

2026 SPEAKER SERIES

Wildlife Handling & Chemical Immobilization Course with Wolf Haven International

Monday, September 14, 2026
La Quinta Inn & Suites
4600 Capitol Blvd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501

- 8:30am** Registration & Mingling
- 9:00am** Wolf Haven Introduction
- 9:20am** **Rich Beausoleil** – WDFW Bear & Cougar Specialist
- 10:00am** **Lindsay Welfelt** – WDFW Furbearer & Bear Specialist
- 10:40am** Bio Break
- 11:00am** **Glen Kalisz** – WSDOT Habitat Connectivity Biologist
Marisa Pushee – WSDOT Assistant Habitat Connectivity Biologist
- 11:30am** **Trent Roussin** – WDFW Wolf Biologist
- 12:10pm** **Julia Smith** – WDFW Endangered Species Recovery Section Manager
- 12:50pm** Catered Lunch
- 1:20pm** **Pamela Maciel Cabañas** – Wolf Haven Sanctuary Director & SAFE Mexican Wolf
Binational Vice Lead
- 2:00pm** **Joe Madison** – USFWS North Carolina Program Manager, Red Wolf Recovery Program

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SPEAKER BIOS

Rich Beausoleil – WDFW Bear & Cougar Specialist

Rich coordinates research on bear and cougar ecology, and leads statewide response to human-carnivore conflicts. He co-founded Washington's Karelian Bear Dog Program and serves as co-chair of the IUCN North American Bears Expert Team.

Lindsay Welfelt – WDFW Furbearer & Bear Specialist

Lindsay oversees statewide black bear research and leads efforts in live-capture, handling, and monitoring of black bears, beavers, and other furbearers. She also supports statewide conflict response and collaborates on conservation strategies.

Glen Kalisz – WSDOT Habitat Connectivity Biologist

Glen works to identify and advance priority sites for wildlife crossings and fencing across the state while also helping lead the implementation of the Washington Habitat Connectivity Action Plan.

Marisa Pushee – WSDOT Assistant Habitat Connectivity Biologist

Marisa supports WSDOT's two-pronged approach to minimize wildlife-vehicle collisions and enable wildlife movement. Through the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group, she works to facilitate collaboration across the state.

Trent Roussin – WDFW Wolf Biologist

Trent regularly captures and handles wolves for conservation and management along with moose, elk, coyotes, and foxes. He has also worked on projects across North America, Russia, and Antarctica with species ranging from bears & wolves to tigers & seals.

Julia Smith – WDFW Endangered Species Recovery Section Manager

Julia oversees recovery planning and actions for Washington's at-risk wildlife species. She brings over a decade of experience in endangered wolf recovery in both Arizona and Washington and has previously served as WDFW's wolf policy lead.

Pamela Maciel – Wolf Haven Sanctuary Director & SAFE Mexican Wolf Binational Vice Lead

Pam graduated as a wildlife biologist at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana in Mexico City. She has since provided care for over 100 wolves, most of them critically endangered Mexican wolves and American Red Wolves, at Wolf Haven International.

Joe Madison – USFWS North Carolina Program Manager, Red Wolf Recovery Program

Joe has been a wildlife biologist for the federal government for 30 years – the past 10 of which have been with the USFWS' Red Wolf Recovery Program. Joe's career has focused on endangered and at-risk species management including field work, program management, collaborative partnerships, habitat management, and stakeholder engagement.

