



## Minutes

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

### Attendance

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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  
Ron Warren  
Marlene Wagner  
Chad Herring

Commission Staff:

Nikki Kloepfer

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

#### **A. Willapa Bay Policy (C-3622) Review – Decision**

Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy, and Marlene Wagner, South Coast Policy Lead asked the Commission to approve the Willapa Bay Policy C-3622 interim policy guidance for the 2021 fisheries.

**Commissioner McIsaac made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the below staff recommendations for the hatchery program including the release of hatchery production at their facility of origin to preserve options for long-term policy modifications for the interim guidance for 2021.**

**The staff recommendations for fisheries management includes actively managing Chinook harvest to not exceed a 20% impact rate for Naselle and Willapa Rivers, suspend time and area restrictions for commercial fisheries south of Marine Area 2T, determine season length to achieve recreational priority for Chinook harvest, and continue the development and implementation of test fisheries and in-season update models.**

The Commission discussed the motion.

**Commissioner Koontz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to amend the initial motion to accept the staff recommendations excluding actively managing Chinook harvest to not exceed a 20% impact rate for Naselle and Willapa Rivers. Motion failed by a 2 to 6 vote with Commissioners Koontz and Smith voting in favor.**

The commission then voted on the original motion. **All in favor. Motion passed.**

**B. Future Meeting Planning**

There were no items discussed.

**C. General Discussion**

Chair Carpenter indicated he had a conflict and had to leave early.

Vice Chair Baker thanked Ron Warren and staff for their work. Commissioner Smith noted she received her 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid shot.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

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Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant