



# Minutes

## Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

January 11-12, 2013

Columbia Room, Legislative Building, Olympia, Washington

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### Attendance

#### Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair  
Larry Carpenter  
David Jennings  
Jay Kehne  
Conrad Mahnken (via phone  
for Item 12)  
Chuck Perry  
Rolland Schmitten  
Brad Smith

#### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Joseph Shorin, AGO  
William Frymire, AGO  
Mike Grossman, AGO  
David Giglio  
Owen Rowe  
John Long  
Val Tribble  
Joanna Eide

Pat Pattillo  
Dan Budd  
Timothy Quinn  
Bruce Bjork  
Craig Burley  
Guy Norman  
Jim Scott  
Charmane Ashbrook

#### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger  
Erin Gariépy

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#### Public:

Joe Verdoes  
Linda Saunders  
Mark Plunkett  
Mike Racine  
Andrew Marks  
Heath Heikkila  
Frank Urabeck  
Earl Betts  
Norm Reinhardt  
Steve Fransen  
Alyce Asch  
Ken Rathbun  
Dale Scott  
Dave Reese

Gene Laddusaw  
Mike Clancy  
Chet O'Brien  
Tom Paulu  
Dave Bayley  
Kimber Roberts  
Joe Durham  
Francis Estalilla  
John Wicklund  
Charles Gauthier  
G.W. "Bill" Osborn  
Bob Krause  
Ed Wickersham  
Dave Knutzen

Joe Klobucnik  
Larry Burnstad  
Joseph M. Slepsh  
Rick Durrkin  
Joe Townley  
Greg Johnson  
Brooks Eilertson  
Mike Sexton  
Jeff Ashe  
Dominick Reale  
Roger Goodan  
Bruce Crookshanks  
Dale Beasley  
Liz Hamilton

Rick Lindquist	Frank Haw	Jim Martin
Geore Harris	Louie Morton	Randy Prengel
Brian Walter	Norma Jo Dauer	Derrick Robbings
John Rabey	Carl Asch	Keith Isaacson
Mike Mudgett	J. Edward Gallant	Leon Guilford
Cliff Richard	Steve Gray	Dan Coleman
Kris Thomas	Ken Wirkkala	Ron Rinear
Zachary Thomas	Jeff McKean	C. John Campbell
Ramona Bringas	Nello Picinich	Scott Sigmon
Carl Rienstra	Chuck Hickey	Gary L. Gregg
Russell Bassett	Glen Johnston	Tom Bergren
Rick Purtright	Arnold Zachariasen	Jerry Massoy
Ron Moijlie	Randy LeDuc	Sheri Massoy
Steve Tucker	Robert Sudar	Fred Pentt
R. Scott Attridge	Harry Barber	Moulia Peiret
Pete Kauffman	Derek Anderson	

### Friday, January 11, 2013

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

#### 1. Call to Order

##### a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Meeting at Central Washington University hosted by WDFW - Colockum Elk Study & Winter Range Closure Area
- Agenda Change: Items 7 and 8 were deferred
- Marbled Murrelet study
- Lincoln County farmer with several deer eating hay for herd –adequate resources for wildlife

##### b. Meeting Minutes Approval

- January 4, 2013 – Conference Call Minutes

**Vice Chair Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Jennings, to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2013 conference call. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### 2. Open Public Input

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

- Joe Verdoes – Spot Shrimp policy

### 3. Director's Report

The Director briefed the Commission on various items including:

- WAFWA meeting, Tucson, AZ
  - Council to Advance Hunting and Shooting Sports
  - Evolving role of non-government entities in wildlife management
  - Discussion with Dan Ashe, Director of USFW service and Gary Frazer, Assistant Director for Endangered Species, regarding Columbian White-tailed Deer, Julia Butler Hansen Wildlife Refuge, pocket gophers and wolves.
  - Director met with counterparts from other states
- Wolves
  - Upcoming meetings scheduled regarding wolf management in Washington with Mike Jimenez - NRM Wolf Management Coordinator USFW Service Wyoming, Carter Niemeyer – retired wolf specialist with USFW Service and Department of Agriculture and Donny Martorello - Carnivore Section Manager WDFW.
  - Delisting
- Moving Deer to a wildlife area Ridgefield area due to failing dyke at Julia Butler Hansen Wildlife Refuge
- Sturgeon – discussion with ODFW Director, Roy Elicker
- Community Outreach
  - New staff member Jason Wettstein, Community Outreach Coordinator
  - Staff attending sport shows throughout the state to share opportunities for consumptive and non-consumptive users.
  - Joint radio ads with Cabella's promoting outdoor recreation opportunities for Yakima, Ellensburg and Tri-Cities areas. Possibly looking into other areas as well.
- Budget update by David Giglio, Assistant Director and Owen Rowe, Budget Director

### 4. WAC 220-20-010 – Structural Improvements and Updates - Decision

Joanna Eide requested approval on the proposed amendments to WAC 220-20-010 to split this rule apart. The changes will clarify, reorganize, and restructure the content of the WAC.

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

**Vice Chair Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to adopt the amendments to WAC 220-20-010 and new sections 220-20-116, 220-20-117, 220-20-118, 220-20-119 (including floor change to subsection 2(b) striking “attended or unattended” from language), 220-20-120, 220-20-121, 220-20-122, 220-20-123, 220-20-124, 220-20-125 and 220-20-126 as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.**

5. 2013 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing and Public Hearing

Pat Pattillo, Salmon Policy Coordinator and John Long, Statewide Salmon Manager provided a briefing on the North of Falcon Policy C-3608 and proposed modifications for the Commission’s consideration to the 2013- 2014 policy.

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

6. Proposed Land Transaction – Decision

The Commission considered approval of a land transaction 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 sale of the 19.4 acre Colville Fish Hatchery property to Stevens County

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

**Vice Chair Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the proposed land transaction as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Puget Sound Watershed Characterization Project – Briefing

Item deferred to allow time for an Executive Session. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission met 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 was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to attend the executive session.

8. Enforcement Program Staffing Study – Briefing

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9. 2013 – 2014 Sportfishing Rule Proposals – Briefing

Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager briefed the Commission on the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2013-14 season.

10. Giant Pacific Octopus – Briefing

Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager presented a briefing on giant pacific octopus. The Commission reviewed the proposed procedure and schedule. Direction was given to the Department to move forward with recommendations.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

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

11. Open Public Input

The following people signed up to provide public input:

Frances Este – Harvest in Grays Harbor                      Steve Gray - Sturgeon

12. Columbia River Fishery Management – Briefing

Jim Scott, Assistant Director, Fish Program and Guy Norman, Regional Director briefed the Commission on revisions to the previously proposed draft Columbia River Basin Salmon Management policy; the Department's SEPA review of the draft policy; and the background, including the Washington-Oregon Workgroup process. Each Commissioner made comments on the revisions to the policy. Commissioners and Department staff discussed the draft policy and made minor changes outlined in the motion language.

The following people provided public input for this item:

Andrew Marks	George Harris	Roger Goodan
Frank Urabeck	Brian Walter	Bruce Crookshanks
Steve Fransen	Glen Johnston	Dale Beasly
Kris Thomas	Robert Sudar	Heath Heikkila
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Steve Gray	Keith Isaacson	Tom Bergren
Ken Wirkkala	Ed Wickersham	Kimber Roberts
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**Commissioner Schmitt** moved, seconded by Vice Chair Douvia, to adopt the revised draft Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy with the following changes:

Spring Chinook Salmon Item 3:

- *In 2013 the Department shall assign 65% of the ESA-impact for upriver spring Chinook stocks to mainstem recreational fisheries. Assign the balance (35%) to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries.*
- *During 2014-16, the Department shall assign 70% of the ESA-impact for upriver spring Chinook stocks to mainstem recreational fisheries. Assign the balance (30%) to off-channel and mainstem commercial fisheries.*

Summer Chinook Salmon Item 4(c)

- *The Recreational-Commercial allocation beginning in 2017 will be determined following additional discussions with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.*

**and cancel Policy C-3617 and Policy C-3618. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Executive Session: Deferred to February 8-9, 2013 meeting

14. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief : Chair opened floor for discussion. Nothing was brought forth.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant