



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
September 14-15, 2018 – Olympia

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Kim Thorburn
Barbara Baker
Dave Graybill
Don McIsaac
Bob Kehoe
Jay Holzmilller

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Ron Warren
Eric Gardner
Bill Tweit
Raquel Crosier
Julie Sandberg
Ryan Lothrop
Donny Martorello

Craig Burley
Kelly Cunningham
Dan Brinson
Anis Aoude
Michele Culver
Heather Reed
Rob Geddis
Brock Hoenes
Dan Rawding
Paul Golden
Steve Bear

Dan Chadwick
Dave Whipple
Bill Montgomery

Public:

James Loran
Brad Caldwell
Sharon Stroble
Heath Heikkila
Paula Swedeen
Chiara D'Angelo
Bob Drake
Debbie Reed
Don Kinsey

David Linn
Denis DeSilvis
Steve Shanewise
Amaroq Weiss
Harriet Allen
Lauren Macfarland
Randy Good
Renee Dagseth
Noel Purser

Natalee Drake
Ronald Reed
Dave Croonquist
Claire Davis
Mark LaRiviere
Linda Saunders
John Jonasson
Anne Prezyna

Kathleen Drake
Lorna Smith
Larry Thevik
Diane Gallegos
Jane Hutchinson
Dan Amerbach
Janis Schweitzer
Nick Chambers

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Fish Committee meeting – Commissioners Carpenter (by phone), Graybill, Thorburn, Kehoe

Location: Room 537 NRB

Agenda topics

- Columbia River Policy review – progress report on comprehensive evaluation

Friday, September 14, 2018

Wildlife Committee meeting – Commissioners Holzmilller, Thorburn, Baker

Location: Room 175 A & B

Agenda topics

- Wolf update
- Landowner hunting permits
- Translocation of mountain goats update

Chari Smith called the regular meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

The Commissioners discussed the following items:

Commissioner Thorburn moved to appoint Susanna Martini to the Region 4 ADA Committee vacancy, Chair Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

Commissioner McIsaac stated that the late changes to the agenda were awkward and felt we could do a better job with meeting planning.

Chair Smith made the following changes to committees:

Commissioner Thorburn is the chair of the Wildlife Committee

Commissioner Kehoe is now on the Executive Committee

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the September 7, 2018 conference call.

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

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Kehoe highlighted the topics from the Fish Committee:

Columbia River Policy Comprehensive Review and next steps, plan for panels at the October 15th meeting and the expectation of what the revised document should detail

Commissioner Thorburn highlighted the topics from the Wildlife Committee:

Landowner hunting permits

Mountain goat relocation

Skagit Valley elk herd

Wolf update

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

James Loran – wolves

David Linn – wolves

Natalee Drake – wolves

Kathleen Drake – wolves

Bob Drake – wolves

Brad Caldwell – Chinook size limit

Randy Good – Skagit elk

Janis Schweitzer – Skagit elk

John Jonasson – Skagit elk

Ronald Reed – wolves

Lorna Smith – wolves

Mark LaRiviere – Chinook size limit

Chiara D'Angelo – Orcas

3. Director's Report

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

Budget submitted to OFM

Legislative meetings

Wolf update

Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force

Public Affairs Manager

National Hunting and Fishing Day

Deputy Director Stohr provided an update on the revenue status

4. Strategic Planning - Briefing

Nate Pamplin, Policy Director and Rob Geddis, Lean Manager presented a draft process for developing the agency's strategic plan for 2019-21 and requested input from the Commission.

5. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager briefed the Commission and requested approval for four acquisitions.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the transactions as presented. Motion passed.

Item 7 was presented before item 6.

6. Delegation of Authority - Discussion

Commissioners and staff discussed items that could be added or removed from the Delegation of Authority.

7. Hoof Disease – Briefing, Public Comment and Decision

Brock Hoenes, Elk Specialist briefed the Commission on changes needed to add three GMUs to WAC 220-413-220 reducing the spread of hoof disease – unlawful transport of elk hooves.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to amend WAC 200-413-413 as presented. Motion passed.

8. Don Fox 50 Year Service Award

Dave Whipple presented Hunter Education Volunteer Don Fox with an award of appreciation.

9. Amending the Coastal Recreational Crab Rules – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Heather Reed, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Coordinator briefed and requested approval from the Commission on proposed regulations for providing coastal recreational crab fishing opportunities.

The following people provided testimony:

Matthew Wilson Larry Thevik

Commissioner Graybill moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to delay the decision until the October 15, 2018 meeting to allow for additional review and time for comments. Motion passed.

10. Recreational Halibut Catch Record Card – Briefing and Public Hearing

Michele Culver, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Manager briefed the Commission on proposed rules to implement changes to the halibut catch record card to implement SB 6127, the annual bag limit of four halibut, and to facilitate online catch record card reporting.

The following people provided testimony:

Dave Croonquist

11. Item 11 was postponed prior to the meeting.

Follow up on roles and responsibilities of the Commission, Wolf Advisory Group and Department of Fish and Wildlife in post delisting of wolves and the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.

12. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Paula Swedeen – wolves	Sharon Stroble – wolves
Dave Croonquist – fee increase	Ronald Reed – wolves
Heath Heikkila – CR Policy	Ann Prezyna – wolves
Amaroq Weiss – wolves	Renee Dagseth – wolves
Claire Davis – wolves	

13. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commissioners met in Executive Session 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.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

14. This item was postponed until October 15, 2018

Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 (Part 2)

15. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Steve Shanewise – corn pond hunting	Diane Gallegos – wolf plan
Richard Coshow – riparian habitat	Don Kinsey – CR fishery

16. Columbia Basin Partnership – Briefing

Dan Rawding, Columbia River Salmon Recovery Policy Lead briefed the Commission on the work being done to bring sovereigns and stakeholders together to develop shared, long-term goals for the future of salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following items:

- October 15th meeting items and topics to discuss with the Governor
- Approval of the 2019 meetings and conference calls
- November 1-3 meeting – review agenda at the October 5th call
- Chair Smith added Commissioner Graybill to the Big Tent Committee
- September 21, 2018 conference call was cancelled

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant