



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
January 11-12, 2019 – Olympia

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**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  
Ryan Lothrop  
Kelly Cunningham  
Kyle Adicks  
Eric Gardner  
Michele Culver  
Heather Hall  
Patricia Jatczak  
Lauri Vigue  
Bill Falling

Penny Becker  
Cynthia Wilkerson  
Kristin Nielsen  
Rich Harris  
Anis Aoude  
Patricia Thompson  
Chief Bear  
Mick Cope  
Irene Goldenberger  
Hannah Anderson  
Melinda Posner  
Matthew Trendera  
Shane Belson  
Craig Bartlett  
Erik Neatherlin

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**Public:**

Anne Kroeker  
Diane Gallegos  
Frank Urabeck  
Dr. Deborah Giles  
Ron Wesen  
Doug Sandilands  
Suzanne West  
Craig Moran  
Jerry Brown

Carey Evenson  
Christina Iverson  
Steve Shanewise  
Karin Roemers-Kleven  
David Thomas  
Debbie Elven-Snyder  
Michaela Forbes  
Alicia Bye

Rebecca Yalch  
Kevin Lyon  
David Linn  
Denis DeSilvis  
Randy Good  
Jennifer Convy  
Jan White  
Jenny Schnieps

Alison Morrow  
Felicia Carroll  
Cindy Hanson  
John Jonasson  
Bill Schmidt  
Makenna Johansen  
Kyla West  
Alysha Evans

**Thursday, January 8, 2019**

**Fish Committee meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, Graybill, Thorburn, Kehoe

Location: Room 175 A & B

Agenda topics

- Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 review process

**Friday, January 9, 2019**

**Wildlife Committee meeting** – Commissioners Holzmilller, Thorburn, Baker

Location: Room 175 A & B

Agenda topics

- January workshop update
- Land acquisition O&M calculations

- Update on salvage rules

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion**

The Commissioners discussed the following items:  
Chair Smith provided an overview of the WAFWA meeting

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the December 21, 2018 conference call.

**Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Committee Reports**

Commissioner Carpenter highlighted the topics from the Fish Committee:

Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy review  
North of Falcon Policy  
Guide logbook update

Commissioner Thorburn highlighted the topics from the Wildlife Committee:

Roadkill salvage rules update  
Land acquisition O&M calculations  
Wolf Committee recommendation

**2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Frank Urabeck – sportfishing opportunity      Steve Shanewise – corn pond hunting  
Cindy Hansen – salmon for SRKW                  David Linn – public trust doctrine relating to wildlife  
Karin Roemers-Kleven salmon for SRKW      Dr. Debroah Giles – salmon for SRKW

**3. Director's Report**

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

Legislative preparations/meetings  
Hatchery Scientific Review plan  
Wolves  
Wynoochee Mitigation  
Skokomish River update  
Minter Creek follow up

**4. Land Transactions – This item was removed from the agenda**

**5. Lands Showcase Marketing and Communication Results - Briefing**

Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager, and Kristin Nielsen, Business Analyst, Rebecca Elmore-Yalch, Northwest Research Group, and Carey Evenson from C+C briefed the Commission on the marketing and communications portion of the Lands Showcase project. The consultants presented the results sent to Washingtonians to establish their awareness and understanding of WDFW's Wildlife Areas, and the online community board used to determine the concepts for the 'brand pillars' used to develop communications strategies.

**6. Pronghorn - Briefing**

Rich Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Mountain Goat, and Pronghorn Antelope Section Manager, Game Division provided a briefing on the history of pronghorns and pronghorn management in Washington, including translocation efforts, current status and future management considerations and options.

**7. 2019 – 20 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Decision**

Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager requested adoption of proposed modifications to the North of Falcon Policy C-3608 (currently in effect through December 31, 2018) setting guidelines for salmon management.

**Commissioner McIsaac made a motion seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to accept the changes recommended by staff and add two additional changes:**

- 1. Under the section titled *Other Species* on page 4 strike “do not have unacceptable impacts” and replace it with provide proper protection to SRKW.**
- 2. Under the sections titled *Grays Harbor, Willipa Bay and Columbia River* on page 2 remove “provided by the Commission” and add adopted by the Commission following notice and opportunity for public review and comment.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan - Update**

Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager provided an update on the status of the Puget Sound Chinook Harvest Management Plan.

**9. Columbia River Concurrent Night Fishing Rules - Briefing**

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Ryan Lothrop, Columbia River Fishery Manager provided the Commission an assessment on non-concurrent recreational night fishing regulations with Oregon for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Columbia River, and an inventory of Columbia River night fisheries exclusively managed by WDFW for these species.

**10. Wildlife Rehabilitation Rules - Briefing and Public Hearing**

Patricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Falconry Manager, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-220 and the history, reasoning, and process behind those amendments.

The following people provided testimony:

Jennifer Convy

Kyla West

Jan White

Craig Moran

**11. Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met 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.

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission also discussed in executive session the performance of a public employee.

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

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

**Big Tent Committee meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Smith, Graybill

Location: Director's Conference Room 537 – 5th floor (guests must have badge from reception)

Agenda topics

- Strategic Plan

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

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

**12. Future Meeting Planning - Discussion**

Commission Requests

Roadkill salvage rules commission request was covered at the Wildlife Committee meeting  
The aviation predation commission request was withdrawn by Commissioner Carpenter.

**Commissioner Baker made a motion for a briefing on corn pond hunting, it was seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. The motion passed unanimously .**

Commissioners and staff further discussed upcoming meetings and conference call items.

**13. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on the Skagit Elk Herd:

John Jonasson

David Thomas, County Assessor

Ron Wesen, County Commissioner

Randy Good

Bill Schmidt

**14. Whale Entanglements in the Coastal Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing**

Michele Culver and Heather Hall, Intergovernmental Ocean Policy Office, briefed the Commission on whale entanglements in the coastal Dungeness crab fishery on the West Coast, discussions with co-managers, other agencies, and stakeholders, and discussed next steps.

**15. Update on Enforcement Program Activities – Briefing**

Chief Bear provided an update on recruitment and retention efforts being made in the Enforcement Program.

**16. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Decision**

The Commissioner selected a new Chair and Vice Chair.

**Chair Smith made a motion to elect Commissioner Carpenter as the new Chair, Commissioner Graybill seconded the motion – all were in favor and the motion passed.**

**Commissioner McIsaac made a motion to elect Commissioner Baker as the Vice Chair, Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion – all were in favor and the motion passed.**

**17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following items:

- Skagit elk further discussion needed on next steps
- Concurrent night fishing – include enforcement information
- Wolf Committee further discussion needed on next steps

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant

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