



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Conference Call
Friday, March 15, 2019
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

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

Department Staff:
Kelly Susewind
Joe Stohr
Mick Cope
Richard Tveten

Commission Staff:
Tami Liningier

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

A. Stemilt Forest Restoration Project on Colockum Wildlife Area – Decision

Richard Tveten requested approval of a commercial thinning project in the Colockum Wildlife Area.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Holzmilller to approve the proposed Stemilt Forest Restoration thinning project as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.

B. Meeting Minute Approval

Commissioners considered the minutes of the February 28 – March 2, 2019 meeting in Spokane.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as proposed. All were in favor and the motion carried.

C. General Discussion

Commissioners and the Director discussed the following items:

- Commissioner Thorburn provided an overview of the Colville Confederated Tribal meeting that she attended with Commissioner Graybill.
- Commissioner Holzmilller reminded all that this has been a very hard year for deer and elk die off due to the weather.

- Commissioner McIsaac provided an overview of a meeting at the PFMC meeting with WDFW staff and Federal Fisheries staff – the discussion focused on the hatchery production needs for Southern Resident Killer Whale recovery.
- Director Susewind and Mick Cope provided an update on several wildlife topics that were heard in Spokane.
- Vice-chair Baker suggested we look into different options for conference calls.
- Commissioners reviewed the April agenda and year at a glance.
- Commissioners discussed the timing of upcoming Committee meetings.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant

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