



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
December 7-9, 2017 - Olympia

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Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter,
Vice-chair
Kim Thorburn
Barbara Baker
Dave Graybill
Jay Kehne
Don McIsaac
Jay Holzmilller
Bob Kehoe

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Joe Shorin, AGO
Mike Grossman, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Eric Gardner
Donny Martorello
Mike Cenci
Bob Sizemore
Peter Vernie
Penny Becker
Ben Power
Kelly Henderson
Raquel Crosier

Chris Donley
Steve Thiesfeld
Chad Jackson
Craig Bartlett
Tina Nisbet
Faith Sexton
Cynthia Wilkerson
Mick Cope
Craig Burley
Darren Friedel
Dan Brinson
Kyle Adicks
Kathy Backman
Kelly Cunningham
Jim Woods
Greg Haw
Kirt Hughes
Nelson Falkenburg
Margen Carlson
Owen Rowe
Tim Burns
Hannah Anderson
Derek Stinson
Larry Phillips
Becky McRoberts
Eric Kinne
Chad Herring
Annette Hoffman
Dan Chadwick
Mike Livingston
Steve Bear

Public:

Dan Boeholt	Ian Robertson	Jasmine Fletcher-Glaze	Drake Fletcher
Claudia Supensky	Ben Silesky	Keely Hopkins	Jim Lydigsen
Felicia Carroll	Ellen Meyer	Linda Saunders	Gabriel Scott
Lori Johnson	Anne Kroeker	Don Wallace	Allen Ernst
Bob McCoy	Perry Menchaca	Keith Robbins	Irene Holmes
Colleen Mayer	Lori Armitage	Larry Bucklin	Mary Shaw
Diana Holbrook	Bruce Holbrook	Jo Baker	Kristina Lindsay
Stephen Willis	Crystal Elliot	Julie Clearen	Shad Kears
Robert Sudar	Alison Morrow	Mark Izatt	Darian Davis
Paul Mikoloski	Jan White	Robb Krehbiel	Holly Reed
Fred Koontz	Christine Brunner	Tom Davis	David Supersky
Monika Hall	Kimberly Pollari	Pat Hesselgesser	Denis DeSilvis
Jessica Helsley	Dean Finnerty	J. Leo Baldwin	Juanita Dupont
Jordan Nolan	E. McManus	L.M. Weber	Lorna Smith
Rachel Voss	Lee Davis	Diane Gallegos	Frank Hackett
Kitty Candelaria	Bonnie Balani	Emily Condeen	Harriet Allen
Cora Powers	Hernandez Ruffin	Tyler Walcker	Vaughn Hodgins
Joel Nania	Mark Mrzena	Dan Anderson	Bobby Brown
Eddie Kidd	Dwayne Swenson	Joni England Fuchs	Sheri Inglin
Joe Scheperle	Marlisa Williams Dugan	Lance Gray	Blair Gray
Greg Shimek	Bob Lake	Andy Mitby	Rob Kavanaugh
Russ Baker	Zip Decker	Ian Skovajsa	Shari Stoican
Nathan Ereth	David Slater	Luke Morgan	Rich Simms
Bobby Foster	Doug Steding	Mark Taylor	Francis Estalilla
Robert Rao	Brad Newell	Lisa Beranek	Steve Hahn
Sachie Hahn	Dan Swecker	Tim Hamilton	Art Holman
Barry Bercjikian	Chase Gunnell	Richard Bruderer	Greg Larson

Charles Sullivan	Pete Fisher	Mike Meseberg	Kerry Statton
Ron Pera	Sheila Pera	Edward Atkinson	Alice Boerner
Steve Boerner	Troy Nichols	Jonathan Stumpf	Rita Shaber
Craig Shaber	Steve Franson	Leland Miyawaki	Brian Lencho
Jeff Nichols	Ross Barkhurst	Ron Sawyer	Steve Miller
Curt Kraemer	Wayne Cline	Melanie Rabaglia	

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

1. Commission Workshop

Commissioners discussed various topics.

Policy Director Nate Pamplin gave an overview of the budget.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 2017

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

Commissioner Kehoe was not at the meeting Friday or Saturday

2. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Commissioner McIsaac requested a briefing on Killer Whales during the Director's report in January.
- Commissioner Thorburn shared her experience of working the hunting check stations.
- Commissioner Graybill discussed the guide meetings.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the revised minutes of the November 17, 2017 and November 30, 2017 conference calls.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve both sets of minutes as proposed. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Kehne reported out on the Wildlife Committee topics:

Rehabilitation centers
Target shooting
Periodic Status Review – Endangered vs. Threatened
Primitive weapons
Bear damage issues

Commissioner Carpenter reported out on the Fish Committee topics:

Sportfish rule simplification overview
Willapa Bay Salmon Policy
Guide Proviso update
Alternative commercial gear

3. Director's Report

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

- Legislative Update – Raquel Crosier
- Introduction of Jim Woods, Tribal Liaison

- Diversity and Inclusion workgroup and Budget update – Joe Stohr
- For Heavens Sake Rehabilitation Center
- Black Bear timber damage
- Using drones for moose monitoring in NE Washington
- Southern Resident Killer Whales
- Puget Sound Chinook Management Plan – Kyle Adicks and Mike Grossman

4. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Kimberly Pollari	Darian Davis	Pat Hesselgesser
Dean Finnerty	Paul Mikoloski	Jan White
Christine Brunner	Lori Armitage	Colleen Mayer
Mary Shaw	Ron Garner	Larry Bucklin
Robb Krehbiel	Diana Holbrook	Anne Kroeker
Lori Johnson	Jasmine Fletcher-Glaze	Don Wallace
Dan Boeholt	Captain Keith Robbins	Stephen Willis
Crystal Elliot	Bonnie Balani	Robert Sudar
Mark Izatt		

5. Matrix Consulting Group Report

Alan Pennington with Matrix Reporting Group presented the draft report for the organizational and management assessment required in the 2017-19 operating budget proviso.

6. 2017-19 Budget Orientation and Proviso Discussion

Nate Pamplin and Owen Rowe provide an overview of WDFW's budget processes and fund sources.

7. Periodic Status Review (Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse) – Briefing and Public Hearing

Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager and Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologist, Diversity Division briefed the Commission on the Periodic Status Review compiled for the Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse in accordance with WAC 220-610-110.

The following people provided input:

Denis DeSilvis	Ben Silesky
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8. Planning for Shooting Ranges on WDFW Land - Briefing

Mike Livingston, Region 3 Director, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager provided an update on the agency's shooting range program including: 1) Progress of the Wenas Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee; 2) Recommendation for target shooting rule change; 3) Status of acquiring land for the envisioned Central Washington Shooting Range; and 4) Assessing other WDFW lands for target shooting issues and improvements.

9. Proposed Translocation of Mountain Goats - Briefing

Dr. Richard B. Harris, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division provided a briefing on the Olympic Peninsula Mountain Goat management and proposed translocation to the North Cascades.

10. Compensation for Livestock Damage – Briefing and Public Hearing

Donny Martorello Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead and Dan Brinson, Natural Resource Scientist, Game Division briefed the Commission on recommended changes to two WACs associated with compensation, to increase clarity, streamline the process and for consistency with state law and the wolf plan.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

11. Washington Wolf Conservation and Management Plan - Briefing

Donny Martorello Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Game Division briefed the Commission on the Washington Wolf Compensation and Management Plan.

12. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Lee Davis	Robb Krehbiel	Don Wallace
Lorna Smith	Dan Bowholt	Perry Menchaca
Gabriel Scott	Tom Davis	Allen Ernst

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Chair Smith called the Executive Session to order at 7:00 a.m.

13. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session 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.

Chair Smith called the regular meeting to order at 8:35.

14. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Greg Larson	Steve Miller	Ross Barkhurst
Leland Miyawaki	Steve Fransen	Charles Sullivan
Wayne Cline	Curt Kraemer	Ron Pera
Lisa Beranek	Edward Atkinson	Dan Swecker
Tim Hamilton	Barry Berejikiun	Don Wallace
Steven Hahn	Mark Taylor	Melanie Rabaglia
Francis Estalilla	Robert Rao	Perry Menchaca
Shari Stoican	Vaughn Hodgins	

16. Atlantic Salmon and WDFW's Authority - Briefing

Ken Warheit, Supervisor Genetics and Fish Health Labs briefed the Commission on private aquaculture net pen reared Atlantic Salmon and WDFW's level of authority over them.

17. 2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification – Briefing and Public Haring

Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fishery Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager provided an overview and heard public testimony on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve sportfishing rules.

The following people provided input:

Mike Meseberg	Ron Sawyer	Pete Fisher
Curt Kraemer	Ron Pera	Edward Atkinson
Jonathan Stumpf	Chase Gunnell	Bobby Foster
Rich Simms	Craig Shaber	Melanie Rabaglia
David Slater	Joel Nania	Dan Anderson
Dwayne Swenson	Greg Shimek	Joni England-Fuchs
Nick Chambers	Robert Rao	Ian Skovajsa

18. Willapa Bay Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing

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

The following people provided input:

Ross Barkhurst

Tim Hamilton

Francis Estalilla

Bob Lake

Andy Mitby

Marlisa Dugan

Lance Gray

19. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commission discussed the following items:

- Commissioner Thorburn reported out on the Big Tent Committee topics:
 - Marketing Plan update
 - Advisory groups
 - Staff for outreach
 - Website redesign
 - National Wildlife Management
- January 5 conference call agenda review
- January 19-20 meeting agenda review
- Year at a glance

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant