



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
March 15-17, 2018 – Wenatchee

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Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter, Vice-chair
Kim Thorburn
Barbara Baker
Dave Graybill
Don McIsaac
Bob Kehoe
Jay Kehne
Jay Holzmilller
(only 3/16 & 3/17)

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Joe Stohr, Acting Director
William Frymire, AGO
Amy Windrope
Nate Pamplin
Ron Warren
Eric Gardner
Jeff Davis
Randi Thurston
Cindy LeFleur
Kyle Spragens
Jerry Nelson
Steve Pozzanghera
Stephanie Simek
Richard Harris
Justin Haug

Anis Aoude
Richard Tveten
Mike Kuttle, Jr.
Benjamin Maletzke
Dan Brinson
Melia DeVivo
Bill Tweit
Ryan Lothrop
Chelsea Harris
Madonna Luers
Jim Brown
Mike Livingston
Mike Cenci
Carmen Andonaegui
Jeff Bernatowicz

Public:

Chris Bachman	John Lehmkuhl	Tom Watson	Rick Liebel
Sarah Ryan	Jim Sutton	Ed Turner	Rick Ham
Rich Landers	Nick Yanity	Bill Hebner	Rachel Voss
Brett Hanson	Al Rinaldi	Wayne Boehm	Nate Harrigan
Derek Harned	Bob McCoy	Lanny Tingelstad	Chris Hedrick
Chris Cooley	Blake Gruger	Mikal Cline	Phil VandeBrake
Don Dashiell	Michael Martz	Nathan Grimm	Doug Baldwin
Robert Sudar	Brian Snyder	Dean Zinck	Scott Larson
John Kruse	Rick Stilwater	Brandt Cappell	Nello Picinich
Rob Winter	Diane Gallegos	Kim McDonald	Rollie Schmitt
Molly Linville	Bryce Divine	Trish Johnson	Greg Johnson
Alan Hough	Dennis Ashmore	Bob Loomis	Stan Brogdon
Brad Schilperoort	Rich Coleman	Ron Jordan	Lane Merz
Chet Manning	Steve Bush	Bill Leavitt	Mike Craig
Aaron Wisemore	Rick Norton	Andy Parker	Dar Filbeck
Mike McKee	Kelly Cowlisharo	Ky Sjolander	

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Commission Workshop

Commissioners discussed various topics including:

- Updates and Director recruitment planning
- Committee structure process
- Communication

2. 2017 – 19 Proviso Update and Workshop

Deputy Assistant Director Amy Windrope and Policy Director Nate Pamplin discussed the Commission's involvement and next steps for the development of the long-term revenue plan.

(This was not recorded because they were not by microphones)

3. Wildlife Governance Principles – Briefing

Chris Smith, Western Field Representative for the Wildlife Management Institute, discussed the operating principles based on public trust thinking and good governance norms.

Executive Session – this was called at the last minute.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

No action was be taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Friday, March 16, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

4. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Commissioner Thorburn thanked the Wildlife Program staff for getting all the hunting materials turned in early.
- Commissioner Graybill discussed a meeting he attended on the Yakima Basin Enhancements.
- Chair Smith discussed the Governor's Executive Order signing on Southern Resident Killer Whales.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2018 conference call.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Kehne highlighted the topics from the Wildlife Committee:

- Primitive weapons
- Managing for hunting opportunities

Commissioner Carpenter highlighted the topics from the Fish Committee:

- Columbia River Policy review

5. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Tom Watson – Discover Pass

Sarah Ryan – Elk populations

6. Director's Report

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

- Killer Whales
- Diversity Advisory Committee
- Enforcement intern positions
- Joint Meeting with Oregon in November on Columbia River policy
- WAFWA Summer Meeting
- Suction dredging
- Legislative and budget updates and thank you to staff
- Regional Director, Jim Brown gave an update on items in the area

7. Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

No one provided testimony.

8. Hunting Boundaries – Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on hunting boundaries.

No one provided testimony.

9. Hunting Equipment – Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on hunting equipment.

The following people provided testimony: Nathan Grimm

10. Deer General Seasons and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

The following people provided testimony:

Chris Hedrick	Rick Liebel	Nathan Grimm	Don Dashiell
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11. Elk General Seasons and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

The following people provided testimony:

Rick Liebel	Nicholas Yanity	Brent Hansen	Blake Gruger
Rachel Voss	Don Dashiell	Jim Sutton	Nathan Harrigan
Wayne Boehm	Al Rinaldi	Derek Harned	Nathan Grimm

12. Appreciation Award – Rich Landers

The Commission and Department recognized the 40-plus year career of Rich Landers, recently retired outdoor editor of the Spokane Spokesman Review.

13. Requirements for Sealing Pelts - Briefing and Public Hearing

Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager briefed the Commission on the requirements for sealing pelts.

No one provided testimony.

14. Black Bear Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing

Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager briefed the Commission on black bear seasons.

The following people provided testimony:

Chris Hedrick Jim Sutton Don Dashiell

15. Cougar Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing

Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager briefed the Commission on cougar seasons.

The following people provided testimony:

Chris Hedrick Don Dashiell Bob McCoy Rachel Voss

16. Moose Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager briefed the Commission on moose seasons.

The following people provided testimony: Don Dashiell

17. Mountain Goat Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager briefed the Commission on mountain goat seasons.

No one provided testimony.

18. Bighorn Sheep Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing

Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager briefed the Commission on bighorn sheep seasons.

No one provided testimony.

19. Small Game and Hunter Orange Requirements - Briefing and Public Hearing

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on small game seasons.

The following people provided testimony: Mikal Cline

20. Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on landowner hunting permits.

No one provided testimony.

Item 22 was heard before item 21.

22. 2018 Farm Bill Reauthorization - Briefing

Mike Kuttel, Jr., Farm Bill Coordinator briefed the Commission on current federal Farm Bill conservation programs and reauthorization of the Farm Bill due in 2018.

21. Forest Management Update - Briefing

Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead briefed the Commission on management of forests on WDFW Wildlife areas.

Executive Session – This item was added during the meeting after the agenda was announced.

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Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

23. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Greg Johnson – personal use salmon

Brandt Cappell – More access to sno-park and lower Columbia River access

Nello Picinich – personal use salmon

Rich Stilwater – personal use salmon

Nathan Grimm – thank you for coming to Wenatchee and Farm Bill and timber management

Rob Winters – fishing pressure

Bob McCoy – Director search

24. Coastal Commercial Ocean Pink Shrimp LED Fishing Lights – Decision

Director Stohr requested approval on a proposal to amend WAC 222-340-500 to require the use of light emitting diode (LED) fishing lights on nets by vessels participating in the Washington coastal commercial ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery.

Commissioner Kehoe moved, seconded by Commissioner Mclsaac to adopt the LED fishing light rule as presented by staff. Motion passed.

25. Clarifying the Limits of Keeping Salmon for Personal Use during an Open Commercial Fishery - Decision

Deputy Chief Cenci requested approval to adopt a permanent rule to clarify the limits around keeping salmon for personal use during an open commercial fishery.

Commissioner Kehoe moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt the Salmon personal use rules as discussed with the amendment for an annual review. Motion passed.

26. HPA Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing

Randi Thurston, Habitat Program Protection Division Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed amendments to the Hydraulic Code (Chapter 220-660 WAC).

No one provided testimony.

27. Annual Wolf Report – Briefing

Eric Gardner, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program, Benjamin Maletzke, Wolf Biologist, Dan Brinson, Conflict Section Manager, and Melia DeVivo, Ungulate Research Scientist briefed the Commission on the implementation of the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan in 2017.

28. Columbia River Policy Review and Next Steps – Briefing, Public Hearing and Possible Decision

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Policy Coordinator briefed the Commission on the performance of 2013 - 2017 Columbia River basin salmon fisheries, managed

through an extended transitional period of guiding principles and actions within policy C-3620, and requested guidance on next steps.

The following people provided testimony:

Rick Stilwater	Brandt Cappell	Nathan Grimm	Rollie Schmitten
Nello Picinich	Bryce Divine	Greg Johnson	Dennis Ashmore
Aaron Wisemore	Stan Brogdon	Brad Schilperoort	Doug Baldwin
Steve Bush	Robert Sudar		

The Commissioners thanked staff for all their work on the report and reviewed next steps in the review process.

29. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commission discussed the following items:

Commissioner Kehne submitted a request for a briefing on the Administrative options for Conserving and Managing Wolves – Commissioner Thorburn seconded the request and the motion passed.

Commissioner Carpenter submitted a request for a review or briefing on HRSG – Commissioner Thorburn seconded the request and the motion passed.

Commissioner Baker submitted a request for the total amount of expenditures spent on wolf recovery since 2011 – Commissioner Carpenter seconded the request and the motion passed.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant