



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Conference Call
Friday, November 01, 2019
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:	Commission Staff:
Larry Carpenter, Chair	Kelly Susewind	Nikki Kloepfer
Don McIsaac	Amy Windrope	
Bob Kehoe	Edward Eleazer	
Dave Graybill	Craig Burley	
James Anderson	Anis Aoude	
Kim Thorburn	Bill Baker	
Molly Linville	Matt Oram	
	Ben Anderson	

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

A. Spring Bear Season – Decision

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager asked the Commission for a decision on the proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-080 2019-2020 Spring Black Bear Special Permits.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adopt WAC 220-415-080 as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

B. Green (Duwamish) River Rule Change – Decision

Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager asked the Commission for a decision to consider closing a section of the upper Green River to fishing in the Tacoma Municipal Watershed.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt WAC 220-312-040 Green (Duwamish) River (King County) as presented by staff. All in favor. Motion passed.

C. Colville River Rule Change – Decision

Bill Baker, District 1 Fish Biologist asked the Commission for a decision to consider opening a section of the Colville River to year-round fishing.

Bill indicated that the WAC language on page 4 is missing "reservoir" after "Meyers Falls" for clarity. The sentence should read: (78) Colville River (Stevens County): From the mouth to bridge at the town of Valley including Meyers Falls **reservoir**: Open year-round.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to adopt WAC 220-312-050 Colville River (Stevens County) as presented by staff. All in favor. Motion passed.

D. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission considered the approval of the October 18-19, 2019, meeting in Olympia.

Commissioner Thoburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the October 18-19 meeting minutes. Commissioner Kehoe abstained. All in favor. Motion passed.

E. Future Meeting Planning

Commissioners discussed upcoming meeting agendas.

Commissioner Thorburn requested the "Call to Order" portion of the in-person Commission meeting agendas be lengthened to 45 minutes to provide time for thorough Committee reporting.

Commissioner McIsaac recommended changes to the draft December agenda descriptions on three fish items to provide the public more specific notice as to agenda item content, and will provide them for staff to update appropriately. He also suggested adding Executive Session to talk about potential and ongoing litigation updates and other topics allowable under Executive Session rules.

There were no objections to the above recommendations of Commissioners Thorburn and McIsaac.

On the Year at a Glance, Commissioner McIsaac had the following questions/suggestions:

- What is the July North of Falcon briefing about?
- The April 9-10 meeting shouldn't have Final Hatchery review decision on it.
- The July – August 2020 meeting should have the Willapa Bay Policy Comprehensive Review as an agenda item.

Staff will follow up with Commissioner McIsaac about his questions.

Commissioner Anderson requested that Commission presentations be provided to Commissioners at least a week in advance in order to process the information, especially with fish issues as they can be vastly complex.

F. General Discussion

Commissioners and the Director discussed recent activities and items of interest.

Commissioner Thorburn asked Craig Burley how the HB1579 collaboration with the warmwater fishing groups was progressing. As a result of the collaboration new recommendations will be available at the December meeting.

Commissioner Kehoe thanked Kelly Susewind and the staff for their decision to delay the crab pot proposal implementation until December 2020 and involving the Commissioners in the process.

Matt Oram, Chief Information Officer gave a quick briefing on the Office 365 implementation and how it will impact Commissioners.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

These minutes constitute the full minutes.


Nikki Kloepfer, Executive Assistant