



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call
Friday, July 21, 2017
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

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

Commission Staff

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Bill Frymire, AAG
Pat Chapman
Margen Carlson
Jeff Davis
Raquel Crosier
Owen Rowe
Pat Frazier
Mick Cope
Donny Martorello

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

A. Supplementing the Hydraulic Code Rule Making Record to Comply with an Agreed Court Order - Prospector's Administrative Rules Act - Briefing

Pat Chapman, Jeff Davis and Margen Carlson briefed the Commission on the court ruling on the need to explicitly determine whether the rule changes adopted in 2014 impose more than minor costs on small scale mineral prospecting businesses- and whether the least burdensome of the four alternatives presented, that also achieved protection of fish life, were selected.

B. Legislative and Budget Updates

Raquel Crosier, Owen Rowe and Joe Stohr provided a briefing on budget and legislative outcomes from this year and an overview of the 2018 prioritization process and progress development for the 2018 supplemental year.

C. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The minutes from the June 2-3, 2017 meeting and the minutes of the June 16, 2017 conference call were approved.

Commissioner Thorburn moved to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Wecker seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

D. General Discussion

- Update on Fish Traps in August
 - Monitoring of the Fall Chinook fishery in the Lower Columbia River
- **Commissioner Carpenter left the call toward the end of this item.*

- Wolves
- NOF Transparency response
- Upcoming media story possibly on agency diversity, minorities, leadership
- Several decision items at the August meeting – information will be available early next week
- 2018 meeting schedule
- Changes in the Director's office
- Regional Award Ceremonies are next week

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant