



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call  
Friday, February 02, 2018  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:	Department Staff:
Brad Smith, Chair	Joe Stohr, Deputy Director	Aaron Dufault
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair	Bill Frymire, AAG	Val Tribble
Kim Thorburn	Mike Grossman, AAG	Kelly Henderson
Dave Graybill	Susan Meenk	Ann Stephenson
Don McIsaac	Ron Warren	Jeff Adams
Barbara Baker	Kyle Adicks	Mark Baltzell
Bob Kehoe	Michelle Dunlop	Lea Ronne
Jay Kehne	Darren Friedel	Derek Dapp
Jay Holzmilller	Craig Burley	
	Kirt Hughes	
Commission Staff:		
Tami Lininger		

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

### A. Petition – Convert North of Falcon Policy to Rule - Decision

Ron Warren, Assistant Director, Fish Program and Mike Grossman, Assistant Attorney General briefed the Commission on a petition filed regarding converting the North of Falcon Policy C-3608 into a rule.

Commissioner Thorburn moved to deny the petition as presented by staff and identified in the justification outlined in the summary sheet, Commissioner Kehne seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion carried.

### B. Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Decision

Commissioners discussed the appointment of a member to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disability.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion to appoint Ronald Zubrick to the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for Region 1, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### C. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commissioners considered approval of the following minutes:

#### January 18-20 meeting

Commission Thorburn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

January 23 conference call

Commissioner Thorburn moved to approve the January 23 conference call minutes as presented, Commissioner Mclsaac seconded the motion and put forth amendments to the minutes that were accepted. Commissioner Kehoe seconded the amended motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

**D. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director will discuss recent activities and items of interest.

- Update on Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan

Commissioner Mclsaac clarified the expectation on briefings going forward:

*Staff was directed to provide regular updates of the negotiation process to the Commission in Executive Session under the confidentiality requirements of ongoing US v Washington litigation, and provide updates to the public via the Puget Sound Advisory Body process when significant announcements are warranted.*

Ron Warren provided a brief update on positive steps made this week.

- February 16 conference call agenda – no changes at this time.

Commissioners discussed the appointment of the Acting Director.

Chair Smith made a motion to appoint Joe Stohr as the Acting Director until the new Director is appointed. Commissioner Mclsaac seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the recruitment process for the new Director. Discussions will continue next week at the regular meeting.

Chair Smith thanked Dr. Unsworth for his tireless effort and service to the agency. He also thanked him for his dedication and commitment and wished him well.

Joe Stohr thanked the Director for his leadership. He also thanked the Commission for selecting him as the Acting Director and discussed some ideas he has in moving the agency forward in 2018.

Commissioner Graybill suggested that a news release go out regarding the Commission's decision to deny the petition and provide the supporting information and a list of current public meetings.

Vice Chair Carpenter recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant