

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
February 14, 2012

Columbia River Gorge Commission Office
57 NE Wauna Street, White Salmon, Washington
9:00 a.m.

NOTE: This will be a telephone meeting. Persons interested in participating in the meeting may listen at the Gorge Commission office.

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

9:05 a.m. Approval of Minutes - January 10, 2012

9:10 a.m. Rulemaking Hearing*

The Commission will open the public hearing on a rulemaking notice involving changes to Commission Rules 350-81 to incorporate efficiencies into the development review process and to incorporate changes to the SMA portion of the management plan that the Forest Service transmitted to the Commission in 2011. The Commission intends to set over its decision on the rule to the April Commission meeting. The Commission would prefer to hear public testimony on the rule in April, but will hear testimony from persons who cannot wait until April to provide comments.

9:15 a.m. Other Business

9:20 a.m. Adjourn

The times on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if unforeseen circumstances arise.

The Commission welcomes public comment on issues not on the agenda during the public comment period. With the exception of factual questions, the Commission does not immediately discuss issues raised during public comment. The Commission may refer concerns raised during public comment to the Executive Director for a response or request that the issue be placed on a future meeting agenda.

There will be a public hearing for starred items. Starred items on the agenda (*) are open for public comment during the time specified for the item on the agenda.

If you have a disability that requires any special materials, services, or assistance, please contact us at 509-493-3323 so we may arrange for appropriate accommodations.

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

Thank you for providing public comment to the Columbia River Gorge Commission. We welcome your input. Please read the Commission's guidelines to help ensure that your comments are delivered in the most effective way.

Be courteous to others.

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone. Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

Effective use of your public comment time.

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. Under certain circumstances the Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits.

Planning your speaking points prior to your public comment will help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. Short, concise messages convey the main points of what you want to say. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

Submitting written comments.

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please bring a hard copy for the scribe. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

Thank you again for commenting on issues that are important to you. We appreciate your time and the thought you put into your comments.