



# Minutes

## Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

October 5-6, 2012

Columbia Room, Legislative Building, Olympia, Washington

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### Attendance

#### Commission:

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

#### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger  
Erin Gariépy

#### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
William Frymire, AGO  
John Easterbrooks  
Joanna Edie  
Margaret Tudor  
Nate Pamplin  
Steve Pozzanghera  
Donny Martorello  
Guy Norman  
Dan Budd  
Mark O'Toole  
Rich Harris

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#### Public:

Richard Kowell  
Daniel Mhay  
Shelly Bristow  
Dale Bristow  
Diane Gallegos  
Mitch Friedman  
Ron C Dunn  
Linda J Dunn  
Bill McIrvin  
Don Dashiell  
Dave Dashiell  
Claudine Erlandson  
Cassie Carroll  
Jerry Black  
George Keefe

Dave Hornoff  
Amy Trenner  
Karen Kunde  
Cynthia Wilkerson  
Bill Sharpe  
Karen Dvornich  
Richard Champlin  
Rhonda Syphax  
Wendy Danielsen  
Donna Snow  
Loba Azul  
Ruth Musgrave  
Story Warren  
Laura Arnone  
Diane Weinstein

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Carolyn Shea

Kathrine Myers

Jonathan Quinsey

Jack Field

Dave Duncan

Scott Nielsen

Jim DeTro

Wanda Cliffords

Christian Grue

Jane Hutchinson

Stephanie Lambert

Philip Lundahl

Joanna Coffey

Melinda Hirsch

Terri Wentworth-David

Bob Aegerte

Chantel Thurman

Miranda Ciotti

Abigail Arnold

John Stahlmiller

Tom Davis

Sean Livingston

Lyle Cabe

Andrew Marks

Dean Takko

Ed Fedder

Frank Haw

Ray Seiler

Andy Mitby

Steve Gray

Brian Tarabahia

Jim Wells

Kira DeRito

Heather Hilf-Barr

Steve Bentjen

Georg Ziegltrum

Bryeanna Cheung

Bruce Roberts

Amanda Webb

Damion Delhna

Carl Rienstra

Les Clark

Frances Clark

Kent Martin

Irene Martin

Earl Betts

Eva Betts

Melanie Stella

Hal Mahnke

Robert Freund

Lorna Smith

Darrell Smith

Maureen Loop

Nard Loop

June Buechting

Mary-Margaret O'Connell

Elizabeth Bray

Lee Atwell

Tricia M Cook

Linda Saunders

Sara Mackenzie

Bert Harstick

Michele Beal-Erwin

Mike Lordes

Rachel Phillips

Dawn Rae

JT Austin

Marcia Denison

Tatyana Haney

Michael Codino

Bryce Divine

Darren Crookshanks

David Reese

Bob Lake

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Mary Ann Murphy

Steve Kuntz

K.D. Cuperson

Susan Thurston

Kara Cereghino

Beckie Elgin

Jan Lindsey

Jasmine Minbashian

Greg Costello

Mitch Friedman

Carole Richmond

Skie Zurl

Laura Perkinson

Gary Wilburn

Craig Hanley

Ellen Dorfman

Diana Carler

Brooks G Eilertson

Heath Heikkila

Kaye Adkins

Jerome A. Twogood

Ken Rathbun

Robert Sudar

Mark Cedergreen

Jerry Lowe

Greg Johnson

Brian Warren

Glen Johnston

Jeff Johnson

Dennis Sarver

Rich Andersen

Diana Garrels

George Wehrfritz

Lee Blakenship

David Eng

Gabe Miller

Jason Lake

Ron Chase

Brent Hackney

Aven Andersen

Joe Verdoes

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### Friday, October 05, 2012

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

##### a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Wildfires
- Major issues the department is currently facing
- Recognition of work effort, dedication and diligence of Director, Deputy Director and Staff

##### b. Meeting Minutes Approval

- August 31, 2012 – conference call
- September 5-6, 2012 – regular meeting

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**Vice Chair Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2012 conference call and the September 5 – 6, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Open Public Input:

The following person signed up to provide public input during this item:

- Daniel Hall – Wolf Management, Wedge Pack

3. Director's Report

The Director briefed the Commission on various items including:

- Derelict fishing gear
- Processing plants
  - Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission
- Elwah Hatchery
- Wildfire impacts
- Public outreach/Bruce Botka/Cabela's partnership/social media
- Razor Clams

4. Klickitat Hatchery Improvements and Master Plan Update – Briefing

John Easterbrooks, Region 3 Fish Program Manager and Bill Sharp, Klickitat River Coordinator (Yakama Nation) briefed the Commission on the key elements of the proposed Klickitat Hatchery infrastructure expansion needed to support the fish production changes.

5. WAC Overhaul Technical Rule Changes, Round 3 - Briefing

Joanna Eide, Admin. Regulations Analyst, Enforcement Program, briefed the Commission on the proposed third batch of technical rule changes associated with the WAC overhaul project. This proposal updated, clarified, reorganized, and restructured numerous bottomfish, commercial shellfish, and recreational shellfish rules.

The following rules are amended:

- WAC 220-16-330 General definitions--Dressed fish.
- WAC 220-48-005 Puget Sound bottomfish--General provisions.
- WAC 220-48-015 Beam trawl and otter trawl--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-052 Bottomfish troll--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-061 Drag seines--Gear.
- WAC 220-48-071 Bottomfish pots--Gear and seasons.

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- WAC 220-52-018 Clams--Gear.
- WAC 220-52-019 Geoduck clams--Gear and unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-52-01901 Geoduck licenses.
- WAC 220-52-040 Commercial crab fishery--Lawful and unlawful gear, methods, and other unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-52-043 Commercial crab fishery--Additional gear and license use requirements.
- WAC 220-52-046 Crab fishery--Seasons and areas.
- WAC 220-52-060 Crawfish fishery.
- WAC 220-56-315 Crabs, shrimp, crawfish--Unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-56-320 Shellfish gear--Unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-56-330 Crab--Areas and seasons.
- WAC 220-56-335 Crab--Unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-56-365 Razor clams--Unlawful acts.

The following are proposed new rules:

- WAC 220-48-072 Unlawful retention of live bottomfish.
- WAC 220-52-005 Crab--General unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-52-01902 Commercial geoduck harvest--Requirements and unlawful acts.
- WAC 220-52-01903 Commercial geoduck harvest--Time and area restrictions.
- WAC 220-52-036 Definition--Commercial crab fishing.
- WAC 220-52-038 Commercial crab licenses.
- WAC 220-52-042 Commercial crab fishery--Buoy tag, pot tag, and buoy requirements.
- WAC 220-52-044 Commercial crab fishery--Coastal gear recovery permits.
- WAC 220-52-045 Commercial crab fishery--Seasons and areas--Coastal.
- WAC 220-52-047 Commercial crab gear--Possession of another's gear and tag tampering.
- WAC 220-52-048 Commercial crab fishery--Gear limits--Puget Sound and Marine Fish-Shellfish Managements and Catch reporting Areas.
- WAC 220-52-049 Commercial crab fishery--Gear limits--Coastal.
- WAC 220-56-317 Personal use shrimp pot gear requirements.
- WAC 220-56-318 Personal use crab pot gear requirements.

The following rules are repealed:

- WAC 220-16-325 General definitions--Dressed fish length measurement.
- WAC 220-48-001 Puget Sound bottomfish gear.
- WAC 220-48-019 Roller trawl--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-025 Set net--Pacific cod--Gear.
- WAC 220-48-026 Set net--Pacific cod--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-027 Set net--Pacific cod--Logbooks.
- WAC 220-48-029 Set net--Dogfish--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-032 Set line--Seasons.

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- WAC 220-48-041 Commercial jig--Gear.
- WAC 220-48-042 Commercial jig--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-051 Bottomfish troll--Seasons.
- WAC 220-48-062 Drag seines--Seasons.

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

6. Intersecting Science Education and Natural Resource Management - Presentation  
Margaret Tudor, Christian Grue and Karen Dvornich presented to the Commission the vision of intersecting science education, information needs of natural resource management agencies, and biodiversity protection.

7. 2012 Wolf Plan Implementation Activities – Briefing

Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Steve Pozzanghera, Region 1 Director and Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore Section Manager, provided a comprehensive briefing on the implementation of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan for 2012.

The following people provided public input for this item:

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| Senator Bob Morton    | Joanna Coffey           |
| Richard Kowell        | Carolyn Shea            |
| Kaye Adkins           | Mary-Margaret O'Connell |
| Shelly Bristow        | Katherine Myers         |
| Dale Bristow          | Jack Field              |
| Diane Gallegos        | Elizabeth Bray          |
| Mitch Friedman        | Loba Azul               |
| Dave Hornoff          | Jamie Henneman          |
| Karen Kunde           | Jim DeTro               |
| Richard Champlin      | Bill McIrvine           |
| Melinda Hirsch        | Scott Nielsen           |
| John Stuhlmiller      | Story Warren            |
| Tom Davis             | Ruth Musgrave           |
| Philip Lundahl        | Bruce Roberts           |
| Stephanie Lambert     | Dave Dashiell           |
| Terri Wentworth-Davis | Don Dashiell            |
| Bob Aegerter          | Claudine Erlandson      |
| Chantel Thurman       | Diane Weinstein         |
| George Keefe          | Jerry Black             |

Cassie Carroll

Miranda Ciotti

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 06, 2012

#### 8. Columbia River Fishery Management – Briefing

Guy Norman, Regional Director briefed the Commission on the results of meetings with the Oregon and Washington Fish and Wildlife Workgroup.

The following people provided public input for this item:

Panel 1:	Public:	Jerry Lowe
Robert Sudar	Ed Fedder	Melanie Stella
Les Clark	Frank Haw	Kira DeRito
Bob Lake	Mike Codino	Lyle Cabe
Irene Martin	Bryce Divine	Greg Johnson
	Darren Crookshanks	Hal Mahnke
Panel 2:	Kent Martin	Darrell Thomas
Liz Hamilton	David Reese	Andrew Marks
Brian Walter	Cindy Mitby	Brooks Eilertson
Ed Wickersham	Steve Gray	Heath Heikkila
	Carl Rienstra	Mayor George Wehrfritz
	Brian Tarabahia	Gabe Muller
	Jim Wells	

#### 9. Open Public Input:

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

#### 10. Proposed Land Transactions – Decision

The Commission considered approval of the following land transactions presented by Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities, and responsible property management.

Proposed Acquisition of 80 acres in Grant County

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

**Commissioner Perry moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to approve the lands transaction as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Auction Raffles – Rule Adoption

The Commission considered adoption of permanent rule amendments presented by Donny Martorello, Ph.D., Carnivore Section Manager, regarding big game and turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

Amend: WAC 232-28-283 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special permits

**Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to adopt WAC 232-28-283 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits, as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.**

Nate Pamplin, Wildlife Assistant Director introduced Richard Harris as the new Special Species Section Manager for the Wildlife Program.

12. Puget Sound Shrimp Policy Review – Briefing

Mark O'Toole, Puget Sound Shrimp Manager, briefed the Commission on the preliminary analysis and identified and discussed any additional analysis needed.

The following people signed up to provide public testimony:

Ron Chase	Carl Rienstra
Brent Hackney	David Reese
Aven Anderson	Ed Wickersham
Joe Verdoes	

13. 2013 Commission Meeting Calendar – Decision

The Commission discussed and set the meeting dates for 2013.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to adopt the calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

Noted to consider having placeholder in September – to be determined later.

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#### 14. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

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

##### Wildlife Committee:

- Hunting and wildfires
- Discover Pass
- Predator/prey management
- Lands/Habitat – planning process with US Forest Service
- New range land ecologist and fire ecologist
- Wolf Plan updates
- Fire control funding
- Special permits – keeping public informed
- Impressed with Wildlife Departments' efforts with the wildfires

##### Fish Committee:

- Columbia River proposals
- Tangle nets, mortalities
- Commercial fishing in mainstem / ramping down of Spring Chinook fishery
- Improved monitoring for Columbia river
- Barbless hooks and circle hooks
- Buy back issues
- Late season fisheries
- Additional conference call for issue
- Update to Governor Kitzhaber
- letter from Oregon staff

Meeting with Governor Gregoire during November meeting.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant