



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Web Conference
Friday, June 10, 2022
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Barbara Baker, Chair
Molly Linville, Vice Chair
Lorna Smith
Kim Thorburn
James R. Anderson
John Lehmkuhl
Melanie Rowland
Tim Ragen
Don McIsaac

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Director
Amy Windrope, Deputy Director
Joe Panesko, AGO
Karen Edwards
Anis Aoude
Tom McBride
Morgan Stinson
Tim Burns

Commission Staff:

Nikki Kloepfer

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

Commissioner Smith gave her thanks to the Karelian bear dog program who recently provided a demonstration at Paradise Farms in Snohomish County.

Commissioner Anderson gave his thanks for the staff who maintain facilities at DFW sites.

A. Land Transactions – Briefing, Decision

Karen Edwards, Real Estate Manager asked the Commission to consider approval of a land transactions recommended by the Department for the enhancement of conservation and public recreation opportunities.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ragen to approve the land transaction as presented by staff. Majority in favor. Commissioner McIsaac abstained. Motion passes.

B. Petition: Senior (65+) Crossbow Use – Briefing, Decision

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager asked the Commission to consider a petition to amend WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements to “allow seniors (65+) to use crossbows during archery season.”

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lehmkuhl to deny the petition, providing the department addresses the request through the 3-year season setting process. All in favor. Motion passes.

C. 2022 Agency Request Legislation – Briefing

Tom McBride, Legislative Director briefed the Commission for a decision on the agency request legislation for the 2023 legislative session.

Commissioner Rowland requested a copy of the Washington State Academy of Sciences “Net Ecological Gain Definition, Goals and Objectives.” Staff will provide a copy to the commissioners.

A decision on this item will be at the August 4-6, 2022, Commission meeting.

D. 2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget – Briefing

Morgan Stinson, Chief Financial Officer and Tim Burns, CAMP Program Director briefed the Commission on the maintenance and performance level portions of the 2023-25 budget for the 2023 legislative session.

Deputy Director Windrope captured based on the commissioner discussion there were three fundamental questions they want answered.

- Are the budget requests in alignment with the strategic plan?
- Is the agency growing in the right direction?
- Did we the agency miss something about where the Commission want to grow?

The questions will be included in a survey that will be distributed to the commission in addition to the information requested.

The commissioners requested a copy of the Hatchery Improvement Master Plan, a progress update of Southern Resident Orca recovery efforts, the white paper, "A Proposal for Enhanced Hatchery Production of Chinook Salmon to Increase Prey Abundance for Southern Resident Killer Whales", and description backgrounds for all legislative, capital, and operating proposals.

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E. Future Meeting Planning

The Commission discussed the upcoming meeting agendas and reviewing an updated year-at-a glance.

The Commission agreed to keep the remaining travel schedule for the year and support hybrid on a case-by-case basis.

Commissioner McIsaac noted that revisions to the Willapa timeline for the remaining year will be provided next week to update the year-at-a glance.

Commissioner McIsaac provided an update on Joint Hatchery Tribal Co-Manager Policy and requested a briefing, public comment agenda item at the September meeting.

Deputy Director Windrope reiterated the following actions captured from the meeting:

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- The questions listed in agenda item D. will be included in a survey that will be distributed to the Commission in addition to the information requested.
- Schedule a special meeting in late June, early July, to further discuss the operating budget.
- Add a Joint Hatchery Tribal Co-Manager Policy briefing and public comment to the September agenda.

- Remove the Spring bear discussion from the Wildlife committee, move the periodic status reviews to another meeting, and add a discussion on changing the Spring Bear Policy as described in the current Game Management Plan.

F. General Discussion

There was no general discussion.

Vice Chair Linville adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant