



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
November 13-14, 2015

November 13-14, 2015 Regular Meeting

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
Miranda Wecker
Connie Mahnken
Jay Holzmilller
Dave Graybill
Kim Thorburn
Jay Kehne

Commission Staff:

Tami Liningner

Absent:

Bob Kehoe

Attendance

Department Staff:

Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Joe Shorin, AGO
William Frymire, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Steve Thiesfeld
Craig Burley
Annette Hoffman
Chris Donley
Mick Cope
Stephanie Simek
Frank Hawley
Julie Sandberg
Richard Tveten
Bill Tweit

Wendy Connally
Dayv Lowry
Allen Pleus
John Long
Mike Cenci
Erik Olson

Guest:

Bill Richardson, RMEF

Public:

Patty Carter	Georgia Prossick	Bruce Vandervort	Ken Miller
Max Larkin	Martha Jordan	Paul Fishbach	Gordon Ruh
Tim Hamilton	Gary Moody	Marlisa Dugan	Greg Shimek
Melanie Rabaglia	Diane Gallegos	Dave Hamilton	Robert Rau
Bill Osborn	Tom Moonan	Joshua Cousins	Art Holman
Rob Schultz	Joe Rork	Ron Rinen	Wis San Diego
Ron Vesser	Brad Bastin	Janet Patterson	Amanda Morales-Strong
Fernando Morales	Jose Morales	Jon White	Gerry Brannberg
Everett Brannberg	Roger Bialous	Paul Martini	Cyndie Sundstrom
Sylvia Thorpe	Richard Burge	Al Schmauder	Sean Gallagher
Mike Zavadlov	Bill Meyer	Aaron O'Leary	Paul Sparks
Rob Masonis	Karen Kardos	Attila Kardos	Ryan Bullock
Chris Tinder	Robert Foster	Rich Simms	Chris Taylor
Bill Stock	Derek Day	Bob Carter	Larry Brunstad
Robert Kratzer	Mike Tinder	Chase Gunnell	Jonathan Stumpf
Joe Verdoes	Stephen Burns	Erica Stock	Larry Ford
Bob Christensen	Nick Chambers	Bradley Bobbitt	Shane Anderson
Ron Lazara	Patrick Prichard	Debbie White	John McMillan
Celia Hart	Binh Jenkins	Jay Berber	Alex Blain
Lucas Young	Penny Smith	Terry Collwitzer	Judy Hart
Kerry Hart	Craig Edwards	Jeff Westerlend	Sue Epperson
Tom Epperson	Earl Harper	Patrick Patterson	Wes Hoppler
David Atkins	Siriporn Atkins	John Farrat	James Babcock
Jason Small	Dave Steinbaugh	Glen Huntington	Jim Schmitz
Jane Mierson	Al Senyohl	Michael Patterson	Bart Collins
James Starr	Dwayne Meadows	Bryan Townley	Kate Holliday
Keith Denton	Thomas Pero	Stephen Moffitt	Vaughn Hodgins

Ronni Collines
Tom Davis

Nancy Williams

Ben Paull

Mary Jo Babcock

Friday, November 13, 2105

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

No discussion

b. Meeting Minute Approval

November 6, 2015 – conference call

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2015 conference call as presented. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Patty Carter – Puyallup Historic Hatchery Foundation
Bruce Vandervort – W/L Interaction Rules
Ken Miller – W/L Interaction Rules
Martha Jordan – NW Swan Conservation Association
Gordon Ruh – Commercial Smelt Fishery
Tom Davis – W/L Interaction Rules
Robert Rau – Salmon Returns
Melanie Robaglia – Salmon Returns

3. Director's Report

Information was provided in the notebook on various items.

4. Combined Fish Guide License – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Frank Hawley briefed the Commission and requested approval on a proposed rule to allow for a combined food fish guide and game fish guide license at a reduced rate as required by the passage of Senate Bill 5824.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to adopt WAC 220-20-135 as presented. Motion passed.

5. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Manager briefed the Commission and requested approval on various land transactions.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the land transactions as presented. Motion passed 7-1.

6. Forest Restoration Projects – Decision

Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead, briefed the commission and requested approval on two forest restoration projects.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the proposed timber harvest projects as presented. Motion passed.

7. Wildlife Interactions - Decision

Stephanie Simek, Wildlife Conflicts Section Manager requested approval of the proposed changes to the wildlife interaction rules.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt the repeal of WACs 232-12-025 and 232-28-266, adopt the new WAC sections listed in Appendix A and amend the WAC sections listed in Appendix B. Motion passed.

8. Citizen Science – Briefing

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant to the Director and Wendy Connally, Citizen Science Coordinator briefed the Commission on the Wildlife Program's FY16-17 Citizen Science Conservation Initiative.

9. Commercial Smelt Fishery Update – Briefing

Dayv Lowry, Research Scientist briefed the Commission on the commercial smelt fisheries status since regulation changes were implemented in June of 2014.

10. Aquatic Invasive Species – Briefing

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Allen Pleus, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator briefed the Commission on the response to the legislative directive to WDFW and the Washington Invasive Species Council to form a stakeholder consultation process to develop recommendations for future funding for the State aquatic invasive species program. Recommendations must be provided to the Governor and Legislature by June 1, 2016.

11. In-Season Management – Briefing and Public Hearing

John Long, Intergovernmental Salmon Management and Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager briefed the Commission on the current status of Coho run sizes and actions taken to ensure conservation objectives and broodstock goals are achieved. As well as discussed possibilities to re-open fisheries.

The following people provided testimony:

Tim Hamilton

Francis Estalilla

Marlisa Dugan

12. Executive Session

The Commission met Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

(Note: Commissioners Carpenter and Kehoe were absent from the meeting on Saturday)

13. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Joe Verdoes – Prawn Fishing

Sylvia Thorpe - Lynx

14. 2016-17 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Briefing and Public Hearing

Department staff briefed the Commission on the proposals and summarized public comments received for the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2016-17 season.

The following people provided input:

Kerry Hart	Bob Christensen	Craig Edwards	Judy Hart
Cyndie Sundstrom	Patrick Patterson	Vaughn Hodgins	Michael Patterson
Jonathan White	Ron Lazara	Robert Carter	Debbie White
Sean Gallagher	Mike Zavadlov	Bill Meyer	Larry Ford
Ryan Bullock	Aaron O’Leary	Robert Kratzer	Paul Sparks
Jonathan Stumpf	Chase Gunnell	Rich Simms	Robert Foster
Paul Martini	Roger Bialous	Mike Tinder	Chris Tinder
Chris Taylor	Nick Chambers	Al Schmauder	Richard Burge
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Ben Paull	Lucas Young		

15. WDFW Presence and Capability in Emergency Management and Homeland Security - Briefing

Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief and Sergeant Erik Olson briefed the Commission on the Enforcement Program’s response to natural disasters and efforts in homeland and port security. The agency occupies an important Emergency Management Division role and receives funding from federal agencies in order to enhance our presence and capability. The focus will be on increasing awareness of the shared public safety mission and operational overlap.

16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

Commissioner Mahnken submitted a blue sheet request for Commissioner Kehne for a briefing on climate change and the effects on fish and wildlife management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thorburn, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the 2016 meeting schedule.

Further discussions transpired regarding the proposed draft steelhead priorities document.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.