



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call
Friday, December 05, 2014
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Brad Smith, Vice Chair
Larry Carpenter
Rollie Schmitten
Jay Kehne
Jay Holzmilller

Public:

William Thomas
Linda Saunders
Diane Gallegos
Harriet Allen
Tom Davis

Department Staff:

Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Jeff Davis
Randi Thurston
Darren Friedel
Bill Frymire, AAG

Commission Staff

Tami Lininger

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Vice Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

A. HPA Rules Revision – Decision

Department staff provided a briefing on recommended process amendments to strengthen the rule adoption for the recently approved HPA Rules.

Chair Wecker moved to rescind the motion adopted at the November meeting of the Washington fish and Wildlife Commission under item #7 entitled HPA Rules. The motion, made by Commissioner Smith, stated: moved to repealed Chapter 220-110 WAC and adopted Chapter 220-660 WAC as proposed with proposed changes. The Department will implement adaptive management of the HPA Program to assess the success of the rules changes and make adjustments that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the program.

Commissioner Kehne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

The department then briefed the Commission on the completed implementation plan and recommended the rules be adopted.

Chair Wecker moved to repeal Chapter 220-110 WAC and adopt Chapter 220-660 WAC as proposed by staff. The Department will implement adaptive management of the HPA Program to assess the success of the rules changes and make adjustments that will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the program. Commissioner Kehne seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

B. Petition to Change Rules - Decision

The Commission considered a petition for changes to rulemaking pursuant to RCW 34.05.330:

- Repeal Title 220-660 (Cunningham)
Staff Report: Jeff Davis, Assistant Director and Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager, Habitat Program

Chair Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to deny the petition to repeal WAC 220-660. Motion passed.

C. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission will consider approval of meeting minutes.

- November 7-8, 2014 – meeting

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to approve the November 7-8, 2014 meeting minutes with changes as presented. Motion passed.

D. Director Recruitment Update

Commissioners discussed the recruitment process for the Director's position.

E. General Discussion

- Commissioner Schmitten - Meeting with recreational fishers
- Chair Wecker – Participation in calls and time/expense reporting reminder and exceptional clam digging.
- Vice Chair Smith – Chum run in his area

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant