



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

January 18-20, 2018 - Ridgefield

January 18-20, 2018 Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter,
Vice-chair
Kim Thorburn
Barbara Baker
Dave Graybill
Jay Kehne
Don McIsaac
Jay Holzmiller
Bob Kehoe

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Mike Grossman, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Eric Gardner
Penny Becker
Hannah Anderson
Chris Donley
Steve Thiesfeld
Chad Jackson
Sandra Jonker
John Long

Tina Nisbet
Craig Burley
Michelle Dunlop
Kyle Adicks
Jana Gillotte
Jeff Davis
Bill Tweit
Captain Wickersham
Deputy Chief Cenci
Myrtice Dobler
Eric Gardner
Kim Marshall
David Giglio

Jeff Azerrad
Chuck Stambaugh
Josua Holowatz

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Public:

Jerry Smith
Ron Roler
Don Kohler
Justin Heikkinen
Derrick Robbins
George Harris
David Linn
Mel Carstetter
Jerry Henderson
Bonny Houghton
Kenper Hall
Bob Bauman
John Bohrnson
Denis DeSilvis
William Woods
Dan Boeholt
Jim Miller
Annie LaLone
Dave Johnson
Ron Easley

Terry Otto
Garrett Grubb
Ryan Johnson
Karen Darrow
Irene Martin
Mark Riedesel
Leiana Parr
Harry Barber
Carl Nyman
Patti Moyer
Larry Carey
Dennis Dawson
Brian McLachlin
Steve Jones
Dave Miller
Liz Hamilton
Lyle Cabe
Jim Stewart
Karl Brackmann

Dave Poki
Patrick Rice
Ray Burley
Jim Darrow
Kent Martin
Dave Reese
Steve Hahn
Heath Heikkila
Robert Sudar
Nello Picinich
Robb Krehbiel
Charles Hulse
Duane Inglin
Peter Anderson
Norm Reinhardt
Phil Anderson
Buddy Woodberry
Greg King
Andy Worth

Nick Chambers
Carol Kohler
Mike Haney
Don Kinsey
David Lutz
Laurence Bucklin
Sachie Hahn
Frank Baker
Andrew Sullivan
Tyler Comeau
Quinn Read
Janice Burley
Blake Inglin
Peter Hatch
Jeff Paxton
Roger Chapman
Jeff LaLone
Ron Garner
Steve Cushing

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

1. Commission Workshop

Commissioners discussed various topics.

- Petition decisions
- North American Conservation Initiative
- Committee structure and process

- Communication with staff

2. 2017 – 19 Proviso Update and Workshop

Policy Director Nate Pamplin, Jeff Davis, AD, Habitat Program, David Giglio, AD, Technology and Financial Management and Kim Marshall, Innovations and Strategies Manager gave an overview of the budget, discussed the operational assessment, future proviso workshops and the zero-based budget analysis.

Additional Item Added

Pacific Salmon Treaty Update – Briefing

Phil Anderson, Chair, Pacific Salmon Commission, provided a high-level update on how the negotiations are going.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Friday, January 19, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting back to order at 8:33 a.m.

3. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Commissioner Graybill – Columbia River briefing
- Commissioner Carpenter – shared a letter from Larry Cassidy re: Columbia River
- Commissioner McIsaac – meeting he attended on alternative gear

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the revised minutes of the January 5, 2018 and January 12, 2018 conference calls.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve both sets of minutes as proposed. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Kehne reported out on the Wildlife Committee topics:

- Translocation bill
- Wolf taskforces
- Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse
- Listed species
- Cougar mortality
- Conflict transformation
- Rehabilitation rules

4. Director's Report

The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various issues including:

- Region 5 welcome – John Long
- Chronic wasting disease
- WAFWA meeting – Recovering America's Wildlife
- Legislative Update – Nate Pamplin
- Southern Resident Killer Whales
- New fishing application
- Diversity Group update
- Community relations and marketing – youth initiative

5. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

**Unless otherwise noted the topic covered was the Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan*

Ron Garner	Denis DeSilvis, HR 4657 & ZBB	Steve Jones
Norm Reinhardt	Mark Riedesel	Dave Miller
Dave Reese	Jeff LaLone	Dave Johnson
Laurence Bucklin	Karl Brackmann	David Linn, wolves/poaching
Jeff Paxton, Cowlitz	Greg King, Cowlitz	Leiana Parr, wildlife rehab rules
Andy Worth, Cowlitz	Dan Boeholt, xmas trees & watershed restoration	
Steve Hahn	Harry Barber, CR policy	Lyle Cabe, CR policy
Buddy Woodberry, working dogs for problem wildlife		Carl Nyman
Robert Sudar, CR policy	Andrew Sullivan	Heath Heikkila
Nello Picinich	Tyler Comeau, CR fishery	Don Kinsey
Robb Krehbiel, Orca recovery	Larry Carey, lost fish	George Harris
Irene Martin, CR policy	Dennis Dawson	Michael Haney

6. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for two land transactions. One in Whatcom County and one in Ferry County.

Dan Boeholdt provided testimony.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the land transactions as presented. Motion passed.

7. Periodic Status Review (Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse) – Decision

Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager and Penny Becker, Diversity Manager requested approval from the Commission on the Periodic Status Review compiled for the Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse in accordance with WAC 220-610-110.

Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn and directed the department, based on information presented in the PSR, to initiate reclassification procedures indicated in the listing rule and come back to a future meeting. Motion passed.

8. Compensation for Livestock Damage – Decision

Dan Brinson, Conflict Section Manager, Game Division briefed the Commission on recommended changes to two WACs associated with compensation, to increase clarity, streamline the process and for consistency with state law and the wolf plan.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller to amend WAC 220-440-170 and 220-440-180 as presented. Motion passed.

9. 2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification – Briefing and Public Haring

Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fishery Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager requested approval from the Commission to simplify and improve the proposed sportfishing rules.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller to adopt permanent amendments to;

WAC 220-312-010 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules - General Rules

WAC 220-300-160 Definitions – Personal Use Fishing

WAC 220-310-070 Statewide Bait Rules

WAC 220-310-080 Game Fish Seasons – General Rules

WAC 220-310-090 Game Fish Possession Limits and Size Limits

WAC 220-312-050 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – Eastside

WAC 220-312-060 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules - Columbia
WAC 220-312-020 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules - Coast
WAC 220-312-040 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules – Puget Sound
WAC 220-312-030 Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules - Southwest
As presented by staff - Motion passed.

10. Puget Sound Chinook Management Plan – Briefing

Ron Warren, AD, Fish Program, Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager and Mike Grossman, AAG briefed the Commission on the Puget Sound Chinook Management Plan. This item continued after the conclusion of the Executive Session.

11. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action was taken in executive session and the public did listen to the executive session.

Item 10 continued after the Executive Session

Commissioner Mclsaac shared a link and a graph on the Snake River Fall Chinook Dams and counts. The Commissioners requested a conference call be set for Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief – this item was tabled until Saturday

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Chair Smith called the Executive Session to order at 7:00 a.m.

13. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken in executive session.

Chair Smith called the regular meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

14. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:
Ron Easley – opposed to Columbia River gillnets

12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief – this item was moved from Friday

The Commission discussed the following items:

- Briefly discussed the February 2 and February 8-10 agendas
- **Commissioner Thorburn made a motion for a briefing on Priority Habitats and Species, Commissioner Mclsaac seconded the motion and all were in favor.**
- **Commissioner Kehoe made a motion for a briefing on Management of Fishing Area Boundaries, Commissioner Thorburn seconded the motion and all were in favor.**

15. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken in executive session.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant