

**MINUTES**  
**WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**COMMISSION MEETING**

**January 6-7, 2012**

Natural Resource Building, Room 172  
Olympia, Washington

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMISSION:**

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair  
Larry Carpenter  
David Jennings  
Jay Kehne  
Connie Mahnken  
Chuck Perry  
Rollie Schmitt  
Brad Smith

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Tami Lininger  
Erin Gariépy

**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Nate Pamplin  
Dave Ware  
Joe Shorin  
Bill Frymire

Bruce Bjork  
Mike Cenci  
Katie Knight  
Dave Brittell  
Guy Norman  
Craig Burley  
Kirt Hughes  
Charmane Ashbrook  
and other department  
staff

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**Public:**

Walt Christensen  
Theodore A. Schindler  
Ed Tharp  
Harry Barber  
Ed Wickersham  
Ginny Ross  
Chuck Tracy  
Kent Martin  
Mike Backman  
Lee Roy Wisner  
Glen Johnson  
Leon Stevenson  
Dale Scott  
Jeff Ashe  
Arnold Zackersens  
Terry Ostring  
Brian Stanley  
Sandra L. Kuckynka  
Eddie W. Kuchynka  
Bryan Irwin  
Scott Sigmon  
Barry Armstrong  
Gary Bodine  
Chet O'Brien  
Jeff Eide  
Joe Sobolewski

Chuck Sturn  
Mike Mudgett  
Robert W. Peterson  
Jack Mattice  
John McKinley  
Tom Christensen  
Rick Curtright  
Jack Baxter  
Ron Chase  
Sam Ingram  
Dave Kuno  
Ralph Zaleck  
Rick Corson  
Paul Dierck  
Errol Collins  
Robert Robertson  
James Forslund  
Dick Barge  
Jack Berryman  
Rich Simms  
Curt Kraem  
William Atlas  
Thomas Buehrns  
Larry F. Smith  
Gordon Ruh  
David Montoya

Nate Harrigan  
Deane Osterman  
David Hell  
Bob Krause  
Gary LeBaron  
Larry Mann  
Neil Francis  
Lyle Cabe  
Jerry Lowe  
Lewis Boyd  
John Farrar  
George Allen  
Ted Beach  
Linda Allen  
Alyce Asch  
Carl Asch  
Joseph Klobucnik  
Jack Edwards  
Rick Andersen  
Terry McKinsey  
Keith Isaacson  
Tim Buckndahl  
Cliff Richard  
Bruce Crookshanks  
Bryce Divine  
George Ziegtrum

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Friday, January 6, 2012

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

1. Executive Session:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission will meet in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is, or is likely to become, a party. No action will be taken in executive session, and the public is not permitted to attend the executive session.

2. Call to Order:

a. Approval of minutes

**Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to approve the November 18, 2011 conference call meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. Commissioners' Discussion

- Steelhead fishing
- Colville Hatchery
- Wolves
- New committee
- Get Out West – getting youth outdoors
- Rules of Procedure

c. Director's Report - Joe Stohr, Deputy Director, briefed the commission on the following items

- Budget
- Wolf Conservation & Management plan
- Marketing
- Columbia River Chinook
- Legislation

3. How the Department of Fish and Wildlife Delivers the Priority Habitats and Species Program to our Stakeholders - Briefing:

Katie Knight provided an overview of the program tools and how they are used to make land management decisions that protect fish, wildlife and their habitats.

4. Open Public Input:

The following individuals provided testimony during this portion of the meeting:

Chuck Tracy	Ginny Ross	Terry Ostling
Ed Tharp	Mike Backman	Brian Stanley
Lyle Cabe	Kent Martin	Eddie Kahanka
Jerry Lowe	John McKinley	Greg Johnson
Harry Barber	Bruce Crookshanks	
Ed Wickersham	Bryce Divine	

5. Multiple Season Big Game Permits – Rule Briefing and Public Hearing:

Dave Ware briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 232-28-294 Multiple Season Big Game Permits.

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item.

6. 2011 Lands 20/20 Acquisition Process – Briefing:

Dave Brittell briefed the Commission on the project approved through the 2011 Lands 20/20 and requested funding for projects approved.

7. Wildlife Program Review – Briefing:

Postponed to February 2-3, 2012 meeting.

8. Joint Law-Enforcement Agreements – Briefing:

Chief Bruce Bjork and Deputy Chief Mike Cenci provided the Commission with an overview of joint law enforcement agreements between the Department's Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Program and other agencies for the protection of natural resources.

9. Review of Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 – Briefing:

Guy Norman provided the Commission with an annual review of the Columbia River White Sturgeon.

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10. Sportfishing Regulations – Briefing & Public Hearing:

Craig Burley briefed the Commission on the proposed 2012 -2013 sportfishing season rules and regulations to ensure conservation of the fish and shellfish resource, and provide sustainable recreational fishing opportunities.

The following individuals provided testimony:

Ron Chase	Lewis Boyd	Dick Burg
David Montoya	Paul Dierck	Jack Berryman
Dave Kuno	John C. Farrar	Rich Simms
Sam Ingram	David Hell	Curt Kraemer
Dean Osterman	James Forslund	William Atlas
Ralph Zaleck	Ted Beach	Thomas Buehrens
Nathan Harriean	George Allen	

11. Open Public Input

The following individuals signed up to provide testimony:

John Farrar	Curt Kraemer	Gordon Ruh
Ed Tharp	Gary Bodine	Larry F. Smith

12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commission discussed the following items that arose immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda was published:

- Progress of implementation of Wolf Conservation and Management Plan
- Sturgeon Statement

**Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the draft sturgeon statement with amendments to the last paragraph. Motion passed unanimously.**

13. Commission Committee Reports  
Deferred

14. Summary Commission Requests

- New committee information
- Briefing on cougar hunting impact on public safety by Donny Martorello  
**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry to approve request for presentation of research done regarding Cougar hunting effects on public safety. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 12:41.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant