



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
 February 10-11, 2017

February 10-11, 2017 Regular Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
 Barbara Baker
 Kim Thorburn
 Jay Kehne
 Bob Kehoe
 Miranda Wecker

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
 Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
 William Frymire, AGO
 Eric Gardner
 Julie Sandberg
 Kelly Cunningham
 Donny Martorello
 Ron Warren
 Scott Bird
 Mike Hobbs
 Penny Becker
 Craig Burley
 Peter Vernie
 Becky McRoberts
 Taylor Cotton
 Barbara McClellan

Mike Cenci
 Chris Anderson
 Alan Myers
 Randi Thurston
 Jeff Davis
 Rob Geddis
 Scott Becker
 Mike Scharpf
 Chad Herring
 Bill Tweit
 Hannah Anderson
 Bruce Botka
 Clay Sprague
 Cynthia Wilkerson
 Larry Phillips
 Annette Hoffman

Public:

Amaroq Weiss	Wendy Spencer	Steve Shanewise	Jiancarlo Ulloa
Matt Spaw	Stacia Tikaani	Carol Pearsall	Rebecca Canright
Brad Caldwell	Bob McCoy	Jane Hutchinson	Diane Gallegos
Linda Saunders	Melinda Hirsch	Darrell Smith	Lorna Smith
Shawn Cantrell	Derek Day	Kyle Winton	Bruce Barnes
Nick Chambers	Tim Hamilton	John Campbell	Irene Martin
Norm Reinhardt	Greg Johnson	Ben Rogers	Steve Grand
Brad Caldwell	Dan Hammock	Greg McMillan	Lance Gray
Dave Hamilton	Joe Durham	Bill Osborn	Rod Schweitzer
Maryann Shultz	Joe Koski	Art Holman	Francis Estalilla
Robert Sudar	Kent Martin	Bob Lake	

Friday, February 10, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- Welcome to Commissioner Baker
- Vacancies on committees
- Letter to Oregon Commissioner from Governor
- Meeting processes/decision making
- Retreat

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the January 20, 2017 – conference call

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Shawn Cantrell – Process, Orcas, Columbia Basin Salmon

Kyle Winton – Eyes in the Woods, relationship with the department, staff morale

Bruce Barnes – Youth hunting age, hoof disease

3. Director's Report

The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- Website project
- Licensing database
- Hatchery improvements
- Wild Future/Legislation
- Oregon letter from Governor to Commission
- NMFS – Mitchell Act Hatcheries
 - Keep Occupy Skagit on the front burner
 - Olympic Peninsula Guides
- North American Wildlife Conference – Spokane
- Deputy Director Stohr – provided an update on:
 - Budget and the recruitment for the Enforcement Chief

4. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Assistant Director, introduced Cynthia Wilkerson as the new Lands Division Manager. Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for a land transaction.

The following person provided testimony:

Nick Chambers – support

Commissioner Wecker moved to accept the proposed land transaction as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Completion of the WAC Overhaul Project – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Scott Bird, Rules Coordinator, Enforcement Program briefed the Commission on the completion of the WAC Overhaul project that primarily combines WAC Titles 220 and 232 and reorganizes numerous wildlife, fish, and shellfish rules.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Commissioner Wecker moved to approve the proposed changes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kehne. All were in favor. Motion passed.

6. Update on North Pacific Fishery Management Council Actions – Briefing

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant to the Director, briefed the Commission on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (NPFMC) management actions.

7. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing

Chief Anderson and Captain Myers, Enforcement Program provided an overview of how Region 4 have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program's strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

8. Lean Update - Briefing

Rob Geddis, Lean Performance Manager, briefed the Commission on Lean efficiency improvements, to meet one of the Director's FY15-17 Performance Agreement requirements.

9. Surf Smelt Spawning Beach Occupancy Standard - Briefing

Randi Thurston, Habitat Program Protection Division Manager, Tim Quinn, Chief Scientist and Phill Dionne, Research Scientist briefed the Commission on the public process for adopting a new surf smelt spawning beach occupancy standard.

10 Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities – Decision

The Commission considered candidates for 3 open positions on the Advisory Committee to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.

Commissioner Thorburn moved to appoint Charles Grijalva – Region 3, Ryan Troyer – Region 4, and Carolyn Evanoff – Region 6 to the vacant positions on the ADA Advisory Committee , seconded by Commissioner Wecker. All were in favor. Motion passed.

11. Science Panel WAG - Briefing

Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead; Scott Becker, Wolf Specialist, Candace Bennett, Wildlife Conflict Specialist, Tara Meyer, Private Lands and Wildlife Conflict Supervisor briefed the Commission and public on the body of wolf science to increase the awareness of the scientific information available and increase transparency on how science informs the Department.

12. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Shawn Cantrell – Science - WAG	Bob McCoy – Science, Ecology, Trophie Cascades
Lorna Smith – Science – WAG	Amaroq Weiss – Science WAG
Melinda Hirsch – Non-lethal methods	Stacia Tikaani – WAG transparency
Carol Pearsall – Science – WAG	
Rebekah Canright – Support for salmon habitat restoration and wolf recovery	

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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

13. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Steve Shanewise – Baiting	Joe Durham – Wynoochee mitigation
Robert Sudar – Lower Columbia River	Ben Rogers – Forks Creek Hatchery

14. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy Review - Briefing and Public Hearing

Annette Hoffman, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Mike Scharpf, Fish and Wildlife Biologist presented the annual review on the Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3621) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy

The following people provided testimony:

Joe Durham	Dave Hamilton	Tim Hamilton	Francis Estalilla
John Campbell	Norm Reinhardt	Brad Caldwell	Bob Lake

15. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review - Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Annette Hoffman, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, presented the annual review on the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

The following people provided testimony:

Tim Hamilton	Francis Estalilla	Norm Reinhardt	Bob Lake
Greg McMillan	Lance Gray		

16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

- Retreat – possible conflict management training
- Improving agency transparency
- Next steps in Willapa and Grays Harbor discussions

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant