



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission**  
Conference Call  
Friday, February 22, 2019  
Olympia, Washington

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Attendance

Commission:

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

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind  
Bill Frymire  
Amy Windrope  
Mick Cope  
Ron Warren  
Chad Herring

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

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Vice Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**A. Staff Update on Skagit Elk – Briefing**

Amy Windrope, Region 4 Director and Mick Cope, Deputy Assistant Director, Wildlife Program provided the history and then discussed the current status of elk in the Skagit Valley, discussions to date, and next steps. Commissioners requested that the Director or staff talk further with DOT regarding options for signage or lights in the most heavily impacted elk areas.

**B. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy C-3622 – Briefing only**

Chad Herring, South Coast Fishery Policy Lead briefed the Commission on progress of the comprehensive review for the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3622, including response to earlier commission questions, and walked through next steps for public input and interim guidance for fisheries planning for the 2019 season. This topic will be on the April agenda and the Commission will take public comment at that time.

**C. February 8-9, 2019 Meeting Minute Approval**

Postponed until the March meeting

**D. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director will discussed the following items:

- Commissioner Thorburn thanked the Wildlife Program for all of their hard work to get the hunting rules completed timely.

- Commissioner Graybill requested that staff review the current Columbia River Policy and prepare a revised version – he will discuss further at the March meeting.
- Director Susewind announced the appointment of Tami Lininger (me) as his new Executive Assistant.
- Director Susewind provided a legislative update

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant

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