



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
 April 14-15, 2017

April 14-15, 2017 Regular Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
 Barbara Baker
 Kim Thorburn
 Bob Kehoe
 Dave Graybill
 Jay Holzmilller
 Jay Kehne

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
 Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
 William Frymire, AGO
 Eric Gardner
 Julie Sandberg
 Cynthia Wilkerson
 Steve Pozzanghera
 Madonna Lures
 Bruce Botka
 Peter Vernie
 Michael Atamian
 Jodi Spurbeck

Paul Dahmer
 Jeff Burnham
 Jerry Nelson
 Rich Harris
 Kyle Spragens
 Anis Aoude
 Captain Dan Rahn
 Mike Livingston
 Mike Kuttel Jr.
 Carrie Lowe
 Kile Westerman
 Tammy Messing

Guests:

Reardan Mayor
 Sherman Johnson

 Rick Perleberg
 Caleb Cole
 Sophia Wynecoop
 Shae Nunner
 Kevin Date
 Tanner Ferry
 Gabby Lee
 Bailey Lyle

Public:

Wanda Clifford
 Gary Douvia
 Michele Unsworth
 Art Meikel
 Don Dashiell

Chris DeForest
 Carl Griffin
 Dale Magart
 John Andrews

Lindell Haggin
 Diane Gallegos
 Tim Adderson
 Stan Wilson

Al Martz
 Wendy Spencer
 Hank Seipp
 Kelly Singer

Friday, April 14, 2017

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

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- North of Falcon
- Sage Grouse Field Trip
- WDFW Video

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the March 17-18, 2017 meeting and the March 24, 2017 – conference call.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes from the March 17-18, 2017 meeting and the March 24, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Tim Adderson – Pheasants	John Andrews – Baiting
Gary Douvia – Fish Revenue	Dale Magart – Predators

3. Director's Report

The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- WDFW Volunteers
- North of Falcon Update – Kudos to Staff
- Legislative and Budget Update – Joe Stohr
- Region 1 Update – Steve Pozzanghera

4. The Rewilding of Washington State

The Reardan FFA Chapter Agricultural Issues team gave an outstanding presentation on the rewilding of Washington State. The rewilding argument is based on three main principles – the students refer to them as the 3 C's of rewilding - Cores, Corridors and Carnivores.

5. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for four land transactions.

The following person provided testimony:

Mayor Sherman Johnson Chris DeForest
Lindell Haggin

Commissioner Thorburn moved to accept the proposed land transactions as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill. The motion passed.

6. Operation and Maintenance on Wildlife Area Lands and Access Sites - Briefing

Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager and Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager, provided a briefing on the funding, resources, and cost of operation and maintenance of WDFW wildlife areas and access sites.

7. Grazing on WDFW Lands – Briefing

Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager and Jeff Burnham, Range Specialist provided a briefing on rules and commission policies regarding grazing on department lands.

8. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restrictions – Decision

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on deer areas, elk areas, special closures and firearm restrictions.

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

9. Deer General Seasons and Definitions, Deer Special Permits and Elk Special Permits – Decision

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

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

10. Moose Seasons, Permit Quotas and Areas – Decision

Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on the proposed updates and amendment to moose seasons, permit quotas and areas.

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

11. Bighorn Sheep Seasons, Permits and Quotas – Decision

Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to bighorn sheep permit levels and opportunities.

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

12. Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Decision

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations.

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

13. Landowner Hunting Permits and Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations – Decision

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on proposed date adjustments to the landowner hunting permits seasons for 2017 and small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

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

14. Special Hunting Season Permits - Decision

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on proposed changes to the special hunting season permits regarding point restoration.

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

15. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Don Dashiell – Antlerless deer, youth and disabled hunters, spring bear seasons, bull only harvest in GMUs 117 & 121.

Don also spoke for Kelly Singer who had to leave re: youth and disabled hunting in NE Washington

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Prior to item 16 on the agenda the Commission discussed the need for further follow up direction for the Director regarding the Columbia River Policy.

16. Open Public Input

No one signed up to provide public testimony

17. Website Replacement Project, Outreach and Marketing - Briefing

Bruce Botka, Public Affairs and Community Outreach Manager and Peter Vernie, Licensing Division Manager briefed the Commission on the project to replace the current site with one that better meets the public's need for well-organized information. Staff will also discuss the department's collaborative community outreach and license marketing efforts.

18. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing

Captain Dan Rahn of Region 1 provided an overview of how the Enforcement Program have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program's strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

19. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commission discussed the following items:

- Blue Sheet – Update on the baiting and salvage rules
Commissioner Kehne made a motion for this request, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- Briefing/update on what the WDFW Archeologists are working on.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant