



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
October 15, 2018 – Olympia

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter
Kim Thorburn
Barbara Baker
Dave Graybill
Don McIsaac
Bob Kehoe
Jay Holzmilller – arrived after
item #1

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Ron Warren
Bill Tweit
Ryan Lothrop
Heather Reed
Cindy LeFleur
Myrtice Dobler

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Public:

Irene Martin	Kent Martin	Steve Manlow	Robert Sudar
Les Clark	Bryce Divine	Greg Johnson	Jeff Povelite
Jim Coleman	Jim Wells	Don Kinsey	Larry Carey
Dale Scott	Nathan Grimm	Larry Thevik	John Foltz
Marv Chesley	Dave Kellin	Lori Steele	Heath Heikkila
David Moskowitz	Liz Hamilton	Lyle Cabe	Nick Chambers
Harry Barber	Ed Wickersham	Megan Bungum	Nello Picinich
Bryan Irwin	Noel Purser		

Monday, October 15, 2018

1. Amending Coastal Recreational Crab Rules – Decision

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

Commissioner McIsaac moved to adopt the proposed changes to WAC 220-330-040 as presented, with the proviso that staff evaluate the effort and catch of the early opening in 2018 in general terms and provide a short written report by the end of the first quarter in 2019.

2. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing, Panel Discussion, Public Comment and Next Steps

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

The following panels provided testimony:

- Commercial – Les Clark, Irene Martin, Robert Sudar, Greg Johnson
- Recreational – Heath Heikkila, Liz Hamilton, Nathan Grimm
- Conservation – John Foltz, Steve Manlow, David Moskowitz

The following people provided input:

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| Kent Martin | Bryce Divine | Jim Coleman |
| Jim Wells | Don Kinsey | Larry Carey |
| Lori Steele | Harry Barber | Ed Wickersham |
| Nello Picinich | Bryan Irwin | |

The Commission delegated to the Director and staff to finalize the comprehensive review report by November 15, 2018, after taking into consideration the comments of the Commission at this meeting and any provided soon thereafter by Commissioners. The Commission also tasked the Director and staff to compile a listing of all ideas expressed at this meeting by Commissioners or the public, including any provided by Commissioners soon after the meeting. This compilation of ideas, specifically to not include any analysis, is to be provided to Commissioners in advance of the joint meeting with the Oregon FWC on November 1 for their use during that meeting. The public should be noticed that the Commission would not take any action in terms of decision making on adjustments to the Policy at the November joint FWC meeting or the following November WFWC meeting. There will be further discussions and an outline of next steps at the November 2-3 meeting in Vancouver.

3. Annual Meeting with the Governor

In accordance with RCW 77.04.055 the Commission met with Governor Inslee and to review and discuss goals and objectives in implementing fish and wildlife policies.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant