



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
 August 4-5, 2017

**August 4-5, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Commission:**

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

**Department Staff:**

Jim Unsworth, Director  
 Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
 William Frymire, AGO  
 Eric Gardner  
 Heather Reed  
 Bob Sizemore  
 Tim Burns  
 Nate Pamplin  
 Owen Rowe  
 Pat Chapman  
 Margen Carlson  
 Hannah Anderson  
 Chris Sato

Stephanie Simek  
 Jerry Nelson  
 Mike Cenci  
 Anis Anoude  
 Craig Burley  
 Ron Warren  
 Kirt Hughes  
 Randi Thurston  
 Donny Martorello  
 Penny Becker  
 Cynthia Wilkerson  
 Bruce Botka  
 Michelle Dunlop

Jennifer Brown  
 Carissa Bourdon  
 Chris Eardley  
 Scott Bird  
 Dolores Noyes  
 Michele Culver

**Commission Staff:**

Tami Lininger

**Public:**

Art Holman  
 Jim Cahill  
 Dave Croonquist  
 Tim Hamilton  
 Dave Duncan  
 Kerry Stratton

Ron Schwartz  
 Laura Macfarland  
 Les Richardson  
 Perry Menchaca  
 Sara Ryan  
 Curt Kraemer

Linda Saunders  
 Kim McDonald  
 Colby Galpin  
 Ron Quaife Sr.  
 Joe Verdoes  
 Brian Allison

Diane Gallegos  
 Peter Markos  
 George Luttell  
 Ron Quaife Jr.  
 Wayne Cline

**Friday, August 4, 2017**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion**

- Chair Smith – Enforcement ride along and Congressional tour
- Commissioner Kehne – Trip to Europe
- Commissioner Thorburn – Regional meetings

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

The Commission considered approval of the July 21, 2017 conference call minutes.

**Commissioner Graybill moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.**

**2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

George Luttell – Hounds  
 Tim Hamilton – Thank you to Commissioner Wecker  
 Dave Duncan – Thank you to Commissioner Wecker  
 Sara Ryan – New WCA representative

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

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

- Regional visits
- WAFWA
- Capital budget – Joe Stohr
- Updates on Budget outcomes, Legislative outcomes, and next steps with the Proviso – Nate Pamplin
  - The Commissioners all expressed that it is critical that we communicate, look for better marketing tools as well as their willingness to help as we move forward.
- Updates on Willapa Bay alternative gear, Snyder Creek Hatchery, Wynoochie, Point No Point – Ron Warren
- Wolf update – Donny Martorello

### **4. 2017-19 Strategic Plan and Performance Agreement – Proposal/Briefing**

Rob Geddis, Lean Manager and Nate Pamplin, Policy Director presented the plan for the 2017-19 Strategic Plan and the proposed next steps for the Performance Agreement.

### **5. 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget Request – This item was removed**

### **6. 2018 Legislative Session Proposals and Operating Budget Requests – Briefing and Decision**

Owen Rowe, Budget Director and Nate Pamplin, Policy Director briefed the Commission and requested approval on the agency's 2018 legislative and operating budget proposals.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the 2018 Operating Budget request as presented. Motion passed.**

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the 2018 Legislative proposals as presented. Motion passed.**

### **7. Supplementing the Hydraulic Code Rule Making Record to Comply with an Agreed Court Order – Prospector's Administrative Procedures Act - Decision**

Margen Carlson, Deputy Assistant Director, Habitat Program and Pat Chapman, Environmental Planner briefed the Commission and asked that they determine whether the rule changes adopted in 2014 impose more than minor costs on small scale mineral prospecting businesses, and if the least burdensome of the four alternatives presented, that also achieved protection of fish life, were selected.

**1.) Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker that the small-scale mineral prospecting Hydraulic Code rules (WAC 220-660-300) adopted in November 2014 did not impose more than minor costs to small-scale mineral prospecting businesses so a Small Business Economic Impact Statement is not needed. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

**2.) Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker that the rules adopted in November of 2014 were the least burdensome alternative. Motion passed.**

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

Chris Eardley, Bivalve Policy Lead, briefed the Commission on the proposed changes for clam and oyster seasons on Puget Sound public beaches.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**9. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Rule Update – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Dolores Noyes and Scott Bird briefed the Commission and requested approval on updates needed to make changes to a WAC to ensure compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve changes to WAC 220-220-240 and WAC 220-413-140; remove section (5) from WAC 220-310-150; recodify WAC 220-220-240 to 220-305-120; recodify WAC 220-413-150 to 220-200-160; and recodify WAC 220-413-130 to 220-200-170. Motion passed.**

**10. Periodic Status Reviews (Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Loggerhead Sea Turtle)- Briefing and Public Hearing**

Hannah Anderson and Chris Sato briefed the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the yellow-billed cuckoo and loggerhead sea turtles, respectively, in accordance with WAC 220-610-110

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**11. Periodic Status Reviews (Green Sea Turtle and Leatherback Sea Turtle)- Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Hannah Anderson and Chris Sato briefed the Commission and requested approval on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the green sea turtle and the leatherback sea turtle in accordance with WAC 220-610-110.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to retain the threatened status for the Green Sea Turtle and the endangered status for the Leatherback Sea Turtle as presented by Department staff. Motion passed.**

**12. 2018 Spring Black Bear Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Stephanie Simek, briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to spring black bear hunting seasons to address damage and wildlife conflict interests.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**13. Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Jerry Nelson. Ph.D., requested approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to GMUs in which it is unlawful to transport elk hooves.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-413-200 as presented. Motion passed.**

**14. Big Game and Wild Turkey Auction, Raffle, and Special Incentive Permits – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Jerry Nelson. Ph.D., requested approval from the Commission on proposed changes to improve clarity by amending WAC 220-412-070 - Big Game and Wild Turkey Auction, Raffle, and Special Incentive Permits.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to amend WAC 220-412-070 as presented. Motion passed.**

**15. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Perry Menchaca – Transparency

Dave Croonquist – Transparency, Halibut and thank you to Commissioner Wecker

**16. Executive Session – Director’s Conference Room**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission met in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is, or is likely to become, a party. Then the Commission met pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken in executive session, and the public did not listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting immediately following the Executive Session

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

This was Commissioner Wecker’s last meeting and the Commissioners, Director and staff all thanked her for her time and hard work on the Commission.

**17. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Joe Verdoes – Virtual tour of Highway 20

Wayne Cline – Gamefish seasons

Kerry Stratton – Seasons on the Skagit

Curt Kraemer – Skagit/Stillaguamish

Perry Menchaca – Transparency

Brian Allison – Crab catch accounting

**18. Results of the 2016 Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing**

Bob Sizemore and Mike Cenci briefed the Commission on the 2016 Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery.

Chair Smith left the meeting before item 19.

**19. Results of the 2016 Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery – Briefing**

Bob Sizemore briefed the Commission on the 2016 Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery.

**20. Amending Coastal Dungeness Crab Rules – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Michele Culver, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Manager and Heather Reed briefed the Commission and requested approval on changes needed to streamline and clarify rules regarding: 1) the transport of coastal Dungeness crab gear from another state, 2) issuance of replacement buoy tags, and to improve efficiency for stakeholders and regulatory enforcement.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller to adopt the proposed changes to WAC 220-340-430 and WAC 220-340-440 as proposed by Department staff. Motion passed.**

**21. Delegation of Authority - Decision**

The Commission and Director discussed the proposed changes to the Delegation of Authority.

**Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the proposed changes as presented. Motion passed.**

**22. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commission discussed the following items:

- 2018 meeting calendar

Vice-Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 10:56.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant