



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
 February 26-27, 2016

**February 26-27, 2016 Regular Meeting**

**Commission:**

Brad Smith, Chair  
 Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair  
 Miranda Wecker  
 Connie Mahnken  
 Dave Graybill  
 Kim Thorburn  
 Bob Kehoe

**Commission Staff:**

Tami Lininger

**Attendance**

**Department Staff:**

Jim Unsworth, Director  
 Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
 William Frymire, AGO  
 Nate Pamplin  
 Penny Becker  
 Joseph Buchanan  
 Derek Stinson  
 Gary Wiles  
 Ron Warren  
 Kelly Cunningham  
 Craig Burley

Philippa Kohn  
 Cynthia Wilkerson  
 Lauri Vigue  
 Dayv Lowry  
 Laurie Peterson  
 Kirt Hughes  
 Steve Thiesfeld  
 Mike Scharf  
 Chad Herring

**Public:**

Don Jenkins	Evan Brady	Brendan Flynn	Andrew Nason
Sam Pham	Bryan Benkman	Ken Miller	Kent Martin
Howard Wilson	Sheena Wilson	Pete Granger	Jen Syrowitz
Steve Petersen	David Sorenson	Larry Demmert	Bob Mulhauser
Joe Koski	Bob Rao	Allan Hollingsworth	Greg McMillan
Norm Reinhardt	Marlisa Williams Dugan	Bruce Ogren	Bill Osborn
Melanie Rabaglia	Lance Gray	Steve Gray	John Campbell
Dave Hamilton	Bob Lake	Steve Boerner	Joe Durham
Art Holman	Tom Moonan		

**Friday, February 26, 2016**

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

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion:**

- Commissioner Carpenter and Kehoe discussed the Hatchery Work Session with Senator Pearson
- The Commissioners would like staff to look at getting new chairs
- Chair Smith mentioned the meeting with the ADAAC folks
- Commissioner Wecker mentioned the Seattle Times report of the residues in the water

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

January 22-23, 2016 – meeting

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the minutes from the January 22-23, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed.**

## **2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Kent Martin – ESA listed fish  
Howard Wilson – Bear damage  
Ken Miller – Bear damage  
Pete Granger – Whatcom fisheries

## **3. Director's Report**

The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- Budget and Legislative update and introduction of Raquel Crosier, the new Legislative Liaison
- Wild Future updates
- Upcoming audit
- Jeff Davis – Habitat Program briefings
- Nate Pamplin - Wolves, landfill and compost, fisher releases, auction tags
- Steve Crown – Enforcement updates
- John Long – North of Falcon overview

## **4. Periodic Status Review (Northern Spotted Owl, Snowy Plover, Western Gray Squirrel, and Greater Sage-grouse) – Decision**

Penny Becker, Diversity Division Manager, requested approval from the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews for four state listed species.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to retain the Northern Spotted Owl as endangered, the Snowy Plover as endangered, the Western Gray Squirrel as threatened and the Greater Sage-grouse as threatened, as presented by staff as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

## **5. Lands 20/20 Briefing**

Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager and Lauri Vigue, Lands 20/20 Acquisition Coordinator briefed the Commission on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2015 Lands 20/20 process; the Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.

## **6. Puget Sound Clam and Oyster Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Philippa Kohn, Intertidal Bivalve Program Manager, briefed the Commission on the proposed season changes for clams and oysters on Puget Sound beaches.

No public input.

## **7. Puget Sound Commercial Smelt Quick Reporting – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Dayv Lowry, Ph.D., Research Scientist provided the Commission a briefing on proposed permanent rules for quick reporting on Puget Sound commercial smelt fisheries.

No public input.

## **8. Hood Canal Chum Management Review – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Laurie Peterson, Puget Sound Salmon Manager and Kirt Hughes, Fishery Planning, Modeling, Regulations and ESA Response Manager provided a briefing on methodology used for evaluation and in-season updating Hood Canal chum run size for use in commercial fishery management.

The following people provide testimony:

Brian Benkman                      David Sorensen                      Steve Pedersen

### **9. Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met 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 is not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting immediately following the Executive Session.

### **Saturday, February 27, 2016**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

### **10. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Bob Mulhauser – 7-gill sharks  
Joe Durham – Wynoochie mitigation  
Tim Hamilton – Work with Pacific Salmon Commission  
Bill Osborn - Wynoochie mitigation

### **11. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Mike Scharf, Fish Biologist presented the annual review of the Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3621.

The following people provided input:

Dave Hamilton	Joe Durham
Melanie Rabaglia	Robert Rao
Tim Hamilton	Allan Hollingsworth
Heath Heikkila	Norm Reinhardt
Bob Lake	Frances Estalilla

### **12. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Comment**

Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Fish Biologist provided the annual review of the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3622.

The following people provided public comments:

Tim Hamilton	Allan Hollingsworth
Norm Reinhardt	Bob Lake
Frances Estalilla	Lance Gray
Steve Gray	Marlisa Williams Dugan
Bruce Ogren	Greg McMillan

The Commission and staff further discussed both the Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay policies.

### **13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The following items were discussed:

- Commission Budget and expectations
- Summary of commission requests
- ADAAC report to the legislature
- Director's performance evaluations

- Commissioner Wecker made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to allow the Executive Committee to interview the Assistant Directors and Deputy Assistant Directors in preparation for the Directors annual performance review. Motion passed
- Commissioner Wecker made a motion requesting a briefing on the latest study around residues found in salmon and the impacts of in Puget Sound, Commissioner Carpenter seconded it and the motion passed.
- Commissioner Kehoe made a motion requesting a briefing on the definition of Adaptive Management and to involve the AGs office, Commissioner Thorburn seconded the motion and it was passed. It was requested that the Fish Committee discuss this prior to the full commission getting a briefing.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:34 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant