

Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Web Conference Friday, July 16, 2021 Olympia, Washington

## Attendance

| Commission:               | Department Staff:        | Commission Staff: | Guest Presenters:    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Larry Carpenter, Chair    | Amy Windrope, Deputy     | Nikki Kloepfer    | Dr. Sarah Converse   |
| (Executive Session only)  | Director                 |                   | Dr. Beth Gardner     |
| Barbara Baker, Vice Chair | Kelly Susewind, Director |                   | Dr. Lisanne Petracca |
| Don McIsaac               | Joe Panesko, AGO         |                   |                      |
| Fred Koontz               | Donny Martorello         |                   |                      |
| Molly Linville            | 5                        |                   |                      |
| Kim Thorburn              |                          |                   |                      |
| James R. Anderson         |                          |                   |                      |

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Vice Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Thorburn noted that she is currently attending the summer WAFWA meeting where it was announced that the Recovering America's Wildlife Act was introduced to the U.S. Senate.

## A. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session. No action was taken, and the public was not permitted to attend.

## B. University of Washington (UW) Periodic Wolf Status Review - Briefing

Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Sarah Converse, Associate Professor/Leader with the Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Beth Gardner, UW Associate Professor briefed the Commission on the status of the modeling tool that will be used by WDFW to make a recommendation for wolf status review.

Commissioner Koontz asked if genetics information is being considered in the model. Dr. Petracca indicated not at this time. Donny Martorello offered to forward to the Commissioners the recent wolf genetics data.

The full Commission with be briefed on the outcome of the modeling tool at the September 16-18, 2021, meeting.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant