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Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:25 PM
To: Smith, Lorna D (DFW)
Cc: OFM mi Public Disclosure
Subject: Notice of Records Request to the Office of Financial Management
Attachments: Memorandum (Final) _Redaction C.pdf

Good afternoon,

You are receiving this email because you are named in a record that our office is producing in response to a public records request. Specifically, the Office of Financial Management received a public records request from Jerry Cornfield, a reporter for the Washington State Standard. He asked for records related to the current investigation of members of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission, including "any emails, documents, research, interviews, findings and reports that have been generated related to this investigation." Mr. Cornfield likely sent this request to OFM due to our role in coordinating this investigation with the Governor's Office.

After conducting a search, OFM did find some responsive records, including a memorandum in which you are named. We have carefully reviewed this document, and we have determined it must be released under the Public Records Act. Since you are named in the record, we are notifying you prior to release. Please note that, for privacy reasons, we are providing you a copy (attached) with the names of other parties redacted. However, we have not redacted your name from the document so that you can see the context in which your name appears. We do not intend to apply any redactions to the ultimate release of the document to the requester, and these redactions are only for the purpose of maintaining privacy to the extent we can during the notice period before the document is released.

You do not need to take any action in response to this notice. However, as a person named in this record, you may seek a court order to prevent its release upon a showing that the release "would clearly not be in the public interest and would substantially and irreparably damage any person or would substantially and irreparably damage vital governmental functions." RCW 42.56.540.

To prevent the release of these records, the Office of Financial Management would need to be served with a court order by **close of business Wednesday, February 11, 2026**. You may contact us at publicdisclosure@ofm.wa.gov if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,

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