



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
July 30 - August 1, 2020 – Webinar

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**Attendance**

**WA Commission:**

Larry Carpenter, Chair  
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair  
Bob Kehoe  
Dave Graybill  
Donald McIsaac  
Kim Thorburn  
Molly Linville  
James R. Anderson  
Brad Smith

**Commission Staff:**

Nikki Kloepfer

**WA Department Staff:**

Joe Panesko, AGO  
Kelly Susewind, Director  
Amy Windrope, Deputy  
Director  
Nate Pamplin  
Morgan Stinson  
Tim Burns  
Tom McBride  
Bill Tweit  
Ryan Lothrop  
Hannah Anderson  
Derek Stinson

Joel Sisolak  
Michael Livingston  
Cynthia Wilkerson  
Captain Michael Jewell  
Anis Aoude  
Eric Gardner  
Ron Warren

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**Public:**

**Friday, July 31, 2020**

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

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion**

Commissioner Thorburn reported on her virtual WAFWA experience.

Commissioner Anderson expressed interest in presenting a Pinniped Management Blue Sheet. After talking to staff, he will bring it to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioners Carpenter and Kehoe have conflicts at 11am but will return within the hour.

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

The Commission considered approval of the June 10-13, 2020 and June 26, 2020 meeting minutes.

**Commissioner Thorburn made motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the June 10-13, 2020 webinar as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Thorburn made motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2020 webinar as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**c. Committee Reports - This Section constitutes the formal minutes from each of the listed committee meetings:**

### **Wildlife Committee**

#### **Commissioners in attendance: Anderson, Baker, Thorburn, Linville, McIsaac**

Commissioner Thorburn reported that the committee primarily focused on the target shooting rules agenda item. The committee presentation can be accessed [here](#). There was in-depth discussion about nontoxic ammunition and dispersed shooting and the committee's support for future rulemaking on these topics. The committee supports the recommendations staff will be presenting under the target shooting rules agenda item.

The Hunt of a Lifetime Washington Foundation requested a change to the standard operating procedure for Wildlife Program special hunt permits for terminally ill persons. Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Director brought to the committee a draft standard operating procedure for Wildlife Program special hunt permits for terminally ill persons potentially implementing 20 permits for in state and 5 for out of state.

Commissioner Thorburn requested a briefing on whether WDFW has an Emergency Response Plan for WDFW Dangerous Wildlife at the next committee meeting.

### **Wolf Committee**

#### **Commissioners in attendance: Anderson, Baker, Thorburn, Linville**

The committee met July 6, 2020, by webinar. Commissioner Thorburn reported that the committee met with the University of Washington staff and post doctorate who are creating the population modeling for DFW's periodic status review. The presentation can be accessed [here](#). The audio of the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

### **Fish Committee**

#### **Commissioners in attendance: Kehoe, Graybill, McIsaac, Carpenter, Anderson, Baker, and Thorburn**

Commissioner Kehoe reported that the committee discussed the current [Hatchery Policy language](#) draft revisions. The committee took public comment on the item. There was a tribal co-manager meeting held to discuss the draft language. Commissioners Anderson, Graybill and McIsaac attended. The outcome was positive with a few suggested changes to the draft posted under agenda item 16. The Committee recommended the Commission approve release of a draft for public review at this meeting.

Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Lead, updated the committee on the [Willapa Bay Comprehensive Review timeline and table of contents](#) with a projected December decision for the Commission. McIsaac suggested tweaks to the timeline. Commissioner Baker requested that there still be a final decision in December.

Craig Burley, Fish Program Deputy Director provided an update on the [Non-Native Gamefish and Fisheries Policy](#) blue sheet. Committee reviewed and approved the timeline for a decision in September 2021.

Ron Warren, Fish Policy Director provided a CARES Act Fisheries Assistance update.

### **CR Policy Workgroup**

#### **Commissioners in attendance: Kehoe, Graybill, McIsaac, Anderson, Carpenter, Linville**

The Columbia River Fishery Policy Workgroup (CRW) met July 21, 2020 by webinar. The bulk of the meeting dealt with discussion of public comments on the draft revised language for Policy C-3620 that has been out for review over the summer. Written comment was reviewed and comment from those on the webinar was also taken and discussed.

The CRW discussed engaging the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission towards a common goal of policy and regulatory concurrency and discussed the content of the analytical "Decision Support Document" presented to the Washington Commission prior to adopting Policy C-3620 in January 2013.

The Committee reached a unanimous consensus on one recommendation to the Commission for this meeting. The CRW recommended that the Commission schedule consideration of final action on revised policy language for Policy C-3620 at the September 10-12 meeting, with a CRW meeting held on September 10 to consider language changes to the current public review draft.

## **2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Robb Krehbiel – Budget/Strategic Plan	David Linn – Wolf Recovery
Kirke Lisi – Porcupine Aversion Training	Joseph Gaydos – Killer Whale Recovery
Chris Hyland – Fisheries Management	Steve Frasen – Closure Concerns
Ilene LeVee – Fisheries Management Hatcheries	David Moskowitz – CoVid-19 Impact on Fish

## **3. Director's Report**

The Director provided oral highlights on the following:

- Budget cuts overview
- Furloughs
- Covid-19 update
- Depredations and wolf petition update
- Virtual WAFWA
- Red flag webinar
- Tribal meetings and co-manager events
- Strategic plan – rural outreach efforts

## **4. Lands Transactions – Briefing, Decision**

There are no transactions for approval. Chair Carpenter struck this item from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.

## **5. SFY2021 Second Supplemental – Briefing, Decision**

Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs and Morgan Stinson, Budget Officer briefed the Commission and asked for approval of the second supplemental budget proposal for the 2021 legislative session.

**Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Linville, to approve the second supplemental operating budget request as presented by staff, with allowance for minor adjustments as staff prepare final documents for submittal to the Governor's Office. All in favor. Motion passed.**

## **6. 2021-23 Operating Budget Request: Maintenance Level – Briefing, Decision**

Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs and Morgan Stinson, Budget Officer briefed the Commission and asked for approval for the maintenance level portion of the 2021-23 operating budget for the 2021 legislative session.

**Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the 2021-23 operating budget maintenance level request as presented by staff, with allowance for minor adjustments as staff prepare final documents for**

**submittal to the Governor's Office. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**7. 2021-23 Operating Budget Request: Performance Level – Briefing**

Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs and Morgan Stinson, Budget Officer briefed the Commission on the performance level portion of the 2021-23 operating budget for the 2021 legislative session.

Commissioner McIsaac would like the Commission to see alternatives to hatchery cuts before making a decision.

A decision on this item will be made at the August 21 Commission webinar.

**8. 2021-23 Capital Budget Request – Briefing, Decision**

Tim Burns, Program Director, CAMP briefed the Commission and asked for approval on the capital budget proposal for the 2021 legislative session.

**Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the proposed FY2021-23 Capital Budget Request as presented, allowing for minor adjustments to project scope, priority and budget. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**9. 2021 Agency Request Legislation – Briefing, Decision**

Tom McBride, Legislative Director briefed the Commission and asked for approval of the agency request legislation for the 2021 legislative session and a separate late-breaking agency-request legislative proposal to be made in conjunction with the AGO, which would remove legally inaccurate and unenforceable language from state statutes.

**Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the agency-request legislative proposals as proposed by staff. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the agency-request legislative proposal to be jointly pursued with the Attorney General's Office as proposed by staff. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**10. Target Shooting – Briefing, Public Hearing**

Joel Sisolak, Recreation and Outreach Section Manager, David Whipple, Hunter Education Manager, Captain Michael Jewell, Enforcement and Michael Livingston, Region 3 Director provided an updated briefing to the Commission on the proposed amendments of WAC 220-500-140 Firearms and Target Practicing.

The following people provided comments:  
Lynn Rowan                      Nathan Grimm

A decision on this item will be made at the August 21 Commission webinar.

**11. Columbia River Salmon Fishery Policy Review – Briefing, Public Hearing**

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant to the Director and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Policy Coordinator briefed the Commission on public comments received in response to the latest proposed draft language within Policy C-3620.

The following people provided comments:

Buzz Ramsey	Liza Hamilton	Heath Heikkila	Greg King
Kent and Irene Martin	Nello Picinich	Lance Gray	Chris Hyland
Brian McLachlan	Bob Lake	Jim Coleman	Chris Hager
Lyle Cabe	Steve Miller	Lori Steele	Tyler Como
Robert Sudar	Adam Wilson	Brian Love	David Moskowitz

The Commission considered public comment and scheduled final action.

**Commissioner Kehoe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac that the Commission schedule consideration of final action on revised policy language for Policy C-3620 at the September 10-12 meeting, with a full commission workshop meeting held before then to consider language changes to the current public review draft. All approved. Motion Carries.**

**12. Mazama Pocket Gopher Recovery Plan and Periodic Status Review – Briefing, Public Comment**

Hannah Anderson, Diversity Division Manager, Wildlife Program and Derek Stinson, Diversity Division Biologist briefed the Commission on the status of the Mazama Pocket Gopher Recovery Plan.

The following people provided comments:

Helen Wheatly                      Sherry Buckner                      Jeffrey Swotek

A decision on this item will be made at the August 21 Commission webinar.

**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

**13. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Liz Hamilton – Columbia River reform	Andy Mitby – Fisheries management
Bruce Larson – Columbia River reform	David Linn – Wolf recovery/management
Harry Barber – Columbia River bycatch	Heath Heikkila – Columbia River reform
Greg King – pHOS 2023 reductions	Robert Sudar – Columbia River reform
Bob McCoy – Wolf recovery	Bob Lake –Willapa Bay gillnetters
Morgan Gamble – E-bikes, community management	Alan Chapman – Nooksack ecosystem/habitat
	Nathan Grimm – Columbia River policy

**14. Hunting Contests – Briefing, Public Hearing**

Anis Aoude, Wildlife Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on hunting contests.

The following people provided comments:

Morgan Gamble	Diane Gallegos	Marie Neumiller	David Linn
Sophia Ressler	Toby Cooper	Dan Paul	Michelle Blake
Debra Chase	Harriet Allen	Diane Hendricks	Lian Kahlstrom
Story Warren			

A decision on this item will be made at the August 21 Commission webinar

**15. Cougar Safety Issues - Scope and Schedule – Briefing, Public Comment**

Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Director briefed the Commission on the current scope and timeline to address cougar safety issues.

The following people provided comments:

Morgan Gamble	Forest Cat	Bob McCoy	Marie Neumiller
Ann Prezyna	Debra Chase		

Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Director indicated he will investigate missing slide and provide it to the Commission and have Commission staff repost to website.

**16. Hatchery Policy C-3619 – Briefing, Public Hearing**

Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy briefed the Commission on proposed draft policy language revisions for Policy C-3619 for public review.

The following people provided comments:

Alan Chapman	Bob Lake	Ann Prezyna	Conrad Gowell
Jack Stanford	David Moskowitz	Greg King	Jamie Glasgow
Ron Garner	Larry Pryor	Nathan Grimm	Commissioner Lisa Olsen
Rich Simmons	Lee Blankenship		

The commissioners discussed the draft policy language revisions.

**Commissioner McIsaac made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn that the draft language contained in the Fish Committee recommendations, together with the detailed appendices presented by staff, be released for public review. Written comment and testimony are to be considered by the Commission at its September 10-12, 2020 meeting.**

**Commissioner Kehoe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac that the Commission schedule consideration of final action on revised policy language for Policy C-3620 at the September 10-12 meeting, with a workgroup meeting held before then to consider language changes to the current public review draft. Under discussion the workgroup meeting was clarified mean to a full Commission workshop. All approved. Motion Carries.**

**17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

Commissioner Kehoe asked if an agenda should be drafted by the workgroup for the Commission Columbia River Workgroup. The Commission prefers that the draft agenda be open-ended so Commissioner questions can be answered.

Commission staff in coordination with program staff and Commissioners will find a date and compose an open-ended draft agenda for the meeting.

**18. Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission met in executive session. No action was taken during executive session and the public was not permitted to attend.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.