



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Web Conference
Friday, February 17, 2023
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:	Commission Staff:
Barbara Baker, Chair	Kelly Susewind, Director	Nikki Kloepper
Molly Linville, Vice Chair	Joe Panesko, AGO	
Lorna Smith	Amy Windrope, Deputy Director	
Kim Thorburn	Raquel Crosier	
James R. Anderson	Lieutenant Rosenberger	
John Lehmkuhl	Charlene Hurst	
Melanie Rowland	Laura Heironimus	
Tim Ragen		

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

A. Guide Logbook Rule Proposal – Decision

Raquel Crosier, Special Assistant to the Director of Fish Program, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Lieutenant Rosenberger, Enforcement asked the Commission for a decision on the amendments to rules regarding reporting requirements for freshwater game fish guides, food fish guides and combination game fish and food fish guides.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ragen to adopt revisions to 220-352- 245 as presented by staff to enhance enforceability of the rule. Rule revisions include:

- **Require trip info to be entered at the start of fishing day**
- **Take out reference to vessel, boat launch to clarify that it's required by all guides**
- **Remove web reporting option**
- **Increase paper logbook return to twice monthly**

All in favor. Motion passes.

B. Commercial Eulachon Rule Proposal – Decision

Laura Heironimus, CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead, and Dr. Charlene Hurst, Columbia River Management Unit Lead asked the Commission for a decision on the proposed rule revisions for eulachon commercial fisheries, revisions are intended to align permanent rules with current management strategies.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve to strike the “Fishing Periods” section of WAC 220-358-060, as presented by staff and shown in Attachment 2. All in favor. Motion passes.

C. Directors Performance Agreement – Decision

The Commission reviewed the Directors Performance Agreement. They approved and modified specific performance elements as follows.

Goal #1

The Commission agreed to strike #4 and on #6 remove "grave" and add "and human population growth".

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rowland to keep #7 as is. Commissioners Thorburn, Anderson, Baker, and Linville voted no while Commissioners Ragen, Smith, Rowland and Lehmkuhl voted yes. Motion fails.

Chair Baker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to change #7 ~~Engage~~ Improve relationships with local governments with a goal ~~to ensure~~ that land use planning and decisions are contributing to the conservation and recovery of fish and wildlife. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Goal #2

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Linville, to strike #7. Commissioners Anderson, Linville, Smith, Ragen, Thorburn, Lehmkuhl and Baker voted to approve while Commissioner Rowland voted against. Motion passes.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to accept the remaining elements under goal 2. All in favor. Motion passes.

Goal #3

Commissioner Baker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to modify goal 2, number 2 to strike "Create a" and instead say, "Support the learning culture of adaptive management within the Department at all levels." All in favor. Motion passes.

Goal #4

The Commission agreed unanimously to strike Goal 4, #4.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to modify to #5 "Continue to develop measures for strengthening employee satisfaction and adopting best practices for staff retention and advancement, including assuring that women employees are free from all forms of sexual harassment. All in favor. Motion passes.

Commissioners unanimously agreed on the remaining goals for #4.

Commission staff will make changes to the document and work with the Directors office to ensure proper signature placement.

The Commission will come back at the end of the year for evaluation progress. The Executive committee will initiate the process.

D. General Discussion

Commissioner Thorburn mentioned a special Wildlife committee meeting February 28. Staff will add it to the year-at-a-glance.

There was a request for additional detail to the year-at-a-glance and to add an executive session to the March agenda before the petition item.

Commissioner Anderson provided a rundown of the March Fish committee agenda and fish related items.

Vice Chair Linville adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant

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