



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call  
Friday, July 15, 2016  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

### Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair  
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair  
Jay Kehne  
Dave Graybill  
Kim Thorburn  
Bob Kehoe  
Connie Mahnken

### Public:

### Department Staff:

Joe Stohr  
Eric Gardner  
Clay Sprague  
Paul Dahmer  
John Long  
Kelly Cunningham  
Julie Sandberg

### Commission Staff

Tami Lininger

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

#### **A. Forest Restoration Projects on Wildlife Areas – Briefing and Decision**

Vice-chair Carpenter announced that the Colockum thinning project would not be moving forward at this time.

The Commission considered proposed forest thinning projects to restore ecological integrity, improve habitat quality and reduce wildfire risks on the L.T. Murray and Mount Saint Helens wildlife areas that involve more than one million board feet of timber.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the L.T. Murray thinning project as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Mount Saint Helens thinning project as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn, all were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **B. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

The Commission approved the acceptance of the 5.41 acre Peterson property in Whatcom County.

No one signed up to provide public testimony.

Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the proposed transaction of the 5.41 acre Peterson property in Whatcom County as presented. The motion passed.

**C. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision**

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of the June 10-11, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes of the June 10-11, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion passed.

**D. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director discussed the following activities and items of interest:

- Director’s Performance Evaluation process
- The September meeting will not be held in Clarkston. There are not enough agenda items to justify traveling and costs but further discussion will occur at the August meeting regarding the need to have a meeting in Olympia or a conference call. Commissioners stressed the importance of getting to the SE corner in 2017.
- Wolf Advisory Group meeting in Spokane update
- Brief update on wolf activity and funding
- Skokomish River status at next meeting
- Sockeye fishing – Canada

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant