



Minutes

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

Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:	Commission Staff:
Larry Carpenter, Chair	Amy Windrope, Deputy Director	Nikki Kloepfer
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair	Kelly Susewind, Director	
Don McIsaac	Joe Panesko, AGO	
Fred Koontz	Ron Warren	
Lorna Smith	Marlene Wagner	
Molly Linville	Chad Herring	
Kim Thorburn		
James R. Anderson		

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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 2nd Covid shot.

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

Nichole Kloepfer 3/26/2021
Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant