



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
March 13, 2020 – Kennewick

Attendance

WA Commission:

Larry Carpenter, Chair
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair
Bob Kehoe
Dave Graybill
Donald McIsaac
Kim Thorburn
Molly Linville
James R. Anderson
Brad Smith

WA Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Brock Hoenes
Director
Joe Panesko, AGO
Eric Gardner
Anis Aoude
Samantha Montgomery
Rachel Blomker
Ciera Strickland
Kyle Spragens

Commission Staff:

Nikki Kloepfer

Public:

Mike Estes	John Claassen	Doug Baldwin	Sam Ledgewood
Jeannie Becker	Patrick Carte	Steve Epperson	Charles Ameren
Frank Palmer	Wes McCart	Don Dashiell	Breezy Brunson
Cary Cutler	Bob Songer	Stan Pack	Al Rinaldi
Mark Kimmel	Michael Crowder	Nick Hoffard	Freddie Gianneccchini
Jason Bolson	Tyler Comeau	Jerry Fleming	
John Magart	Oly Burnett	Robbin Putan	

Friday, March 13, 2020

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

Chair Carpenter provided weather advisory, requested a working lunch, and notified the public that PowerPoint capacities will not be available during public input and testimony.

Chair Carpenter provided public safety announcement due to COVID-19 concerns. Game season setting comments have been extended until March 30.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

Commissioner McIsaac provided an update on the Muckleshoot tribal and state co-manager meeting regarding the C-3619 hatchery policy review process. A summary of the meeting can be found [here](#). Commissioner Anderson requested that tribal input be considered in the hatchery policy science paper.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the January 16-18, 2020, Meeting, February 6-8, 2020, Meeting and February 21, 2020 conference call.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 16-18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2020 conference call as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the February 6-8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports - This Section constitutes the formal minutes from each of the listed committee meetings:

Wildlife Committee

Commissioners in attendance: Anderson, Carpenter, Baker, Thorburn, Linville, McIsaac

Commissioner Thorburn reported the committee met and discussed the process for landowners permits, cougar rule changes, and federal framework for waterfowl hunting rules.

Columbia River Policy (CRP) Workgroup

Commissioners in attendance: Kehoe, Anderson, Graybill, McIsaac

Commissioner McIsaac provided a report on the Columbia River Policy workgroup. A summary of the meeting and committee recommendations can be found [here](#), and the audio can be accessed [here](#).

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

John Claassen – Gillnetting	Tyler Comeau – 2020 CR salmon agreement concerns
Doug Baldwin – Gillnetting	Jeannie Becker – Wolf population concerns
Mike Estes – Thank you	Frank Palmer – Wolf population concerns
Mark Kimmel – DFW signs	Charles Ameren – Economic impact
Jay Holzmilller – Predation	Sam Ledgerwood – Land management

3. Director's Report

The Director provided highlights on the following:

- Razor Clam Harvest
- Columbia River Power
- System: Recent Developments
- Commercial Whale Watching Licensing Program
- Chehalis Basin Flood Control EIS
- North of Falcon kick off and ongoing efforts

The full report can be read [here](#).

4. Landowner Hunting Permits (LHP) and Landowner Raffle Hunts – Briefing and Public Hearing

Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager briefed the Commission on proposed changes to the - LHP program rule. A new standard operating procedure for the program has been developed and submission date for the annual reports from program participants was changed to comply with the operating procedure.

There was no public comment for this item.

5. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations and Hunter Education Instructor Turkey Incentive Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on amendments to the migratory waterfowl and gamebird seasons and regulations.

The following people provided comment:

Michael Crowder

6. Crow Depredation and Hunting Predatory Birds – Briefing and Public Hearing

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on changes to rules pertaining to killing crows - depredating crops and damaging private property. The proposed rule changes are needed to comply with federal law.

There was no public comment for this item.

7. Multi-season Deer and Elk Tags and Special Permits– Briefing and Public Hearing

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission about clarifying language to the multiple season and big game permits, as well as changes to the hunter education instructor incentive permits.

8. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

The following people provided comment:

John Andrews	Gary Douvia
Wes McCart	Frank Palmer
Al Martz	Dale Magart
John Magart	Freddie Giannecchini
Jethro Allen	

Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

The following people provided comment:

Travis Willey	Jethro Allen
Don Dashiell	Al Rinaldi

9. Hunting Boundaries and Equipment – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on hunting boundaries and equipment.

There was no public comment for this item.

10. Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons.

There was no public comment for this item.

11. Permits and Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on a proposal to abolish WAC 220-413-20 relating to reducing the spread of hoof disease.

There was no public comment for this item.

12. Cougar Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on options relating to recreational cougar harvest guidelines.

The following provided public comment:

Donald Mally	Dale Magart	Wes McCart
Al Martz	Gary Douvia	Jethro Allen
Frank Palmer	Oly Burnett	Jeannie Becker
Travis Willey	Breezy Brunson	Gary Cutler
Deb Hansen	Dale Willey	Grant Peterson
John Magart	Sam Ledgerwood	Freddie Gianecchini
Jay Holzmilller	Bob Songer	Ray Clark
Don Dashiell	Steve Parks	Rob Peters
Danny Defranco	Dave Duncan	Bill Sieverkropp
Jewell Willey	Jason Bolser	Dale Willey

13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

These items were tabled to the March 27 conference call.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Nikki Kloepfer, Executive Assistant