



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Conference Call
Friday, May 31, 2019
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Larry Carpenter, Chair
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair
Don McIsaac
Kim Thorburn
Jay Holzmilller
Bob Kehoe
Dave Graybill
Brad Smith

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind
Joe Stohr
Nate Pamplin
Craig Burley
Michele Culver
Henry Carson
Jeff Davis
Pat Chapman

Teresa Scott
Craig Burley
Ron Warren
Kelly Cunningham
Bob Sizemore
Bill Frymire, AAG
Lauren Kirigin, AAG
Randi Thurston

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Friday, May 31, 2019

Vice Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

A. HPA Suction Dredging Rules - Decision

Randi Thurston, Pat Chapman and Teresa Scott with the Habitat Program requested approval for amendments to the hydraulic code rules for suction dredging.

Commissioner Thorburn made the first motion, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to adopt determinations made in the Final Regulatory Analyses and summarized by staff today, and to adopt the amended rules as presented by staff. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Thorburn made the second motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to implement the new HPA requirement for suction dredgers beginning November 1, 2019, and to delay the activity reporting requirement to begin January 1, 2020. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Thorburn made a third motion, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to direct staff to convene interested agencies such as Ecology, Department of Natural Resources, and U.S. Forest Services, to review the first two years' results of permitting, reporting, and implementation monitoring, and to submit a report to the Commission by June 1, 2021 that provides an overview of the results. Staff will also provide recommendations to improve fish protection if unaddressed impacts to fish life from suction

dredging are found. All were in favor and the motion carried

B. Abalone Status Review and Listing - Decision

Bob Sizemore and Henry Carson requested approval to change to the listing status of Pinto Abalone.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt permanent amendments to WAC 220-320-010, WAC 220-330-090 and WAC 220-610-010 as presented by staff. All were in favor and the motion carried.

C. Pass Lake Rule Delegation – Decision

Craig Burley recommended that the Fish and Wildlife Commission delegate rulemaking to the Director for Pass Lake (Skagit Co.) concurrent with rule making for the North of Falcon process. This action is needed to ensure that the rules for the North of Falcon process and the rules for Pass Lake are adopted in time to be included in the 2019-2020 Sportfishing Rules pamphlet.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to delegate rulemaking for Pass Lake to the Director during the 2019-2020 Sportfishing rules process. All were in favor and the motion carried.

D. Coastal Dungeness Crab Whale Entanglement – Briefing

Michele Culver provided an update on the coastal Dungeness crab whale entanglements and provided the plan for next steps. Commissioners then discussed various concerns and indicated they endorse the work staff is doing.

E. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission will consider approval of the following minutes:

- May 10, 2019 – conference call

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to approve the minutes as proposed. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioners Graybill, Kehoe and Smith abstained from the vote because they were not on the call.

F. General Discussion

- Commissioners and the Director will discuss recent activities and items of interest.
- Commissioners Smith, Graybill and Kehoe participated in the UW Recreational Fisheries Symposium.

- Commissioner Holzmilller asked to have a Wolf Committee meeting while in Port Angeles.
- Vice-chair Baker reminded the Commissioners that interviews for the Executive Assistant next week.
- Commissioner's provided additional comments and concerns regarding the 2020 budget and supplemental budget. There will be further follow up at the June Commission meeting.
- Discussion of moving June agenda items.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant