



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
June 2-3, 2017

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**June 2-3, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Commission:**

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

**Commission Staff:**

Tami Lininger

**Department Staff:**

Jim Unsworth, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
William Frymire, AGO  
Eric Gardner  
Julie Sandberg  
Steve Pozzanghera  
Madonna Lures  
Kevin Robinette  
Dave Whipple  
Joe Bumgarner  
Chris Donley

Mark Grandstaff  
Dave Karl  
Kari Dingman  
Ethan Crawford  
Michael Gallinat

**Guests:**

Elizabeth Holdren  
Stephen Hampton  
Julie Collins  
Joe DuPont  
Becky Johnson  
Representative Mary Dye  
Commissioner Brian Shinn  
Commissioner Justin Dixon

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**Public:**

Jason Schultz	Sam Ledgerwood	Samee Charriene	Tom Petty
Monte Fujishin	Stan Bailey	Mike Bailey	Jim Peterson
Don Jackson	Bruce Petty	Chad Johnson	Bob Hough
Larry Scoggin	Eric Barker	Dan Schlee	Brad Forgery
Chuck Thompson	Bud Scott	W.E. Chetwood	Bradley Johnson
Tracy Ledgerwood	Stan Wilson	Dan Long	Richard Scully
Cal Geor	Dave Johnson	David Bolin	John Gardner
Tom Rinker	Bill Bowles	Glen Landers	Jerome Hansen

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

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**

The Commission considered approval of the May 5, 2017 conference call.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.**

**c. Committee Structure Process**

The Commissioners discussed the current committee process and options for improvement. Further discussions will take place at upcoming meetings.

## **2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Don Jackson – Tucannon River

Jim Peterson – Tucannon River

Representative Mary Dye – Various topics

Commissioner Brian Shinn – Various topics and land acquisitions

Commissioner Justin Dixon – Lands, Fish, LHP, Beetles

Monte Fujishin – State, Federal and Private Entities working relationships

Bruce Petty – Elk damage problems

Chad Johnson – Elk and Land Management

Dan Schlee – Land ownership and elk damage

W.F. Chetwood – Transportation activity on the Lower Snake

Bradley Johnson – Fishing opportunities and support for WDFW staff

Robert Hough – Land Management

Sam Ledgerwood – Land Management, taxes and local economy

Samee Charriere – Wolf Management and good neighbors

Stan Bailey – Elk damage

Jason Schultz – Spring chinook fishing

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

The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various issues including:

- Taylor's checkerspot butterfly recovery
- Wolf information update
- Enforcement cases
- Legislative update
- Catch and keep sturgeon fishery
- Wynoochie mitigation
- Point no Point
- Spring Chinook over Bonneville Dam
- MOU with Tulalip Tribe
- Black bear depredation in timberlands

## **4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

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

No one signed up to provide testimony.

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

## **5. Hunter Education – Briefing**

Dave Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager, provided a briefing on the roles and responsibilities of the Hunter Education Division.

## **6. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Lower Granite Dam – Fish Passage, Including Adult Salmonid Trapping and Smolt Outmigration - Briefing**

Elizabeth Holdren and Stephen Hampton, USACE Fisheries Project Biologists and Joe Bumgarner, Biologist, WDFW provided an overview on the Lower Granite Dam.

## **7. Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) - Overview**

Julie Collins, LSRCP Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a briefing on the Lower Snake River Compensation. Other partners presenting were: Joe DuPont, Idaho Fish and Game, Becky Johnson, Nez Perce Tribe, Joe Bumgarner, WDFW, and Chris Donley, WDFW.

### **8. Implementation of the Wooten Flood Plain Management Plan – Briefing**

Mark Grandstaff and Dave Karl, Habitat Program and Kari Dingman, Wildlife Program, provided an overview of the implementation of the Wooten Flood Plain Management Plan.

### **9. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:  
Stan Wilson – Land management

### **10. Performance Agreement and Delegation of Authority - Discussion**

The Commissioners and Director discussed updates from the 2015-17 Performance Agreement and Delegation of Authority documents and what changes are needed for 2017-19. They briefly discussed next steps and how the process unfolds. This will be an ongoing until September.

### **11. Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

The Commission selected two candidates to fill vacant positions on the ADA Committee.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved to appoint Melissa Espinosa to the At-large position and Richard Spring to the Region 5 position as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill. The motion passed.**

### **12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commission discussed the following items:

- Commissioner Wecker made a motion for a briefing on the Federal Rules on Overfishing Determination, Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion and it passed.
- Commissioner Kehne shared his experience and recommended that the Commissioners look into the clinic that Montana is hosting regarding wolves.
- Tour plans for Saturday were briefly discussed.
- Director Unsworth thanked the regional staff and Commissioner Holzmilller for the great work setting up the meeting.
- Commissioner Graybill commented that with the great attendance at the meeting it shows why it's important to travel around the state.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

**Saturday, June 3, 2017**

### **13. Tour of WDFW Lands in Asotin County**

Commissioners Holzmilller, Thorburn, Wecker and Baker along with Department staff met at 7:30 a.m. to tour some of the WDFW owned lands in Asotin County.

The meeting adjourned immediately following the tour.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant