



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call  
Friday, May 04, 2018  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

Commission:  
Brad Smith, Chair  
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair  
Kim Thorburn  
Don McIsaac  
Barbara Baker  
Bob Kehoe  
Jay Kehne

Department Staff:  
Joe Stohr, Acting Director  
Amy Windrope  
Scott Bird  
Corey Niles  
Ron Warren  
Darren Friedel

Commission Staff:  
Tami Lininger

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

**A. Commercial Fish Receiving Ticket Rules – General Restructuring and Expansion of Electronic Reporting – Decision**

Scott Bird, Agency Rules Coordinator requested approval from the Commission on proposed rule changes that would create a voluntary fish receiving ticket program, expand mandatory electronic reporting for a few types of deliveries, and restructure the rules for clarity and simplification.

Commissioner Kehoe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt the repealed, new and amended rules as presented by staff.

**B. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision**

The Commission considered approval of the April 20, 2018 minutes.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as presented.

**C. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director discussed the following recent activities and items of interest:

- Commissioner Kehne attended a sharp-tailed grouse release event
- Commissioner Carpenter thanked staff for all the efforts to open a catch and release fishery on the Skagit River. He requested that staff provide an economic report in the near future.
- Amy Windrope gave an overview of the first Killer Whale meeting.
- Joe gave brief updates on the following items:

- Elk hoof disease in Trout Lake area
  - Budget and Policy Advisory Group meeting in Ellensburg
  - Pacific Salmon Treaty meeting in Portland
  - Contract negotiation meetings are beginning with the Union
  - Plans to replace Regional Director John Long
  - Management staff meeting and training
  - Annual awards celebrations
  - Mae the raccoon update
- Commissioners Baker and Thorburn provided a briefing on the WAG meeting
  - Brief discussion on the Director Recruitment process.

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant