



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

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.

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 projects 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 in place until such comprehensive policy is adopted.

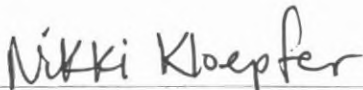
To be used only in 2019, the motion is amended such that the 80%/20% sport/commercial allocation, with no buffer applied to the commercial share and no mainstem commercial fishing, is to be used unless the Upriver run size update is more than 129% of the Upriver spring Chinook pre-season forecast of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



Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant
Nikki Kloepfer