



# Minutes

## Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 5-6, 2012

Natural Resource Building, First Floor, Room 172, 1111 Washington St, Olympia, Washington

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### Attendance

#### Commission:

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

#### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger  
Erin Gariépy

#### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Joseph Shorin, AGO  
William Frymire, AGO  
Nate Pamplin  
Guy Norman  
Rich Childers  
Brian Calkins  
Kelly Cunningham

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#### Public:

Brian Walter  
Janna Nichols  
Al Schmauder  
Andrew Marks  
Heath Heikkila  
Les Clark  
Frances Clark  
Jerry Lowe  
Jack Field  
Greg Johnson  
Kent Martin  
Ed Fedder  
Bryan Irwin  
Diane Gallegos

Linda Saunders  
Gary Wilburn  
Dan Cothren  
Frank Haw  
Jeromy Jording  
Bret Andrich  
Joe Verdoes  
Ken Crews  
Ron Garner  
Gordon Ruh  
Brent Hackney  
David Knutzen

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### Wednesday, September 05, 2012

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

Approved at the October 5-6, 2012 Meeting

Commission Meeting

a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Strategic plan
- Columbia River

2. Director's Report

The Director briefed the Commission on various items including:

- Mazama Pocket Gophers
- Memorandum of Understanding with Tulalip Tribe
- Hatchery operation in Elwah River
- Emergency Rule filings
- Wolf Update

3. Open Public Input

The following people signed up to provide public input:

Al Schmauder – Fish Ladder Chambers Dam

Brain Walter – Columbia River

Janna Nichols – Neah Bay, fish population

Jack Field – Wolf Management

Kent Martin – Gov. Kitzhaber Letter

Dan Cothren – Columbia River fishery management

Diane Gallegos – Support for the WA Wolf Conservation & Management plan

Liz Hamilton – Columbia River fishery management

4. Columbia River Fishery Management

Guy Norman, Region 5 Director, briefed the Commission on the recent communications, and the results of meetings with the Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Directors to develop proposals for a two-state process and schedule. Based on these discussions, the Commission provided guidance on appropriate next steps in this process.

The Commission appointed Commissioners Carpenter, Mahnken & Schmitten with Vice Chair Douvia as an alternate, as the sub group to attend the upcoming meetings with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission delegates.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

## Thursday, September 06, 2012

### 5. Puget Sound Shrimp Policy Review – Briefing

The Fish Committee provided a report on the Puget Sound Shrimp Policy Review followed by a briefing by Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager who sought guidance from the Commission on the process to review and update the Puget Sound shrimp fishery policies C-3610 and C-3008.

The following members of the public signed up to provide testimony for this item:

Joe Verdoes  
Bret Andrich  
Ken Crews  
Ron Garner  
Brent Hackney  
Gordon Ruh

### 6. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

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

- Adjustment of November regular meeting

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Vice Chair Douvia, to reschedule the November 2-3, 2012 regular meeting to November 9-10, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.**

- Columbia River fisheries management
- Possibility of panel format for public input
- Acceptance and analysis of revisions of Puget Sound Spot Shrimp options

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant