



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Meeting via Conference Call

Friday, April 05, 2013

Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

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

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Bruce Bjork
Dave Ware

Public:

None

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Vice Chair Douvia called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

A. Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities Member Selection
The Commission reviewed the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities candidates. The Wildlife Committee put forth three suggestions for the final selection.

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry to approve the Wildlife Committee's suggestions for the Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

At Large: Dr. Kevin Frankeberger - Shelton

Region 2: Mr. Brett Emerson – Moses Lake

Region 5: Mr. Ricky Erickson - Vancouver

Motion passed unanimously.

Approved at the May 3, 2013 conference call

B. Petitions to Change Rules - Decision

The Commission and Dave Ware, Game Division Manager reviewed two petitions for changes to rulemaking pursuant to RCW 34.05.330:

- Mountain Goat Hunts – McCalister
- Green Mountain Hunting – Brasher

Commissioners commented that they were uncomfortable with the idea of removing hunting rights without having an open forum for the public to have input.

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to deny the petition to establish a permit hunt for mountain goats in the Olympic Mountain Wilderness Areas. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to deny the petition to revise the Washington Administrative Code to close the Green Mountain area of Clark County to hunting. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Legislative & Budget Updates - Briefing

Ann Larson provided an update and answered questions on current legislative activities. Commissioner Schmitt thanked her for doing a good job. Deputy Director Joe Stohr briefed the commission on the latest budget information.

D. Minutes for Approval - Decision

The Commission will consider approval of the following meeting minutes:

- March 1, 2013 meeting
- March 15, 2013 conference call

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve minutes of the March 1, 2013 meeting and March 15, 2013 conference call. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Perry abstained due to absence from the March 1, 2013 meeting.

E. General Discussion

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

- Willapa Bay management plan update
- Gray's Harbor management plan update
- Teanaway update

Conference Call

- Commissioner Perry attended the March 27th WDFW meeting in Colville; discussed big game and potential wolf impact.
- Commissioner Kehne attended the 4 County Commissioner forum on Wolves; discussed options of what to do next now that the bill on lethal take for caught in the act didn't pass. He had questions regarding public outreach and procedure to possibly amend the Wolf Conservation and Management plan.

Vice Chair Douvia adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

EKG

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant