



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Meeting via Conference Call
Friday, August 17, 2012
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Larry Carpenter
David Jennings
Jay Kehne
Conrad Mahnken
Chuck Perry
Rolland Schmitten

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger
Erin Gariépy

Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director
David Ware
Paul Dahmer
Dan Budd
Ann Larson
Owen Rowe
David Giglio
Bill Phillips
Bill Frymire
Glenn Gerth
Lori Preuss
Chief Bruce Bjork

Public:

David Knutzen
Linda Saunders
Diane Gallegos

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Vice Chair Douvia called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

A. Recreational Rock Collecting on State Public Lands Petition – Decision:

The Commission considered a document signed by a number of people requesting an increase in recreational rock collection quantities, as a petition for rulemaking pursuant to RCW 34.05.330. Staff member Paul Dahmer answered questions proposed by the Commission.

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to deny the petition to revise regulations and Washington Administrative Code to allow recreational rock collecting on WDFW lands. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Rocky Ford Creek Power Line Easement – Decision:

The Department requested approval of a power line easement across our Rocky Ford Creek property near Moses Lake allowing the Grant County Utility District to construct a high voltage line that will connect to their substation.

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

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the land transaction as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

C. 2013 Legislative Proposal Approvals - Decision:

The Department requested approval from the Commission on the proposed 2013 legislative proposals.

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to continue working on the proposed language concerning Background Checks and Aquatic Invasive Species Management and discuss further at a special conference call on Friday, August 31, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve Wolf Conflict Management, Citizen Volunteer Science and Hunter Education, License Revocation portions of the 2013 agency-request legislative proposals as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

D. 2013 – 2015 Operating and Capital Budget Proposal Approvals – Decision:

The Department requested approval from the Commission on the proposed 2013 – 2015 operating and capital budget proposals.

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to approve the proposed 2013-2015 Capital Budget Request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the proposed 2013-2015 Operating Budget Request as presented with the exception to have further discussions on options regarding deer, elk and conflict specialist positions. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Minutes for Approval - Decision:

The Commission considered approval of the following meeting minutes:

- July 20, 2012 – conference call
- August 3-4, 2012 – regular meeting

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to approve the minutes for July 20, 2012 Conference Call and August 3-4, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

F. General Discussion:

Commissioners and the Director will discuss recent activities and items of interest.

- Wolf Update with Phil Anderson and Dave Ware
- Washington/Oregon Columbia River Fishery Management Update
- September Commission Meeting – option 1, meeting will take place the afternoon of September 5th and the morning of September 6th, 2012.

Vice Chair Douvia adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant