



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
 March 17-18, 2017

**March 17-18, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Commission:**

Brad Smith, Chair  
 Larry Carpenter  
 Barbara Baker  
 Kim Thorburn  
 Bob Kehoe  
 Miranda Wecker  
 Dave Graybill  
 Jay Holzmilller

**Commission Staff:**

Tami Lininger

**Department Staff:**

Jim Unsworth, Director  
 Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
 William Frymire, AGO  
 Eric Gardner  
 Julie Sandberg  
 Donny Martorello  
 Ron Warren  
 Chad Herring  
 Peter Vernie  
 Mike Hobbs  
 Carissa Bourban

Mike Cenci  
 Cynthia Wilkerson  
 Annette Hoffmann  
 Raquel Crosier  
 Jason Wettstein  
 John Serl  
 Sam Gibbons

**Guest:**

Lynne Barre, NOAA

**Public:**

Tim Addersen	Jim Olson	Terrie Sato	Fran Seagren
Barbara Hawley	Rod Stewart	Jay Gordon	Anne Kroeker
Cindy Olson	Jerry Felton	Dan Lipich	Jon Livermore
Richard Hodory	Sylvia Thorpe	Justin Haelle	Kassie Haelle
Shawn Martin	Steve Gray	Andy Mitby	Brad Wood
Martha Jordan	Mike Petersen	Robb Krehbiel	Ilene LeVee
Jeanette Johnson	Bruce Munper	Robert Rose	Steve Raistakka
Tom LaForest	Lance Gray	Louise Farrar	Jason Lake
Bob Lake	Shawn Cantrell	Larry Pryor	Steve Nelson
Dale Scott	Randy LeDuc	Mark Youngblood	Kevin Turner
Greg King	Norm Reinhardt	Tim Hamilton	Frances Estalilla
Ross Barkhurst	Marlisa Dugan	Tony Impala	Dylan Ashley
Christian Roberts	Dan Coleman	Wayne Atchner	Brian Petro
Shane Noble	Ken Medford	LeeRoy Wisner	Art Holman
Debbie Turner	Keith Underwood	Wendy Spencer	Laura Ackerman
Diane Gallegos	Brice Davies	Dawn Wade	John Wasierski
Alice Boerner	Marc Scott	Steve Manson	Steve Boerner
Bob Mulhausen	Ray Gilbertson		

**Friday, March 17, 2017**

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

**1. Commission's Annual Meeting with the Governor**

In accordance with RCW 77.04.055, the Commission met with Governor Inslee and reviewed the goals, objectives and performance of the Department.

**2. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion:**

- Commissioner Graybill – Colville Tribal meeting
- Commissioner Thorburn – Pronghorn translocation

- Chair Smith – Meeting with Governor Inslee

### **b. Meeting Minute Approval**

The Commission considered approval of the February 17, 2017 – conference call

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.**

### **3. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Tim Adderson - Pheasant hunting	Cindy Olson – Dog training park
Fran Seagren – Dog training park	Terrie Sato – Dog training park
Jim Olson – Dog training park	Barbara Hawley – Dog training park
Jay Gordon – Goose hunting schedule	Rod Stewart – Bull tag drawings

### **4. Director's Report**

The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- WDFW Video
- Budget update
- Blue Ribbon Panel
- North of Falcon – Ron Warren
- Elwha Moratorium – more to come in September

Commissioner Wecker requested regular updates on Point No Point, Snyder Creek and Occupy Skagit

### **5. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

There was no briefing as there were no transactions for consideration. There was a public member who signed up to provide general input regarding transactions.

The following person provided input:  
Anne Kroeker

**Item 7 was presented before item 6 to accommodate the constituents in the room.**

### **7. Snoqualmie Valley Wildlife Area and Dog Training –**

Melinda Posner, Planning, Recreation and Outreach Section Manager, and Russell Link, Region 4 Wildlife Program Manager briefed the Commission and public on the current proposal to support bird dog training at Cherry Valley and Crescent Lake units of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area plan, and provided an update about the schedule and timeline for review and approval of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area plan.

**The Commission requested a follow up of this item.**

### **6. Lands 20/20 - Briefing**

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager provided a briefing on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2016 Lands 20/20 process.

### **8. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

The following people provided input:  
Jeannette Johnson

**9. Deer General Seasons and Definitions, Deer Special Permits and Elk Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

The following people provided input:  
Justin Haelle

**10. Moose Seasons, Permit Quotas and Areas – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed updates and amendment to moose seasons, permit quotas and areas.

No one signed up to provide input.

**11. Bighorn Sheep Seasons, Permits and Quotas – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to bighorn sheep permit levels and opportunities.

No one signed up to provide input.

**12. Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations.

The following people provided input:

Richard Hodory	Jon Livermore	Steve Gray
Steve Raistakka	Robert Rose	Lance Gray
Brad Wood	Andy Mitby	Louis Farrar

**13. Landowner Hunting Permits and Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Angelique Curtis, Small Game Section Manager briefed the Commission on proposed date adjustments to the landowner hunting permits seasons for 2017 and small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The following people provided input:  
Sylvia Thorpe

**14. Special Hunting Season Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on proposed changes to the special hunting season permits regarding point restoration.

No one signed up to provide input.

**15. NOAA's consideration of the "No Go Zone" off the coast of San Juan Islands related to ESA status of Southern Orcas – Briefing**

Department staff and Lynne Barre, Seattle Branch Chief, Protected Resources Division, NOAA provided a joint briefing on the petition that NOAA received to establish a zone for the protection of Southern Resident Killer Whales off the coast of San Juan Island.

**16. Sport Fishing Regulations Phone Application Review – Briefing**

Brodie Cox, Biological Data Systems Manager and Melody Alefteras, Lead Science Developer briefed the Commission on the development of a mobile phone application for the 2017/18 Sport Fishing Regulations

**17. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Sylvia Thorpe – NW Trek	Bruce Vandervort – Thank you to Angelique and Bobcats
Andy Mitby – Willapa	Martha Jordan – Snoqualmie Wildlife Area
Robb Krehbiel – NOAA report on Orcas	

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

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

**18. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Greg King – Cowlitz	Jason Lake – Fish trap
Bob Lake – Fish trap	Ilene LeVee – Introduction & wolves
Shawn Cantrell – wolves	Mike Petersen – wolves, forest areas

**19. Annual Wolf Management Report - Briefing**

Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead provided the Commission with an annual briefing regarding the wolf plan implementation from 2016.

**20. North of Falcon In-Season Management – Briefing**

Ron Warren, Assistant Director of the Fish Program, Pat Pattillo, Recreational Fishing Advisor and George Harris, President of Northwest Marine Trade Association provided a briefing and discussed in-season management as it pertains to Puget Sound Salmon Fisheries.

**21. Cowlitz River Update - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Cindy Lefleur, Region 5 Fish Program Manager and Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Systems Manager briefed the Commission on Cowlitz River management and fisheries.

The following people provided input:

Greg King	Larry Pryor	Steve Nelson
Dale Scott	Randy LeDuc	Mark Youngblood
Kevin Turner		

**22. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Annette Hoffmann, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring presented additional information to the Commission on the policy as set in the Adaptive Management objectives.

The following people provided input:

Greg King	Bob Lake	Norm Reinhardt
Tim Hamilton	Frances Estalilla	Lance Gray
Ross Barkhurst	Steve Gray	Marlisa Dugan

**23. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commission discussed the following items:

Schedule a conference call to discuss next steps regarding the Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant