



Minutes

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

Attendance

Commission:

Barbara Baker, Chair
Molly Linville, Vice Chair
Steve Parker
Woody Myers
James R. Anderson
John Lehmkuhl
Melanie Rowland
Tim Ragen

Department Staff:

Joe Panesko, AGO
Amy Windrope, Deputy Director
Taylor Cotton
Mary Linders

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

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

1. Gray Squirrel– Briefing, Public Comment and Decision

Taylor Cotton and Mary Linders requested approval from the Commission to reclassify the Western Gray Squirrel from a threatened to an endangered species.

Commissioner Rowland moved to adopt the recommendation to up list the Western Gray Squirrel to an endangered species. Commission Ragen seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Future Meeting Planning and General Discussion

Deputy Director Windrope reviewed upcoming meetings. Staff will add the December 7th Carnivore Science Panel meeting to the YAG.

Chair Baker stressed the need for Commissioners to use state issued devices.

Commissioners asked for a report out from the WAG on what they are working on and also how the reimbursement program works.

Commissioners Anderson and Ragen have an upcoming meeting on the Columbia River buyback program.

Vice Chair Linville adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant