



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission**  
Conference Call  
Friday, March 15, 2019  
Olympia, Washington

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Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:
Larry Carpenter, Chair	Kelly Susewind
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair	Joe Stohr
Dave Graybill	Mick Cope
Don McIsaac	Richard Tveten
Bob Kehoe	
Brad Smith	
Kim Thorburn	
Jay Holzmilller	
Commission Staff:	
Tami Lininger	

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

**A. Stemilt Forest Restoration Project on Colockum Wildlife Area – Decision**

Richard Tveten requested approval of a commercial thinning project in the Colockum Wildlife Area.

**Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller to approve the proposed Stemilt Forest Restoration thinning project as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

**B. Meeting Minute Approval**

Commissioners considered the minutes of the February 28 – March 2, 2019 meeting in Spokane.

**Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as proposed. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

**C. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director discussed the following items:

- Commissioner Thorburn provided an overview of the Colville Confederated Tribal meeting that she attended with Commissioner Graybill.
- Commissioner Holzmilller reminded all that this has been a very hard year for deer and elk die off due to the weather.

- Commissioner McIsaac provided an overview of a meeting at the PFMC meeting with WDFW staff and Federal Fisheries staff – the discussion focused on the hatchery production needs for Southern Resident Killer Whale recovery.
- Director Susewind and Mick Cope provided an update on several wildlife topics that were heard in Spokane.
- Vice-chair Baker suggested we look into different options for conference calls.
- Commissioners reviewed the April agenda and year at a glance.
- Commissioners discussed the timing of upcoming Committee meetings.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant