



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
November 1-3, 2018 – Vancouver

Attendance

WA
Commission:

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

Commission Staff:
Tami Lininger

WA Department
Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Ron Warren
Bill Tweit
Raquel Crosier
Julie Sandberg
Ryan Lothrop
Kessina Lee
Penny Becker
Chris Donley
Megan Zarzycki

Cont.

Craig Burley
Kelly Cunningham
Dan Rawding
Myrtice Dobler
Chad Herring
Cynthia Wilkerson
Cindy LeFleur
Pat Anderson
Captain Wickersham
Kyle Adicks
Bryce Glaser
Elliot Johnson
Lisa Harlan

OR Commission
and Staff

Michael Finley, Chair
Holly Akenson
Bruce Buckmaster
Jim Bittle
Gregory Wolley
Bob Webber
James Lawonn
Davia Palmeri
Dale Ballard
Phil Simpson
Michelle Donnely
Floyd Vance
Jay Remy

Public:

Carsten Koldsbaef
Larry Carey
LeRoy Beasley
Mike Mudgett
Katie Frankowicz
Dale Lewi
Liz Hamilton
Merle Kirsch
Bob Rees
Jim McKenna
Steve Long
Herman Fleishman
Rick Graser
Don Hew
Earl Salvey
Ron Roler
Brian Davern
Shawn Cantrell
Jordan Evich
Chris Cone
Don Kinsey
Greg King
Vic Olson
Nathan Rogol
Mark Hippensteel

Dennis Kenna
Bob Krueger
Susan Duckhoff
Mike Nelson
Clair Klock
Dean Finnerty
Joseph Sagemiller
Bernadette Graham Hudson
Ryan Howell
Brad Halverson
Jim Wells
Bryce Meisner
Gary Wise
Ron Pockrus
Frank Linge
Mike O'Bryant
Bill Chapman
Sristi Kamal
George Larson
David Linn
Bob Cannon
Paul Larson
Andrew Gregor
Gene Elliott
Dan Walsh

Marlene Fox
Bruce Polley
Tim Cloe
Joe Edwards
Jason Miner
Steve Fick
Kent Martin
Chad Price
Jeff Samuels
Robert Sudar
Ilene Kaplan
Paul Larson
Heath Heikkila
Perry Walsh
Richard Robertson
Greg Johnson
Dale Scott
Mindy Sass
Robert Peterson
JR
Bruce Barnes
Dian Gallegos
Mike Backman
Brian Love

Ray Youngren
Taren Weigandt
Roy Gaul
Cyndie Boldue
Lori Steele
Brian McLachlan
Irene Martin
Terry Otto
Thomas Cuomo
Bryce Divine
Leon Stevenson
Ross Barkhurst
Jim Coleman
Bill Ritchie
Donald Peterson
David Moskowitz
Kathy Scott
Rod Evers
Mark Linhart
Karen Turner
Ed Wickersham
Nick Chambers
Cary Johnson
Allen Thomas

Thursday, November 1, 2018

Joint Washington and Oregon Commission Workshop

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Commissioners from Washington and Oregon provided introductions and opening remarks.

2. Columbia River Fishery Management Policies – Briefing/Workshop

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant, Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager, WDFW; Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon/Columbia River Program Manager; and Chris Kern, Fish Division Deputy Administrator, ODFW reviewed the matrix of concurrency between state policies and consequences of non-concurrence, and discussed the WDFW 5-year performance review, and the concurrent regulations for 2019.

3. Continued - Columbia River Fishery Management Policies – Briefing/Workshop

Further discussion of the Columbia River Policies.

4. Guide Licenses for Columbia River Recreational Fisheries – Briefing

Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, WDFW; and Chris Kern, Fish Division Deputy Administrator, ODFW provided a report on licensing authority and limitations by State and reviewed the history of numbers of guide licenses and guide boat catch.

5. Updates on Predation, Pinnipeds and Killer Whales – Briefing

Nate Pamplin, Policy Director, Dr. Penny Becker, Killer Whale Policy Lead, and Dan Rawding, Columbia River Salmon Resource Policy Manager WDFW; and Dr. Shaun Clements, Senior Policy Analyst, and James Lawonn, Avian Predation Specialist, ODFW provided an overview of predation issues, and an update on pinniped management as it relates to the Bonneville program, the status of the Willamette application, and any updates on federal legislation. The staff also provided an update from the Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force.

6. Closing Remarks

Commissioners thanked staff and provided closing remarks.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Friday, November 2, 2018 – Regular WDFW Commission Meeting

7. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Joe Sagmiller – save the fish

JR – hoof rot

Ed Wickersham – gillnet bycatch

Greg King – CR policy

Shawn Cantrell – wolves

Larry Carey – CR policy

David Linn – wolves

Bruce Barnes – hoof rot

Dr. Ilene Kaplan – data/stakeholder engagement

Robert Sudar – CR policy

Don Kinsey -CR policy

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 2018

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

Added item Columbia River Fisheries above Bonneville Dam – Decision

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant requested approval from the Commission on changes to sections in WAC 220-359 regarding rules to Columbia River Fisheries above Bonneville Dam.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to amend the proposed sections of WAC 220-359 regarding the Columbia River Fisheries for white sturgeon, gear identification and personal identification requirements above Bonneville Dam as presented by staff to be consistent with Oregon and tribal rules. Motion passed.

15. Future Meeting Planning - Discussion

Commissioners and staff discussed upcoming meetings and conference calls.

16. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Commission Discussion, Next Steps and Possible Guidance

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Policy Coordinator reviewed with the Commission the discussions from the joint meeting with Oregon on the performance of the 2013-2017 Columbia River basin salmon fisheries, managed through an extended transitional period of guiding principles and actions within policy C-3620.

The Commission accepted the Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy Executive Report as final upon completion of the items discussed at this meeting.

Item 18 was discussed before item 17.

17. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Kent Martin – Columbia River	Nathan Rogel – Columbia River
Irene Martin – Columbia River	Brian Love – Columbia River
David Moskowitz – Orcas, sea lions, hatcheries	Jim Coleman – Columbia River
Jim Wells – Columbia River	Dan Walsh – Columbia River
Lori Steele – Columbia River	Robert Sudar – Columbia River
Steve Fick – Columbia River	Greg Johnson – Columbia River
Mike Backman – Help from local counties	Cary Johnson – Columbia River

18. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following items:

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the October 5, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion passed. The minutes from the October 15, 2018 meeting were tabled until the next conference call.

Commissioner Graybill moved seconded by Commissioner Thorburn requesting staff to provide an assessment of non-concurrent regulations with Oregon concerning night-time recreational fishing for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Columbia. Provide

a review of the benefits and concerns of adopting regulations that would be concurrent with the Oregon regulations, with respect to conservation objectives, management implications and regulatory simplification.

Also provide an inventory of fisheries in the Columbia that are exclusively WA state managed that currently open to night-time recreational fishing for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon, with particular focus on the mainstem Columbia upstream of the Oregon border, Drano Lake, and the White Salmon. Include a review of the implications of changing regulations in those areas in terms of conservation, management and regulation simplification. All were in favor and the motion passed

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant