

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Web Conference

Friday, July 16, 2021

Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission: Larry Carpenter, Chair (Executive Session only) Barbara Baker, Vice Chair Don McIsaac

Fred Koontz Molly Linville Kim Thorburn James R. Anderson Department Staff: Amy Windrope, Deputy

Director

Kelly Susewind, Director Joe Panesko, AGO Donny Martorello

Nikki Kloepfer

Commission Staff: Guest Presenters: Dr. Sarah Converse Dr. Beth Gardner Dr. Lisanne Petracca

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Vice Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioner Thorburn noted that she is currently attending the summer WAFWA meeting where it was announced that the Recovering America's Wildlife Act was introduced to the U.S. Senate.

A. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session. No action was taken, and the public was not permitted to attend.

B. University of Washington (UW) Periodic Wolf Status Review – Briefing

Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Sarah Converse, Associate Professor/Leader with the Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Beth Gardner, UW Associate Professor briefed the Commission on the status of the modeling tool that will be used by WDFW to make a recommendation for wolf status review.

Commissioner Koontz asked if genetics information is being considered in the model. Dr. Petracca indicated not at this time. Donny Martorello offered to forward to the Commissioners the recent wolf genetics data.

The full Commission with be briefed on the outcome of the modeling tool at the September 16-18, 2021, meeting.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Nichole Kloepfer 8/6/2021 Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant