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**From:** "FWC PDRs (DFW)" <fwcpdr@dfw.wa.gov>

**To:** "Rowland, Melanie J (DFW)" <Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: New\_23276\_ [REDACTED] \_LH\_Due\_11/16/23

**Date:** Tue, 04 Mar 2025 20:08:26 +0000

**Importance:** Normal

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Hi –

Here is the request that we just spoke about - it is involved in litigation and needs to be prioritized

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rowland, Melanie J (DFW) <Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2024 2:46 PM

**To:** FWC PDRs (DFW) <fwcpdr@dfw.wa.gov>; Smith, Lorna D (DFW) <Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov>

**Cc:** Baker, Barbara (DFW) <Barbara.Baker@dfw.wa.gov>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: New\_23276\_ [REDACTED] \_LH\_Due\_11/16/23

This PDR is ridiculously long and complex. I cannot respond without help.

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**From:** FWC PDRs (DFW) <fwcpdr@dfw.wa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2024 3:41 PM

**To:** Rowland, Melanie J (DFW) <Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov>; Smith, Lorna D (DFW) <Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov>

**Cc:** Baker, Barbara (DFW) <Barbara.Baker@dfw.wa.gov>; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: New\_23276\_ [REDACTED] \_LH\_Due\_11/16/23

Good Afternoon,

I am following up on this public records request, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** FWC PDRs (DFW)

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 1:36 PM

**To:** Smith, Lorna D (DFW) <Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov>; Rowland, Melanie J (DFW) <Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: New\_23276\_ [REDACTED] \_LH\_Due\_11/16/23

Good Morning –

I am following up on this public records request, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** FWC PDRs (DFW)

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:02 PM

**To:** Rowland, Melanie J (DFW) <[Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov)>; Smith, Lorna D (DFW) <[Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: New\_23276\_[REDACTED]\_LH\_Due\_11/16/23

Good Afternoon,

I am following up on this public records request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** FWC PDRs (DFW)

**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 2:26 PM

**To:** Rowland, Melanie J (DFW) <[Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Melanie.Rowland@dfw.wa.gov)>; Smith, Lorna D (DFW) <[Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Lorna.Smith@dfw.wa.gov)>;

Ragen, Timothy J (DFW) <[Timothy.Ragen@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Timothy.Ragen@dfw.wa.gov)>; Baker, Barbara (DFW) <[Barbara.Baker@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Barbara.Baker@dfw.wa.gov)>;

Lehmkuhl, John F (DFW) <[John.Lehmkuhl@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:John.Lehmkuhl@dfw.wa.gov)>

**Subject:** New\_23276\_[REDACTED]\_LH\_Due\_11/16/23

Hello,

We are in receipt of a public records request, PRR No. 23276. All records related to this request are on litigation hold. For more information on preserving records for litigation, please see the attached document. The request is as follows:

(1) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl for communications taking place during Commission and Committee meetings in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].

(2) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker, and Lemkuhl and any person or persons for communications taking place during Commission and Committee meetings in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].

(3) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl that occurred on the date of all Commission and Committee meetings in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].

(4) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons that occurred on the date of all Commission and Committee meetings in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].

- (5) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl for 14 days before, and 14 days after, all Commission and Committee meetings in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (6) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl concerning the lawsuit filed against Commissioner Smith (USSAF v. Smith) pursuant to the requirements of RCW 70.04.040. Please include all such communications from March 1, 2023 to September 10, 2023.
- (7) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and [any] other person or persons concerning the lawsuit filed against Commissioner Smith (USSAF v. Smith) pursuant to the requirements of RCW 70.04.040. Please include all such communications from March 1, 2023 to September 10, 2023.
- (8) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Smith and any person or persons concerning the lawsuit filed against Commissioner Smith (USSAF v. Smith) pursuant to the requirements of RCW 70.04.040. Please include all such communications from March 1, 2023 to September 10, 2023.
- (9) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl concerning the proposal to create a new "Conservation Policy," including any such communication taking place in 2022 and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (10) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons concerning the proposal to create a new "Conservation Policy," including any such communication taking place in 2022 and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (11) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Baker and any person or persons concerning the proposal to create a new "Conservation Policy," including any such communication taking place in 2022 and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (12) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl concerning gray wolf management in Washington, including any such communication taking place in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (13) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons concerning gray wolf management in Washington, including any such communication taking place in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (14) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Baker and Rowland and any person or persons concerning gray wolf management in Washington, including any such communication taking place in 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].
- (15) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl concerning WDFW funding sources, including any discussion of "alternative funding sources." Please include all such communications taking place in 2022 and 2023 with this request [through September 11, 2023].
- (16) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons concerning WDFW funding sources, including any discussion of "alternative funding sources." Please include all such communications taking place in 2022 and 2023 with this request [through September 11, 2023].
- (17) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons formally or informally associated with the organization known as "Wildlife for All." Please include all such communications from 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].

(18) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons concerning the organization called "Wildlife for All" or any individual formally or informally associated with "Wildlife for All." Please include all such communications from 2021, 2022, and 2023 [through September 11, 2023].

(19) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl concerning the spring bear hunt issue in advance of, during, or after the November 18, 2022 meeting of the WDFW Commission.

(20) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners Rowland, Smith, Ragan, Baker and Lemkuhl and any person or persons concerning the spring bear hunt issue in advance of, during, or after the November 18, 2022 meeting of the WDFW Commission.

(21) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners and WDFW agency staff concerning the press release issued in advance of the November 18, 2022 meeting of the WDFW Commission. The press release was issued on November 8, 2022.

(22) Text and email communications between WDFW Fish and Wildlife Commissioners and any person or persons concerning the press release issued in advance of the November 18, 2022 meeting of the WDFW Commission. The press release was issued on November 8, 2022.

Please do a search for records and let me know how many and what type of responsive records you have.

You must provide ALL records responsive to this request – regardless of sensitivity. I will review all the records and make the appropriate redactions.

After you have completed your search please send me an email notifying me you have completed your search and fill out the [Declaration of Search form](#).

If you have any questions please let me know.

The initial response is due no later than 11/16/23. Please let me know when you can reasonably expect to have an installment of records.

Thank you,

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Washington State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

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