



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call  
Friday, September 07, 2018  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:
Brad Smith, Chair	Kelly Susewind
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair	Nate Pamplin
Kim Thorburn	Darren Friedel
Dave Graybill	Ron Warren
Don Mclsaac	Eric Kinne
Bob Kehoe	Brandon Bean
Barbara Baker	Mick Cope
Jay Holzmilller	Eric Gardner

Commission Staff:  
Tami Lininger

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**A. Petition – WAC 220-414-070(2)(b) - Decision**

Anis Aoude, Wildlife Program Manager, briefed the Commission and requested action on a petition to change WAC 220-414-070(2)(b) to clarify the intent of a safe and ethical kill with respect to bow hunting.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to deny the petition as presented by staff and request that the staff bring this forward during the season setting process in March/April 2019. The motion passed.

**B. Salmon Hatcheries: Conservation, Fishery Enhancement, and Prey Availability - Decision**

Commissioner Mclsaac made the following motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller:

I move that the Commission adopt the following general policy intent and guidance for the primary purpose of proposing enhanced Chinook salmon abundance for the benefit of SRKW recovery, acknowledging that there will also be secondary fishery benefits. This general policy intent is provided to Commission and Director representatives on the Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force for guidance as they comply with the Governor requests under the Executive Order, and to the Director to include as a separate funding proposal for consideration in the Governor's proposed budget, at this point in those processes.

1. At a high policy level, the Commission proposes a significant enhancement in Chinook salmon abundance, via increases in releases from hatchery programs, approximating 50 million smolts beyond 2018 status quo releases. This is to include approximately 30 million from Puget Sound locations and approximately 20 million from Columbia River locations.
2. Table 1 below is to be used as a general reference with regard to specific areas and numbers, with the understanding that flexibility is expected from Department

representatives as the overall policy purpose is discussed and negotiated with entities in the Task Force and budget consideration processes.

3. The Director is tasked with prioritizing what can be done in the most immediate time frame as the highest priority, with the remainder to be done as soon as possible.
4. In all representations of this proposal in budget related discussions, it should be emphasized that this is an additional General Fund enhancement above and beyond all aspects of the status quo budget of the agency, and any substitution of the status quo budget of the agency by this enhancement proposal is opposed as a firm policy position.
5. This proposal is in no way meant to replace, minimize, or delay ongoing or planned salmonid habitat restoration efforts.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion to amend the motion by removing items 2, 4, 5  
Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The main motion, as amended, was then voted on and passed as well.

Commissioner Mclsaac made a second motion, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to:

Adopt an additional hatchery enhancement proposal in general accordance with Table 2 below, funded with General Fund funding. The proposal below is to be used as a general reference with regard to target areas and numbers, with the understanding that flexibility is expected from Department representatives as the overall policy purpose is discussed and negotiated with entities in the co-manager and budget consideration processes, with regard to efficiencies and legal constraints. In all representations of this proposal in budget related discussions, it should be emphasized that this is an additional General Fund enhancement above and beyond all aspects of the status quo budget of the agency, and any substitution of the status quo budget of the agency by this enhancement proposal is opposed as a firm policy position.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **Meeting Minute Approval – Decision**

The Commission considered approval of the September 5, 2018 conference call minutes.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

#### **C. General Discussion**

Commissioner Thorburn reported that the interviews for the vacant Region 4 ADA Committee position were completed yesterday and she would be bringing forward a recommendation at the next meeting.

Director Susewind reported that there have been some wolf depredations by the Profanity Wolf Pack.

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant

## Motion 1

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**Table 1. Chinook Salmon Hatchery Enhancement Proposal**

<u>Region</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Genetic Strain</u>	<u>Number of fish</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
<u>Puget Sound</u>	Deschutes River Hatchery and Squaxin Pens Complex	Deschutes River fall chinook hybrid	10,000,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with GF. Coordinate with Squaxin Tribe	
	Orcas Island Eastsound Bay Pens	Most locally adapted	10,000,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with Lummi Tribe. Delayed release strategy to maximize residence.	
	Agate Pass Bay	Most locally adapted	5,000,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with GF. Coordinate with the Suquamish Tribe.	
	Southern Hood Canal	Most locally adapted	5,000,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with GF. Coordinate with Tribe.	
	<b>Puget Sound total</b>			<b>30,000,000</b>	
	<u>Columbia River</u>	Cowlitz River	Cowlitz River spring chinook	500,000	Funding with State GF
		Kalama River Hatcheries	Kalama River fall chinook	4,400,000	Primarily Mitchell Act Federal funding; some State GF may be needed.
		Lewis River Hatcheries	Lewis River spring chinook locally adapted hybrid	500,000	Funding with State GF
		Willamette Hatchery Complex	Upper Willamette River spring chinook	3,000,000	Seek partnership with the State of Oregon; fund with State GF.
		Bonneville Hatchery	Spring Creek fall chinook	3,000,000	Federal funding. Coordinate with State of Oregon.
Little White Salmon Hatchery		Locally adapted Upriver Bright fall chinook	3,000,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with CRITFC.	
Spring Creek Hatchery		Spring Creek fall chinook	5,000,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with CRITFC.	
Upper Columbia River TBD		Upper CR Summer Chinook	600,000	Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with CRITFC.	
<b>Columbia River total</b>			<b>20,000,000</b>		
<b>All Areas Total</b>			<b>50,000,000</b>		

## **Motion 2**

**I move the Commission adopt an additional hatchery enhancement proposal in general accordance with Table 2 below, funded with General Fund funding. The proposal below is to be used as a general reference with regard to target areas and numbers, with the understanding that flexibility is expected from Department representatives as the overall policy purpose is discussed and negotiated with entities in the co-manager and budget consideration processes, with regard to efficiencies and legal constraints. In all representations of this proposal in budget related discussions, it should be emphasized that this is an additional General Fund enhancement above and beyond all aspects of the status quo budget of the agency, and any substitution of the status quo budget of the agency by this enhancement proposal is opposed as a firm policy position.**

**Table 2. Coho Salmon Hatchery Enhancement Proposal**

<u>River</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Genetic Strain</u>	<u>Number of fish</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Elokomin River	Beaver Creek Hatchery	early run coho	1,000,000	Weir in place to sort hatchery and wild fish during the early coho run timing
Cowlitz River	Riffe Lake	Cowlitz River	2,000,000	Builds on success of upriver restoration tests
<del>Toutle River</del>	<del>Toutle River Hatchery</del>	<del>Toutle River</del>	<del>500,000</del>	<del>Excellent weir situation</del>
NF Lewis River	Lewis River Hatcheries	early run coho	1,500,000	Weir in place on Cedar Creek
Upper Columbia River	Ringold Ponds	coho	500,000	Coordinate with CRITFC
			<u>5,000,000</u>	