



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
February 28 – March 2, 2019 – Spokane

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**Attendance**

**WA Commission:**

Larry Carpenter, Chair  
Barbara Baker, Vice-chair  
Dave Graybill  
Don McIsaac  
Bob Kehoe  
Brad Smith  
Kim Thorburn  
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  
Eric Gardner  
Cynthia Wilkerson  
Donny Martorello  
Sarah Kindschuh

Anis Aoude  
Kyle Spragens  
Ciera Strickland  
Brock Hoenes  
Rich Harris  
Steve Pozzanghera  
Staci Lehman  
Jan Lawson  
Kyle Garrison  
Mike Kuttel Jr.

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**Public:**

Kenneth Johansson  
Kelly Singer  
Dean McKinnon  
Gayle Oman  
Gib Earl  
Don Dashiell  
Travis Willey  
Sarah Ryan  
Hal Meechan  
Dave Chester  
John Magart  
Dale Willey  
Wanda Clifford  
Dan Wilson  
Doug Baldwin  
Patrick Flanigan  
Darrin McCanna  
Brian Flynn  
Gary Larkford  
Jeremy Self  
Rob Proctor  
Jet Allen  
Mike Pickering  
Kyle Pomrankey  
Kris Peters  
Travis Lane

Jacob Turner  
Colin Haffner  
Russ McKinnon  
Phyllis Brashler  
Oly Burnett  
Casey Willey  
Thelma Fry  
Freddie Giannecchini  
Nicholas Schurger  
Jerry Woods  
Dale Magart  
Toney Delgado  
Aaron Burkhart  
Greg McMillan  
Shawn Erickson  
Josh Alderman  
Dusty Fredrickson  
Melanie Greenlee  
Robert Nelson  
Stan Brogdon  
Kim Lind  
Jessica Lankford  
John Mohr  
George Bateman  
Brady Erickson  
Jason Lane

Paul Turner  
Steve Mathews  
Bob Aynes  
Don Mally  
Carol Long  
Arron Scotten  
Mark Youngblood  
Jay Shepherd  
Hunter Schurger  
Debra Dykes  
Gary Douvia  
Jean Willey  
Ryan Wellhausen  
Jolene Scotten  
Brent Ellenson  
Jarett Wolf  
Don Brooks  
Dee Dee Isaacs  
Ron Sharp  
Luke Jenerrent  
Mike Lind  
Al Martz  
Bob Thompson  
Tom Belknap  
Earl Rehms

Keith Cook  
Craig Ellenbolt  
Michael Isaacs  
Frank Palmer  
Brad Haslam  
Howard Pirtle  
Linda Youngblood  
Aaron Andrews  
Mike Atamin  
Pat Mally  
John Andrews  
Chris Hedrick  
Rick Perleberg  
John Stack  
Steve Wissnel  
Shirley Gilbertson  
Marty Brooks  
Brad Kaiver  
Jim Hudspeth  
Jake Thompson  
Joseph Mewmben  
Steve Dell  
Jake Honle  
Ryan Wellhausen  
Lance Gray

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

**Wolf Advisory Committee meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Holzmilller

Location: Spokane Airport – Executive Conference Room

Agenda topics

- Review of purpose
- Clarification of timelines for WDFW policy-level wolf-related actions/decisions
- Calendaring of Wolf Committee mtgs and/or workshops

**Wildlife Committee meeting** - Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Holzmilller

Location: Spokane Airport – Executive Conference Room

Agenda topics

- Wildlife Program Briefing (current events)
- Legislative Update
- Hunting Rules discussion

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

**2. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion/Committee Report**

The Commissioners discussed the following items:

Commissioner Thorburn provided an overview of the discussions at the Wolf Advisory Committee. Commissioner Thorburn was elected chair. Processes for agendas and record keeping were discussed. The meetings will be open to the public but there will be no testimony. Meetings will not necessarily be scheduled with regular commission meetings. The timelines for the SEPA processes for the wolf periodic status review (PSR), wolf de-listing plan, wolf translocation, and wolves and grazing on department lands were discussed along with potential policy-level decisions during these processes that the committee will evaluate for bringing recommendations to the full commission. Commissioner Thorburn emphasized that wolf status in the PSR will be evaluated by both de-listing criteria in WAC 220-610-110: no longer in danger of failing, declining or...vulnerable...to limited numbers, disease, predation, exploitation, or habitat loss or change OR meeting of recovery plan goals.

Commissioner Thorburn also provided a brief update on the Wildlife Committee meeting.

**b. Meeting Minute Approval – this item was before the Commissioner's discussion**

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the February 8-9, 2019 meeting and the February 22, 2019 conference call.

**Commissioner Baker moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes of February 8-9, 2019 as presented. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2019 conference call as presented. Motion passed.**

**Commissioners Holzmilller abstained from both votes. Commissioner Thorburn abstained from the February 8-9, 2019 meeting vote.**

**3. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Gary Douvia	Al Martz	Dave Duncan	Craig Ellenbolt
Dean McKinnon	Rus McKinnon	Don Mally	John Magart
Dale Magart	John Andrews	Dale Willey	Frank Palmer
Dee Dee Isaacs	Phyllis Brashler	Oly Burnett	Thelma Fry
Carol Long	Gib Earl	Mark Youngblood	Linda Youngblood
Travis Willey	Brad Haslam	Bob Aynes	Don Dashiell
Freddie Giannecchini	Tony Delgado	Arron Scotten	Hal Meenach
Hunter Schurger	Doug Chester	Casey Willey	

**4. Director's Report**

The Director asked Regional Director Steve Pozzanghera to provide an overview and highlight topics in the Region 1.

**5. Lands 20/20 – Briefing**

Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager provided a briefing on the Lands 20/20 process and will seek funding for project ts approved through this process.

**6. Small Game – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on proposed dates, bag limits, and other rules for small game.

The following person provided comments:  
Howard Pirtle

Item 9 was heard after item 6.

**9. Hunter Orange – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on hunter orange requirements

No one provided testimony.

**7. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

No one provided testimony.

**8. Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager briefed the Commission on landowner hunting permits.

The following person provided comments:  
Howard Pirtle

**10. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

The following person provided comments:

Dean McKinnon	Russ McKinnon	John Magart
Dale Magart	Bob Aynes	Chris Hedrick

Craig Ellenbolt  
Kenneth Johansson  
Kelly Singer

Freddie Giannecchini  
Jacob Turner

Aaron Burkhart  
Paul Turner

**11. Hunting Boundaries and Equipment – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on hunting boundaries and equipment.

No one provided testimony.

**12. Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on elk game management unit changes.

No one provided testimony.

**13. Elk General Seasons and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

The following people provided comments:

Craig Ellenbolt

Freddie Giannecchini

Don Dashiell

**14. Bighorn Sheep Seasons and Auction, Raffle, and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager briefed the Commission on bighorn sheep seasons and on new auction, raffle, and special permit opportunities.

No one provided testimony.

**15. Mountain Goat Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager briefed the Commission on mountain goat seasons.

No one provided testimony.

**16. Moose Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager briefed the Commission on moose seasons.

The following person provided testimony:

Jerry Woods

**17. Presentation by Reardan FFA Ag Issues Team**

The Reardan FFA Chapter Agricultural Issues team debated a presentation about “Puget Sound’s Southern Resident Killer Whales – Is Washington Doing Enough to Save the Southern Resident Killer Whales?” and answered questions from Commissioners.

Team Members: - Rylan Anderson, Jessie Williams, Kimberly Dewey, Tyler Sprecher, Josh Kieffer, Noah Landt, and Zane Perleberg.

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

**Added item - Executive Session – Legal**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commissioner 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. No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

**18. Future Meeting Planning – This item was postponed until the March 15 conference call**

**19. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Darrin McCanna	Dave Hedrick	Steve Dell	Dusty Frederickson
Mike Pickering	Don Brooks	John Mohr	Luke Jennerrent
Aaron Burkhart	Al Martz	Frank Palmer	Joseph Mewmeen
Dee Dee Isaacs	Shirley Gilbertson	Dale Magart	Jet Allen
John Magart	Gary Larkford	Robert Nelson	Freddie Giannicchini
Shawn Erickson	Jolene Scotten	Arron Scotten	Joseph Hudspeth

**20. Columbia River Policy Review – Joint WA/OR Committee Update, Public Input, and Possible Decision**

Committee members Don McIsaac, David Graybill and Bob Kehoe along with Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager provided the Commission an update on the progress from the recommendation of the Joint WA/OR Columbia River Policy Review Committee for 2019 concurrent policies and regulations, as needed for the onset of the 2019 North of Falcon Process.

The following people provided input:

Steve Mathews	George Bateman	Ron Sharp	Tom Belknap
Jarett Wolf	Lance Gray	Greg McMillan	John Stack
Doug Baldwin	Jeremy Self	Stan Brogdon	Dale Montague

**Commissioner Kehoe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt the Policy Review Committee’s recommendation as displayed on slide 7 (see below). The details of Option 1 are shown in the “Transmission Document” from the Policy Review Committee. Commissioners Holzmilller, Baker, Kehoe, Thorburn and McIsaac voted in favor of the motion, Commissioner Graybill voted against the motion, Commissioners Smith and Carpenter abstained from the vote. The motion passed.**

*Option 1 – Transition Period with amendment for Spring Chinook*

*Transition Period refers to all the allocations and gear types allowed in 2016.  
Last year moving from gillnets to alternative gear.*

*Change from mandatory barbless hooks to voluntary barbless hooks effective as soon as practical but by June 1, 2019 at the latest.*

*Good faith progress toward recommending a comprehensive Columbia River salmon fishery policy for 2020 and beyond, to be completed as soon as possible. The policies embodied in this motion are intended to be on place until such comprehensive policy is adopted.*

*To be used only in 2019, the motion is amended such that the 80%/20% sport/commercial allocation, with no buffer applied to the commercial share an no mainstem commercial fishing, is to be used unless the Upriver run size update is more than 129% of the Upriver spring Chinook pre-season forecast of 99,300.*

**21. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commissioners and staff discussed the follow up items from the meeting.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant