

MINUTES

WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

May 7, 2010
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Ken Chew
David Jennings
George Orr
Chuck Perry
Rollie Schmitt
Susan Yeager, Comm. staff

DEPARTMENT:

Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Steve Pozzanghera, Region 1 Director
Nathan Pamplin, Dep. Asst. Director, Wildlife Prog.
Bruce Bjork, Chief, Enforcement Program
Craig Burley, Division Manager, Fish Program

PUBLIC: None

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

A. WILDLIFE INTERACTION REGULATIONS – UPDATE & ACTION:

Steve Pozzanghera briefed the Commission on the status of proposed new Wildlife Interaction Regulations (Chapter 232-36 WAC) to help address wildlife property damage and other human/wildlife conflicts. Following the Commission public hearing on the proposals held during its April 9-10, 2010, meeting in Leavenworth; staff developed recommended adjustments in response to public concerns.

Commissioner Schmitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry to postpone adoption of permanent rules to the June 4-5, 2010, Commission meeting in Spokane. Motion carried unanimously.

B. PETITION FOR RULE CHANGE, DEER AND ELK HUNTING – DECISION:

Nathan Pamplin briefed the Commission on the staff recommendation to deny a petition for rule change from Mr. Gausman regarding changes to deer and elk hunting regulations contained in WAC 232-28-351 and WAC 232-28-352. The Department is supportive of bringing this issue forward for public consideration during the next 3-year hunting regulation and season setting process.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry to deny the petition to amend WAC 232-28-351 and WAC 232-28-352. Motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Chew moved, seconded by Commissioner Orr to approve the meeting minutes from the August 19-20, 2009, Special Meeting in Olympia. Motion carried unanimously.

D. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioners and Department staff discussed recent activities and items of interest, including:

- Temporary layoff days and August 6-7 Commission meeting
- Final state budget and Department response
- New listing of rock fish
- Chinook salmon fisheries
- State Endangered Species Act, Commission request
- New York Times recent news article, " Hunting Coyote with Dogs"
- Okanogan County Commissioners meeting with Department
- Lands 20/20 program
- Columbia River Compact

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Darlene Bartlett, Administrative Assistant