



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Web Conference
Friday, November 20, 2020
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

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

Department Staff:

Amy Windrope, Deputy Director
Kelly Susewind, Director
Joe Panesko, AGO
Richard Tveten

Commission Staff:

Nikki Kloepfer

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

Vice Chair Baker struck the Executive Session from the agenda for today. All items will be addressed at the December Commission meeting.

Commissioner Graybill indicated he had a conversation with the Governor's office and will not be renewing his term on the Commission.

Vice Chair Baker extended an atta boy to Commissioner Thorburn for her participation on the webinar presentation on the Washington's sagebrush landscape and Sage Grouse.

A. Forest Management Project – Decision

Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead asked the Commission for approval on forest management projects that involve more than a million board feet of timber harvest.

Commissioner Anderson asked for information on previous forest management projects and a site visit post COVID. Richard has a spreadsheet he will send to the Commission for additional information.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Linville to approve the proposed commercial thinning project as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.

B. Future Meeting Planning

The Commission discussed the upcoming meeting agendas and reviewed an updated Year at a Glance.

Commissioner McIsaac provided an update on the Hatchery policy efforts and suggested that a decision be deferred until January so there is adequate time for tribal and constituent comments.

Joe Panesko also indicated he will be providing a document to the Commission on some of their hatchery concerns from the last Executive Session.

Commissioner McIsaac presented a blue sheet on an agenda item for the february commission meeting regarding commission consideration of possible guidance on 2021 North of Falcon issues.

After discussion the Commission agreed to bring the blue sheet to the Fish committee for additional modifications and to have a February briefing on the state of the salmon river runs. After its been vetted it will come back to the Commission.

C. General Discussion

Commissioner Linville asked that meetings be more grouped together and if she can provide a video from her perspective about grazing to the Commission. Joe indicated that was fine as long as it is OPMA compliant.

Vice Chair Baker reported on the Centennial Accord subgroup meeting. It had a great tone and echoed the continued support of co-management relations and had highlighted areas of emphasis around enforcement, riparian restoration, fire recovery, culverts, and hatcheries.

Commissioner McIsaac brought up the Columbia River rationale document and the need to post it on the website. The Commission consensus supported posting the document. The document will be titled appropriately linked on the Columbia River webpage.

Chair Carpenter gave an update on the meetings and concurrency efforts with Oregon.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting 10:00 a.m.

Nikki Kloepfer, Executive Assistant