



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
January 11-12, 2019 – Olympia

Attendance

WA Commission:

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

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

WA Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Ron Warren
Bill Tweit
Ryan Lothrop
Kelly Cunningham
Kyle Adicks
Eric Gardner
Michele Culver
Heather Hall
Patricia Jatczak
Lauri Vigue
Bill Falling

Penny Becker
Cynthia Wilkerson
Kristin Nielsen
Rich Harris
Anis Aoude
Patricia Thompson
Chief Bear
Mick Cope
Irene Goldenberger
Hannah Anderson
Melinda Posner
Matthew Trendera
Shane Belson
Craig Bartlett
Erik Neatherlin

Public:

Anne Kroeker	Carey Evenson	Rebecca Yalch	Alison Morrow
Diane Gallegos	Christina Iverson	Kevin Lyon	Felicia Carroll
Frank Urabeck	Steve Shanewise	David Linn	Cindy Hanson
Dr. Deborah Giles	Karin Roemers-Kleven	Denis DeSilvis	John Jonasson
Ron Wesen	David Thomas	Randy Good	Bill Schmidt
Doug Sandilands	Debbie Elven-Snyder	Jennifer Convy	Makenna Johansen
Suzanne West	Michaela Forbes	Jan White	Kyla West
Craig Moran	Alicia Bye	Jenny Schnieps	Alysha Evans
Jerry Brown			

Thursday, January 8, 2019

Fish Committee meeting – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Thorburn, Kehoe

Location: Room 175 A & B

Agenda topics

- Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 review process

Friday, January 9, 2019

Wildlife Committee meeting – Commissioners Holzmilller, Thorburn, Baker

Location: Room 175 A & B

Agenda topics

- January workshop update
- Land acquisition O&M calculations

- Update on salvage rules

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

The Commissioners discussed the following items:
Chair Smith provided an overview of the WAFWA meeting

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the December 21, 2018 conference call.

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

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Carpenter highlighted the topics from the Fish Committee:
Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy review
North of Falcon Policy
Guide logbook update

Commissioner Thorburn highlighted the topics from the Wildlife Committee:
Roadkill salvage rules update
Land acquisition O&M calculations
Wolf Committee recommendation

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:
Frank Urabeck – sportfishing opportunity Steve Shanewise – corn pond hunting
Cindy Hansen – salmon for SRKW David Linn – public trust doctrine relating to wildlife
Karin Roemers-Kleven salmon for SRKW Dr. Debroah Giles – salmon for SRKW

3. Director's Report

The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various topics including:
Legislative preparations/meetings
Hatchery Scientific Review plan
Wolves
Wynoochee Mitigation
Skokomish River update
Minter Creek follow up

4. Land Transactions – This item was removed from the agenda

5. Lands Showcase Marketing and Communication Results - Briefing

Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager, and Kristin Nielsen, Business Analyst, Rebecca Elmore-Yalch, Northwest Research Group, and Carey Evenson from C+C briefed the Commission on the marketing and communications portion of the Lands Showcase project. The consultants presented the results of a survey sent to Washingtonians to establish their awareness and understanding of WDFW's Wildlife Areas, and the online community board used to determine the concepts for the 'brand pillars' used to develop communications strategies.

6. Pronghorn - Briefing

Rich Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Mountain Goat, and Pronghorn Antelope Section Manager, Game Division provided a briefing on the history of pronghorns and pronghorn management in Washington, including translocation efforts, current status and future management considerations and options.

7. 2019 – 20 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Decision

Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager requested adoption of proposed modifications to the North of Falcon Policy C-3608 (currently in effect through December 31, 2018) setting guidelines for salmon management.

Commissioner McIsaac made a motion seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to accept the changes recommended by staff and add two additional changes:

- 1. Under the section titled *Other Species* on page 4 strike do not have unacceptable impacts and replace it with provide proper protection to SRKW.**
- 2. Under the sections titled *Grays Harbor, Willipa Bay and Columbia River* on page 2 remove provided by the Commission and add adopted by the Commission following notice and opportunity for review and comment.**

The motion passed.

8. Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan - Update

Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager provided an update on the status of the Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan.

9. Columbia River Concurrent Night Fishing Rules - Briefing

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager provided the Commission an assessment on non-concurrent recreational night fishing regulations with Oregon for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Columbia River, and an inventory of Columbia River night fisheries exclusively managed by WDFW for these species.

10. Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules - Briefing and Public Hearing

Patricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Falconry Manager, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220 and the history, reasoning, and process behind those amendments.

The following people provided testimony:

Jennifer Convy

Kyla West

Jan White

Craig Moran

11. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an 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.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission also discussed in executive session the performance of a public employee.

No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Big Tent Committee meeting – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Smith, Graybill

Location: Director's Conference Room 537 – 5th floor (guests must have badge from reception)

Agenda topics

- Strategic Plan

Saturday, January 12, 2019

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

12. Future Meeting Planning - Discussion

Commission Requests

Roadkill salvage rules commission request was covered at the Wildlife Committee meeting

The aviation predation commission request was withdrawn by Commissioner Carpenter.

Commissioner Baker made a motion for a briefing on corn pond hunting, it was seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. The motion passed.

Commissioners and staff further discussed upcoming meetings and conference call items.

13. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on the Skagit Elk Herd:

John Jonasson

David Thomas, County Assessor

Ron Wesen, County Commissioner

Randy Good

Bill Schmidt

14. Whale Entanglements in the Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing

Michele Culver and Heather Hall, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Office, briefed the Commission on whale entanglements in the coastal Dungeness crab fishery on the West Coast, discussions with co-managers, other agencies, and stakeholders, and discussed next steps.

15. Update on Enforcement Program Activities – Briefing

Chief Bear provided an update on recruitment and retention efforts being made in the Enforcement Program.

16. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Decision

The Commissioner selected a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Smith made a motion to elect Commissioner Carpenter as the new Chair, Commissioner Graybill seconded the motion – all were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner McIsaac made a motion to elect Commissioner Baker as the Vice Chair, Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion – all were in favor and the motion passed.

17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following items:

Skagit elk further discussion needed on next steps

Concurrent night fishing – include enforcement information

Wolf Committee further discussion needed on next steps

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant