation division for Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Alaska, and later worked for the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. He is married to the director of Sarvey Wildlife and would bring expertise in both environmental enforcement and wildlife rehabilitation. CLD Diversity statement: My appointment to the Commission would actually bring viewpoints, values, and voice that are seldom, if ever, included in fish and wildlife management. I am specifically referring to my experience with conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, and enforcement. I bring an awareness that conservation can actually benefit from hunting. In addition, I remain open to hearing and understanding various viewpoints before making decisions. I am not without the ability to adapt my own perceptions and positions with new information or perspectives. At my core, I am an investigator. My approach is to listen, question, and learn. 1/10/2023 Re his answer that "conservation can actually benefit from hunting," he meant that he is not antihunting under certain circumstances, such as when deer are overpopulated in an area and harming the ecosystem and there are not enough natural predators to keep their numbers in balance with the environment. He is very much against people who just like to kill wildlife (think trophy hunters). He thinks that if you eat meat, hunting is a more honest way to put meat on the table than going to a grocery store and buying beef. I think he will oppose proposals like the one to kill cougar in the blues so there are more elk for hunters and killing	Seems good overall, but likely not someone that could challenge Anderson. Perhaps a decoy? FSA	CONTACTED 10/30 CALLED TO SAY HE APPLIED. FSA
Williamson, Elizabeth "Ann"	R	W	Ann Prezyna and PDR	yes 10.28.2022	Yes	Robin King	(206) 819-9462	gohuskies78@gmail.com	Yes	UW grad with a BS in geology and MS in science from the school of engineering in environmental studies. Scientist and former associate director of the Office of Environmental Assessment for the EPA, who focused on clean air and hazardous waste, and issues of ESA, NEPA and SEPA compliance; would be dedicated to ensuring that Department is managing fish and wildlife in light of the threats of climate change and biodiversity loss. Diversity statement (1.11.2023) in folder: The Commission and Dept should represent diversity viewpoints, values, and voices, particularly those who have been traditionally excluded. My approach would be to identify who or what is potentially affected, seek to understand the specific concerns, and develop a strategy for proactively engaging all parties. I value diverse viewpoints and would welcome inclusivity. My work experience included interactions with a wide spectrum of people: indigenous people, business and industry representatives, property owners, politicians, members of the medical community, and environmental justice groups who faced gender, race, and socioeconomic challenges. Each has unique perspectives that deserve to be heard, particularly those marginalized, ignored, or unable to speak for themselves. She is a strong supporter of the environmental review process and would not tolerate the Department's evasion of environmental review within its policies, as demonstrated by their hatchery policy. She is very concerned about the state audit report findings and believes the Director should be held accountable for the report's findings. She finds illegal and unethical activity by the Department "unacceptable." While she does not have a strong background in fish and wildlife issues, she has copious experience in the environmental sector and in the management of government agencies. Ann would likely rely on the conservation community to bring her up to date on critical issues. She is a big believer in clear	Does not seem like someone who would challenge Anderson. FSA	Not a priority

Codes Used in 2023

Code	Definition
C	Candidate is considering
D	Decoy
FU	Still developing information; include justification in notes
NE	Not eligible at this time; include justification in notes
O	Oppose
R	Recommend
SO	Strongly Oppose
TOP	Top Choice

Current Commissioners

Name	Description	County	Term Expires	Diversity	Occupation	Comments
Molly Linville	Eastern WA	Douglas	12/31/2024	white female	Cattle Rancher	Ranching interests
James Anderson	At-Large	Pierce	12/31/2024	white male	Retired	Hunts and fishes
Timothy Ragen	Western WA	Skagit	12/31/2024	white male	Retired	
Lorna Smith	Western WA	Jefferson	12/31/2026	white female	Retired	
John Lehmkuhl	Eastern WA	Chelan	12/31/2026	white male	Retired	Hunts and fishes
Melanie Rowland	At-Large	Okanogan	12/31/2026	white female	Retired	
Steve Parker	Eastern WA	Yakima	12/11/2028	white male	Retired	Tribal fishery interests
Woody Myers	At-large	Spokane	12/31/2028	white male	Retired	Hunts and fishes
Barbara Baker	At-large	Thurston	12/31/2028	white female	Retired	