

MINUTES

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

December 1, 2008 – 4:30 p.m.
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE:

Commission

Jerry Gutzwiler, Chair

Miranda Wecker, Vice Chair

Ken Chew

Chuck Perry

Conrad Mahnken

George Orr

Gary Douvia

Shirley Solomon

Public

Chester Allen, The Olympian

Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager

Chair Gutzwiler called the Special Meeting via Conference Call to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Commission immediately went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. No action was taken during the Executive Session, and the public was not permitted to attend.

At 5:15 p.m., the Commission came back into public session.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to accept a letter of resignation from the Director Jeff Koenings with an effective date of December 11, 2008. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to appoint Phil Anderson as Interim Director effective upon the resignation of Director Jeff Koenings. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to approve the following statement: “The Fish and Wildlife Commission has accepted the resignation of Dr. Jeffrey P. Koenings from his position as Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife effective 11, 2008. The Commission is extremely grateful to Dr. Koenings for his service and contributions as Director of the Department for the past 10 years. The Commission has named Phil Anderson as Interim Director. Anderson has been the Deputy Director of the Department for the past 1-1/2 years. The Commission will begin a nationwide search for a permanent Director in 2009.” The motion carried unanimously.

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The Commission came back into public session. No further action was taken.

At 5:43 p.m., Chair Gutzwiler adjourned the Special Meeting via Conference Call.

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These minutes, plus the audio recording, constitute the full minutes.

Nancy Burkhart

**MEMOS AND AUTHORITIES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2008
FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL, OLYMPIA**

- Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Director Koenings - Motion by Wecker, second by Mahnken, to accept a letter of resignation from Director Jeff Koenings with an effective date of December 11, 2008. **The motion carried.**
- Appointment of Phil Anderson as Interim Director - Motion by Wecker, second by Mahnken, to appoint Phil Anderson as Interim Director effective upon the resignation of Director Jeff Koenings. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- Approval of Commission Statement - Motion by Wecker, second by Perry, to approve the following statement: "The Fish and Wildlife Commission has accepted the resignation of Dr. Jeffrey P. Koenings from his position as Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife effective 11, 2008. The Commission is extremely grateful to Dr. Koenings for his service and contributions as Director of the Department for the past 10 years. The Commission has named Phil Anderson as Interim Director. Anderson has been the Deputy Director of the Department for the past 1-1/2 years. The Commission will begin a nationwide search for a permanent Director in 2009." **The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioners in Attendance:

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