



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Web Conference
Friday, February 12, 2021
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Larry Carpenter, Chair
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair
Don McIsaac
Fred Koontz
Lorna Smith
Molly Linville
Kim Thorburn
James R. Anderson

Department Staff:

Amy Windrope, Deputy Director
Kelly Susewind, Director
Joe Panesko, AGO
Paul Dahmer
Jeff Burnham
Cynthia Wilkerson
Taylor Cotten

Commission Staff:

Nikki Kloepfer

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

A. Grazing Program Policy and WACs – Decision

Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager, Jeff Burnham, WDFW Range Ecologist, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Wildlife Program Lands Division Manager asked the Commission for a decision on amendments to the department lands grazing rule WAC 220-500-200 and the commission grazing policy C-6003

Commissioner Linville made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to adopt the recommended amendments to WAC 220-500-200, including the recommended adjustments as presented today and to adopt the amended Policy C-6003. Commissioners Carpenter, Thorburn, Linville, Anderson, McIsaac, Koontz and Baker voted yes. Commissioner Smith voted no. Motion passes.

B. Oregon Vesper Sparrow – Decision

Taylor Cotten, Conservation Assessment Section Manager, asked the Commission for the decision recommended in the - Status Report on the Oregon Vesper Sparrow to list the subspecies as endangered under WAC 220-610-010.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Koontz to amend WAC 220-610-010 as presented by staff. All in favor. Motion passes.

C. Future Meeting Planning

Commissioner McIsaac asked that a Coastal Steelhead briefing is added to the June YAAG. Joe Panesko requested an additional 30 minutes to the Attorney General training on Friday February 26.

D. General Discussion

Commissioner Linville encouraged Commissioners to watch the film, "[This Land is Part of Us](#)" that showcases Washington's shrub steppe ecosystem.

Commissioner Smith asked for additional details about blue sheets. Nichole will send examples to her for reference.

Chair Carpenter asked staff to bring economic impacts to the table with agenda items so there is a more comprehensive understanding of each item.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant