



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
February 8-9, 2019 – Olympia

Attendance

WA Commission:

Larry Carpenter, Chair
Barbara Baker, Vice-chair
Dave Graybill
Don McIsaac
Bob Kehoe
Brad Smith

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
Eric Gardner
Tim Burns
Kirt Hughes
Laura Heironimus

Cynthia Wilkerson
Kathy Backman
Mick Cope
Erik Neatherlin
Eric Kinne
Joe Anderson
Ken Warheit
Kelly Henderson
Paul Dahmer
Craig Burley
Larry Phillips
Mario Cruz

Public:

David Linn
Jamie Glasgow
Dave Croonquist
Greg King
Butch Smith

Nick Chambers
Andrew Marks
John Beath
Harold Brunstad

Pat Patillo
Keith Dubjanica
Ron Garner
Beverly Miller

Andy Appleby
Derek Day
Dave Johnson
Steve Mathews

Thursday, February 7, 2019

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

Location: Room 175 A & B

Agenda topics

- Pinniped follow up

Friday, February 8, 2019

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

The Commissioners discussed the following items:

Chair Carpenter formed the Wolf Advisory Committee. The members include Commissioners Holzmilller, Baker and Thorburn and the first meeting will be in Spokane.

Chair Carpenter announced that Commissioner Baker is added to the Executive Committee along with the existing members Commissioners Carpenter, Kehoe and Smith.

The Chair also advised all the Commissioners that any agenda item requests need to be submitted in writing to the Chair, Vice-chair and Tami.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the January 25, 2019 conference call.

Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner McIsaac provided an update on the work of the Joint Washington/Oregon Columbia River Policy Review Committee.

Chair Carpenter highlighted the following topics from the Fish Committee: Pinniped update

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Steve Mathews – Chinook salmon

Greg King – Harvest reform

David Linn – Wolf livestock Interaction protocol

3. Director's Report

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

Wolf activity in Adams County

Legislative update

4. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing and Public Comment

Erik Neatherlin, Fish Science Division Manager and Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Manager provided the Commission with a status update on the progress and process to review the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy C-3619.

The following people provided input:

Dave Croonquist

John Breath

Ron Garner

Dave Johnson

Greg King

Jamie Glasgow

Andrew Marks

5. Operation and Maintenance of WDFW Lands (O&M) Discussion - Briefing

Paul Dahmer, Area and Access Manager and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager briefed the Commission regarding estimation of our per acre operation and maintenance costs for maintenance of WDFW lands, including how these figures are being used with respect to Capital and Operating funding requests related to purchase of new lands.

6. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager briefed the Commission and requested approval on land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat and for the enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the land transactions as presented. Motion passed.

7. Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules - Decision

Mick Cope, Deputy Assistant Director and Patricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Falconry Manager, Wildlife Program requested approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220.

Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220 as presented. Motion passed.

Item 11 was discussed following item 7

11. Future Meeting Planning - Discussion

Commissioners and staff discussed the upcoming March meeting agenda.

9. Puget Sound Steelhead Advisory Group (PSSAG) – Briefing

PSSAG members Andy Marks, Jamie Glasgow, Al Senyohl, Rich Simms, Derek Day along with WDFW staff lead Jim Scott summarized the results of a more than 2-year process that resulted in a broadly supported portfolio of proactive management strategies to restore Puget Sound steelhead and fisheries.

10. Lower Columbia Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review Policy C-3001 – Briefing and Public Comment

Laura Herionimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead provided the Commission an annual review on lower Columbia River sturgeon population status, as stipulated in the policy, and discussed plans for 2019 fisheries.

The following person provided input:
Butch Smith

Items 10, 12, 13, 14 & 15 were postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant