



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Meeting via Conference Call

Friday, December 21, 2012

Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Gary Douvia, Vice Chair

Larry Carpenter

David Jennings

Conrad Mahnken

Chuck Perry

Rolland Schmitten

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Erin Gariépy

Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director

Joe Stohr, Deputy Director

Guy Norman

Craig Burley

Craig Bartlett

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

A. Giant Pacific Octopus Petition – Decision:

The Commission considered three petitions requesting rule changes relating to the harvest of Giant Pacific Octopus in Washington pursuant to RCW 34.05.330.

Commissioner Perry moved, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to deny the three petitions to initiate immediate rule-making for protecting the Giant Pacific Octopus from recreational harvest. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry to direct the department to develop the scope of policy options, process and schedule to address protection of the Giant Pacific Octopus in waters of the Puget Sound for consideration and further direction by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at the January 11-12 Commission Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Minutes for Approval - Decision:

The Commission considered approval of the following meeting minutes:

- December 14-15, 2012

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the December 14-15, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed. Commissioner Schmitten abstained from the vote due to lack of access to the minutes for review.

C. General Discussion:

Commissioners and the Director discussed recent activities and items of interest.

- Emergency Regulation, effective January 1, 2013 – use of barbless hooks required in the concurrent waters of the Columbia River. In accordance with action taken by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife on December 7, 2012.
- Joint State Accord with Oregon - Sturgeon
- Continue conversations with Oregon and see if we can come to a consensus
- WDFW moment of silence

Vice Chair Douvia adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant