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ITEM 1a

FWC Meeting

Aug. 6-7, 2010

**WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MEETING**

December 4-5, 2009

Natural Resources Building
1111 Washington Street SE, Room 172
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE:

Commission

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Ken Chew
David Jennings
Conrad Mahnken
George Orr
Chuck Perry
Rolland Schmitten
Brad Smith

Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager
Nancy Burkhart

Department

Phil Anderson, Interim Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Steve Pozzanghera
Jim Scott
Jo Wadsworth
Donny Martorello
Dan Budd
Jerry Nelson
Steve Crown
Pat Capman
Brenda Kane
Dora Austin
Brie Van Cleve
Michelle Culver
Greg Bargmann
Wayne Palsson
Craig Burley
Pat Michael
Cindy Lefleur
Guy Norman
Rich Childers

and Other Department Staff

Public

Scott Warter, Fish NW
Gene Nakata
Mike Balmellie
Bob Barthlow
Tom Lines, Tight Lines Sport Fishing
Larry Bucklin
Mark Byrne, BASS of Washington
Bill Hunter
J. Steve Svinth
Steve Simpson
Jim Houk
Walt Christensen, WA State Muzzleloader Assn.
Rob Nawowjiski
Todd Evans
Dom Reale
Michelle Whitten, City of Toledo
Jerry Platt, Mayor, City of Toledo
Dave Wands
Ed Wickersham, Coastal Conservation Assn.
Harry Barber, CCA
John Campbell, CCA
Bob Morgan, CCA
Ginny Ross, CCA
Scott Weedman, NW Sportfishing Industry Assn.
Martha Jordan, The Trumpeter Swan Society
Vic Norbeck, Elite Guide Service
David Lee, NSIA
Sean Orr, Sport Fishing Guides of WA
Bill Meyer, Sport Fishing Guides of WA
Chuck Wicken
Chris McCord
Chuck Tibbits
Miriam Calkins
Jonathan Scordino, Makah Tribe
Sam Ledgerwood, WCA
Rob Kavanaugh
Jack Field, WA Cattlemen's Assn.
Richard Baasch

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Public (continued)

Ronald Baasch
Robert Cunningham, NW Treasure Supply
Steve A. O'Neil, The Roost
Dayna Matthews, NOAA Fisheries
Robert Carstensen
Gordon Robertson, American Sportfishing Assn.
R. Frank Stricklin
Brian Oakland, NW Kayak Anglers
Mark Cedergreen, WCBA, ICAN, MTA
John Westerfield
Andy Mesojednik
Bruce Barnes, Mt. St. Helens Rescue
Polly Fischer, PSA Advisory Council
Edward Barnes
Daniel Poleschook, Jr., LLLA / BRI
Randy Prengel, Vision Hooks & Tackle
Don Freeman, South Sound Fly Fishers
Ken Crane
Robert Holcomb
Rich Simms, Wild Steelhead Coalition
Sue Morrison
Steve Berggren
Bill Minton
Bear Holmes, CCA
Don Williams, PSA
Ray Toste, WDCFA
Carl Burke, NSIA
Hans Mak
Richard Hunt, Wild Steelhead Coalition
Marianne Mitchell, Steelhead Summit Alliance
John Jovanovich
Bill Thurston
Dom Reale
Liz Hamilton, NSIA
Robert Toews
Randy Preugel
Sue Morrison
Steven O'Neill
William Thomas
Bruce Beatty
Gayle Kreitman, NOAA Fisheries
B.J. Thorniley, WA State Trappers Assn.;
Washingtonians for Conservation
Patricia Doerr, ASA
Dan Anderson, WA BASS Federation
Larry Carpenter, NMTA
William Thomas
Clint Muns, PSA/RFA/PSRFE
Gordon Robertson, ASA
Nathan Barnes
Lloyd Huddleston, PSA Advisory Council
Ginger Gumm, LLLA / BRI
Ed Fedder, CCA
Jamie Glasgow, Wild Fish Conservancy
Mike Claney, South Sound Fly Fishers
Sammie Crane
Sam Wright
Nathan Keen, Wild Steelhead Coalition
Richard Holcomb
Gary Thomason
Jim Williams
Janna Nichols
Duane Nail, PSA
Mark Masterson, Yakima Bait Co.
Tom Burlingame, Excel Fishing Charters
Nathan Brandon, outer Island Expeditions
Bob McHauser
Kent Martin
Claude Nichols
Tom Mallory
Robert Nowowiejski
John Farrar
Nathan Brandon
Bob Muhlausen
William Thomas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed recent activities and items of general interest.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Anderson reviewed significant Department issues and activities, including: Governor's Natural Resources Cabinet; land management consolidation; Governor's proposed budget.

OPERATIONS AND BUDGET UPDATE:

Deputy Director Stohr provided an update to the Commission on the Department's budget and operational issues.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

Twenty-three individuals testified on issues of concern during this portion of the meeting:

- Mark Byrne (Lacey) – Sport fishing license fees
- Bill Thurston (Toledo) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Michelle Whitten (Toledo) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Jerry Platt (Toledo) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Tom Mallory (Auburn) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Sean Orr (Olympia) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Scott Warter (Tacoma) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Ed Wickersham (Ridgefield) – Sturgeon
- Harry Barber (Washougal) – Sturgeon
- Ginny Ross (Portland, OR) – Sturgeon
- Bob Morgan (Washougal) – Sturgeon
- Scott Weedman (Sammamish) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Dom Reale (Lacey) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Nic Norbeck (Lacey) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Robert Nowowiejski (Olympia) – Cowlitz River fisheries
- Bill Meyer (Enumclaw) – Sport fishing regulations
- Laurence A. Bucklin (University Place) – Rockfish; seals
- Liz Hamilton (Oregon City, OR) – Cowlitz River fisheries; seals
- Jonathan Scordino (Neah Bay) – Rockfish
- Sam Ledgerwood (Clarkston) – Pilot Grazing Plan; wolves
- Rob Kavanaugh (Olympia) – Pilot Grazing Plan;
- Jack Field (Ellensburg) – Pilot Grazing Plan
- C. John Campbell (Aberdeen) - Sturgeon

PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS – DECISION:

Dan Budd presented for approval three proposed land transactions.

No one signed up to provide oral testimony on the above proposed land transactions during this portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Schmitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to approve the following land transactions:

- **Acquisition of the 10-acre Hulbert Farms, Inc., property in Skagit County for \$65,000;**
- **Acquisition of the 181.5-acre Hall property in Yakima County for \$181,500;** and
- **Acquisition of the 3.8-acre Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District in Yakima County for \$32,000.**

The motion carried unanimously. (Commissioners Jennings, Orr, and Smith were absent during discussion and vote on the motion.)

JOHNSON/DEBAY'S SLOUGH GAME RESERVE BOUNDARY – RULE ACTION:

Steve Pozzanghera (Martha Jordan provided photos) presented proposed permanent rule amendments to WAC 232-16-800, Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposal during its September 10-11, 2009, and November 6-7-2009, meetings. Action on this item had been continued from the November 6-7, 2009, Commission meeting to this meeting in order to allow more time to resolve property boundary issues.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to adopt the rule amendments to WAC 232-16-800, Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve, as filed with the Code Reviser's Office. The motion carried unanimously. (Commissioner Smith was absent during discussion and vote on the motion.)

BIG GAME AND WILD TURKEY AUCTION, RAFFLE AND SPECIAL INCENTIVE PERMITS – RULE BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Donny Martorello briefed the Commission on proposed permanent rule amendments to WAC 232-28-283, Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle and special incentive permits, that would help generate revenue for the management of big game animals. The Commission will consider action at its January 7-8-9, 2010, Commission meeting in Olympia.

One individual testified orally on the above proposed rule amendments during this portion of the meeting.

- Walt Christensen (Des Moines)

WHITE-TAILED DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN STATUS – BRIEFING:

At the request of the Commission, Jerry Nelson briefed the Commission on the status of developing a management plan for white-tailed deer.

AMERICAN LAKE: A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP – BRIEFING:

Steve Crown and Steve Sherlock briefed the Commission on coordinated efforts to clean up a Department-managed access site and boat launch at American Lake in Pierce County.

MINERAL PROSPECTING REGULATIONS UPDATE – STATUS REPORT:

At the request of the Commission, Pat Chapman provided a status report on the implementation of WAC rules governing small-scale mineral prospecting.

COMMISSION'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Brenda Kane and Bill Vincent (Advisory Committee Chair) briefed the Commission on the history and current activities of the Commission's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities (RCW 77.04.150).

On November 30 and December 1, 2009, the Commission's Wildlife Committee conducted interviews with candidates for two vacancies on the Advisory Committee, and recommended two individuals be appointed to the Committee.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to appoint Jerry Woods to the Region 1 vacant position and Mike Quimby to the At-Large vacant position on the Commission's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities. The motion carried unanimously. (Commissioner Smith was absent during discussion and vote on the motion.)

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

No one signed up to testify during this portion of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission met with legal counsel representing the agency to discuss litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is likely to become a party. The public was not permitted to attend, and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Chair Wecker called the meeting back to order at 8:30 a.m.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

Ten people testified on issues of concern during this portion of the meeting:

- Robert Cunningham (Bellingham) – Mineral prospecting
- Patricia Duerr (Alexandria, VT) – Marine Protected Areas
- Andrew Mesojednik (McCleary) – Commission
- Bill Minton (Tacoma) – Rockfish
- John Farrar (Seattle) – Columbia River fisheries
- Bruce Barnes (Vancouver) – Lewis River elk; wolves; enforcement
- Robert Toews (Battleground) – Hunting
- Edward L. Barnes (Vancouver) – Hunting
- Mark Cedergreen (Westport) – Albacore
- Larry Carpenter (Mt. Vernon) – Albacore

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS WORK GROUP – BRIEFING:

Brie VanCleve and Michele Culvert briefed the Commission on activities of the Marine Protected Area Work Group, which was created by 2008 legislation, chaired by the Department, and includes representatives from other state natural resource agencies.

ALBACORE TUNA RECREATIONAL FISHERY – BRIEFING:

Michele Culvert briefed the Commission on current recreational bag limits for albacore tuna, the process for developing bag limit regulations for the 2011-13 seasons through the Pacific Fishery Management council, and requested Commission guidance on the next steps. Department staff is to provide periodic updates.

SARDINE FISHERY REGULATIONS – BRIEFING AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

Michele Culver briefed the Commission on commercial sardine fishery management and proposed regulations resulting from legislation passed in 2009.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to delegate authority to the Director to adopt regulations governing the coastal sardine purse seine fishery consistent with federal rules and state legislation. The motion carried unanimously.

PUGET SOUND GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT PLAN – BRIEFING:

At the request of the Commission, Greg Bargmann and Wayne Palsson briefed the Commission on the status of the Department's Groundfish Management Plan.

2010-2012 SPORTFISH RULE PROPOSALS – PUBLIC HEARING:

Craig Burley summarized the proposed regulations for the 2010-2012 recreational fishing seasons, followed by the public hearing opportunity. The Commission received a briefing on the proposals during its November 6-7, 2009, meeting in Olympia.

Twenty-nine people testified orally on the above rule amendments during this portion of the meeting:

Daniel Anderson (Bremerton)	John Westerfield (Bellingham)
Gordon Robertson (Alexandria, VA)	Frank Stricklin (Silverdale)
Bear Holmes (Kent)	Polly Fischer (Anacortes)
Duane Nail (Port Townsend)	Don Williams (Port Townsend)
Richard Colman (Sekiu)	Nathan Brandow (East Sound)
Richard Hunt (Everett)	Marianne Mitchell (Seabeck)
Rollie Schmitten [(Leavenworth) <i>speaking as a citizen</i>]	Dan Poleschook, Jr. (Loon Lake)
Ginger Gumm (Loon Lake)	Randy Preugel (Olympia)
Don Freeman (Olympia)	Jamie Glasgow (Duvall)
Sam Wright (Olympia)	Bob Muhlausen (Hoquiam)
Ken Crane (Snohomish)	Rich Simms (Mukilteo)
Gary Thomason (Brier)	Nathan Keen (Edmonds)
Sue Morrison (Monitor)	Clint Muns (Shelton)
Carl Burke (Olympia)	Tom Burlingame (Monroe)
	Mark Masterson (Yakima)

COLUMBIA RIVER SPRING CHINOOK FISHERIES OVERVIEW – BRIEFING:

Cindy LeFleur and Guy Norman briefed the Commission on the history and current status of the Columbia River spring chinook fisheries.

OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

Seven people testified during this portion of the meeting:

- John Jovanovich (Seattle) – Catch and release; fish allocation
- Richard Holcomb (Tacoma) – Hydraulic Project Approval process; mineral prospecting
- William Thomas (Mt. Vernon) – Mineral prospecting
- Steven O'Neill (Sedro Woolley) – Mineral prospecting
- Robert Cunningham (Bellingham) – Mineral prospecting
- Robert Carstensen (Bremerton) – Mineral prospecting
- Bruce Beatty (University Place) – Mineral prospecting

COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Commissioners discussed activities of the various Commission committees.

MISCELLANEOUS AND MEETING DEBRIEF:

The Commission discussed items that arose immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda was published.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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

Susan Yeager

MINUTES**WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MEETING via VIDEO CONFERENCE****June 4, 2010**

OLYMPIA	SPOKANE
Natural Resources Building 1111 Washington St S First Floor, Room 172 Olympia, Washington	Department of Fish and Wildlife Eastern Region (Reg. 1) Office 2315 North Discovery Place Spokane Valley, WA

ATTENDANCE:**Commission**

OLYMPIA

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Ken Chew
Connie Mahnken
Brad Smith

SPOKANE

Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Rollie Schmitt
George Orr
Chuck Perry

Commission Staff

OLYMPIA

Susan Yeager, Exec. Assistant
Darlene Bartlett, Admin. Assistant

Department Staff

OLYMPIA

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Dave Ware, Division Mgr Game
Eric Cummings, Section Mgr
Dan Budd, Real Estate Mgr
Dave Brittell, Special Assistant
Nate Pamplin, Deputy Assistant
Director Wildlife Program
Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section
Manager
Rocky Beach, Division Mgr Wildlife
Margaret Ainscough, Public Affairs

Staff, Olympia, continued

Jim Scott, Assistant Director Fish
Program
Bill Joplin, Division Mgr Licensing
Jo Wadsworth, Deputy Assistant
Director Fish Program
Craig Burley, Division Mgr Fish
Management

SPOKANE

Steve Pozzanghera, Region 1 Director
Ann Larson, Legislative Liaison
Madonna Luers, Public Affairs

Others

OLYMPIA

Bill Frymire, AGO
Robert Palmer, AGO

Public

OLYMPIA

Georg Ziegltrum, WA Forest Practice
Assn.
Ken Miller, WA Farm Foresters Assn.
Rob Kavanaugh
Brian Kellogg, WA Falconers Assn.
Brad Wood, WA Falconers Assn.
Steve Herman
Lydia Ash, WA Falconers Assn.
Dan Pike, WA Falconers Assn.
Geoff Hirschi, WA Falconers Assn.

Public, Olympia, continued

Sarah Coven, WA Falconers Assn.
John Prucich, WA Falconers Assn.
Simone Cook, WA Falconers Assn.
Paul DeBruyen
I. Kellogg

SPOKANE

Jim Sutton, WA Falconers Assn.
Tony Delgado, Stevens Co. Fish &
Wildlife Committee
Al Martz, Northeast WA Wildlife
Management Group
Freddie Giannecchini, Stevens Co.
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Council –
Northeast WA Wildlife/GMAC
Bud Hamilton
Wanda Clifford, Inland Northwest
Wildlife Council
Larry Guenther, Stevens County
Larry Ray, WA Falconers Assn.
Dale Magert, Northeast WA Wildlife
Group – Stevens Co. Fish & Wildlife
Advisory Council
BJ Thorniley, WA Trappers Assn.
Jim Nelson
Lester Boyd
David Baker, WA Falconers Assn.
Allen Gardner, WA Falconers Assn.
Doug Pineo
Gary Starr

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1a. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Chew moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to approve minutes of the April 9-10, 2010 Commission meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1b. COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the possibility of changing its August meeting dates to accommodate a state temporary layoff day designated by 2010 legislation. Due to complications related to adequate notice and securing facilities on alternative dates, the meeting will take place as initially filed with the Code Reviser. Director Anderson will request an exemption for necessary staff.

The Commission also discussed changing the location of its October 1-2, 2010, meeting from Bellingham to Olympia in order to reduce travel and other meeting associated costs.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to change the location of its October 1-2, 2010, meeting from Bellingham to Olympia. The motion carried unanimously.

1c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Anderson reviewed significant reviewed Department issues and activities, followed by Commissioners' questions and discussion on various items, including:

- Assistant Director in the Wildlife Program
- Sea lions
- 2010 salmon fisheries
- Columbia River Spring Chinook fishery update
- Governor's Cabinet work session meetings
- Temporary layoff days

1d. OPERATIONS AND BUDGET UPDATE

Deputy Director Stohr provided an update to the Commission on the Department's budget and the state budget forecast process.

2. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

OLYMPIA

- Ken Miller (Olympia) – Bear/wildlife damage
- Rob Kavanaugh (Olympia) – Livestock grazing permits

SPOKANE

- Jim Sutton (Spokane) – Lighted nock exception
- Tony Delgato (Loon Lake) – Hunting issues
- Al Matrz (Chewelah) – Deer herds in Stevens County, 4 pt. restriction, wolves
- Freddie Giannecchini (Chewelah) – Whitetail management
- Dale Magart (Deer Park) – Point restriction, cougar population, fish pens
- Larry Guenther (Nine Mile Falls) – Department compliments, whitetail plan, wolves
- Bud Hamilton (Prosser) – Wildlife interaction rules and damage, private lands, Hanford area hunting

3. PROPOSED WILDLIFE INTERACTION RULES – RULE ACTION

Dave Ware presented for approval permanent Wildlife Interaction Rules postponed from the May 7, 2010, meeting via conference call to this meeting. The Commission held a public hearing on the policy updates at its April 9-10, 2010, meeting in Leavenworth.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to approve the permanent adoption of WAC chapter 232-36, Wildlife Interaction Regulations, as proposed and repeal WACs 232-12-086 and 232-12-423 and including staff presented floor changes.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTION – DECISION

Dan Budd presented for approval various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, to provide public recreational opportunity and to address responsible property management:

- Proposed acquisition of a 99.34-acre property in Grays Harbor County,
- Proposed acquisition of a 748-acre property in Okanogan County,
- Proposed conservation easement on 448.16 acres in Kittitas County, and
- Proposed acquisition of a 2.14-acre property in Snohomish County.

No one signed up to provide oral testimony on the above proposals during this portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioners Smith, to approve the proposed land transactions as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. FALCONRY – RULE BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING:

Eric Cummings briefed the Commission on proposed rule amendments to WAC 232-30, Falconry regulations. The Commission will consider adoption of permanent rules at its August 6-7, 2010, meeting in Olympia. Several people provided oral testimony on the above rule proposals during this portion of the meeting:

OLYMPIA

- Lydia Ash (Kirkland)
- Brad Wood (Yelm)
- Steve Herman (Yelm)
- Dan Pike (Lynden)
- Steve Layman (Clinton)
- Paul DeBryun (Bellingham)
- Simon Cook (Seattle)

SPOKANE

- Larry Ray (Spokane)
- Lester Boyd (Pomeroy)
- Dan Pineo (Spokane)
- Garrett Starr (Medical Lake)
- Jim Nelson (Kennewick)
- Dave Baker (Farmington)

6. NON-TOXIC SHOT REQUIREMENTS – RULE BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Don Kraege and Nathan Pamplin provided updated information to the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 232-12-068, Nontoxic shot requirements, which would add two areas to the list of Department-owned lands where only non-toxic shot is allowed. The Commission will consider final action on the proposals at its August 6-7, 2010 meeting in Olympia.

No one signed up to provide oral testimony on the above rule proposals during this portion of the meeting.

7. BAYVIEW GAME RESERVE – RULE BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING:

Don Kraege updated the Commissioners on the proposed rule amendments to WAC 232-16-690, Bayview Game Reserve, to increase access to shore areas and enhance user opportunities. The proposed changes are consistent with 2010 legislation. The Commission will consider adoption of these permanent rules at its August 6-7, 2010 meeting in Olympia.

No one signed up to provide oral testimony on the above rule proposals during this portion of the meeting.

8. INVITED DISCUSSION – LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Stevens County Commissioner Larry Guenther presented information about various fish and wildlife issues pertinent to Stevens County constituents. Additional invited local elected officials were unable to attend this meeting.

9. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS

The review of existing requests was postponed to the June 18, 2010, Commission meeting via conference call.

10. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

One person had signed up to testify for this item but was unable to stay for the duration of the meeting. A document was left for the Commissioners' information.

11. MISCELLANEOUS

NEW COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT:

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to request that the Department prepare a report on Spring Chinook presentation due by October. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Perry moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to request that the Department prepare a report on a detailed step-by-step description of the Department's Lands 20/20 process due by late winter. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Orr suggested that the Commission's wildlife committee review and consider recommending increasing the penalty for killing swans and loons.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

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Darlene Bartlett

MINUTES

WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

June 18, 2010
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Ken Chew
Connie Mahnken
David Jennings, left early
George Orr
Chuck Perry
Brad Smith, left early
Rollie Schmitt, called in late

COMMISSION STAFF

Susan Yeager, Exec. Assistant
Darlene Bartlett, Admin. Assistant

DEPARTMENT:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Nathan Pamplin, Dep. Asst. Director, Wildlife Prog.
Bruce Bjork, Chief, Enforcement Program
Craig Burley, Division Manager, Fish Program
John Whalen, Program Manager, Region1
Jo Wadsworth, Dep. Asst. Director, Fish Program
Rich Childers, Shellfish Manager, Fish Program

PUBLIC: None

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

A. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:

Director Anderson updated the Commissioners on the status of Commission requests. No new requests were suggested.

B. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

This agenda item was postponed until the next Commission conference call on July 2, 2010.

C. PUGET SOUND CRAB POLICY REVIEW OPTIONS:

Rich Childers briefed the Commissioners on the Department's recreational and commercial advisory group's recommendations for crab allocation options. The Commissioner's reviewed the different options and took action.

**Commissioner Orr moved, seconded by Commissioner Chew to approve the Department's recommendation to reduce the six options to three.
Motion carried unanimously.**

The Commission's Fish Committee is to work with Director Anderson to draft a revised Puget Sound Crab policy before the August 6-7, 2010 meeting in Olympia.

D. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair Wecker briefed the Commissioners on the meeting agenda development process and encouraged them to become more involved in the planning. The Commissioners also discussed the upcoming August meeting and potential alternatives due to the 2010 legislation that designates August 6 as a temporary layoff day.

Chuck Perry reported to the Commissioners about the Game Advisory Group meeting he attended in Ellensburg and commented on how well it was run and how positive the group was.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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Darlene Bartlett, Administrative Assistant

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MINUTES

WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

July 2, 2010
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Ken Chew
David Jennings
Chuck Perry
Brad Smith
Rollie Schmitten

DEPARTMENT:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Dave Pulliam, Assistant Director, Wildlife Program
Nathan Pamplin, Dep. Asst. Director, Wildlife Prog.
Lisa Wood, Appeals Coordinator, Habitat Program
Pat Chapman, Section Manager, Habitat Program

PUBLIC: None

COMMISSION STAFF

Susan Yeager, Exec. Assistant
Darlene Bartlett, Admin. Assistant

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

A. HYDRAULIC PERMITTING APPROVALS (HPA) ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS CHANGES – RULE BRIEFING:

Lisa Wood briefed the Commissioners on proposed rule amendments resulting from 2010 Legislation that eliminates the Administrative Appeals Board and transfers functions to the Pollution Control Hearings Board effective July 1, 2010 (Chapter 43.21B RCW). The proposed amendments also clarify various administrative procedures associated with appealing HPA decisions and orders imposing civil penalties.

WAC 220-110-030, Hydraulic project approvals, procedures;
WAC 220-110-340, Freshwater technical provisions; and
WAC 220-110-350, Formal appeal of administrative decisions.

The public hearing opportunity and Commission final rule action on these proposals is scheduled for the August 6-7, 2010, Commission meeting in Olympia.

B. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Director Anderson introduced the new Wildlife Program Assistant Director, Dave Pulliam to the Commissioners. Director Anderson reviewed the region office awards schedule for next week and said AD Pulliam would be introduced to staff during those events.

Deputy Director Joe Stohr informed the Commissioners on the budget status and what the Department is doing to meet the budget deficits and revenue shortfalls.

Chair Wecker alerted the Commissioners that the next conference call on July 16, 2010, the Commission will try WebEx tool for viewing documents related to items on the agenda in real time. She reminded Commissioners to review the existing Commission Policy on Puget Sound Crab (C-3609) and be ready to discuss potential changes during upcoming Commission meetings.

Commissioner Jennings suggested possible solutions focusing on non-consumptive users. Chair Wecker suggested that this would be an excellent topic for the Bio-Diversity Committee. Commissioner Jennings and Commissioner Smith agreed to discuss the subject in further detail at the committee level and then bring ideas back to the full Commission.

Commissioner Schmitt reported that Upper Columbia River Sockeye counts are exceeding projections.

Commissioner Perry commented on his part of the opening day of crab season and noted that the public seemed to be complying well with the rules and cooperating with enforcement.

Director Anderson informed the Commissioners that data on the Columbia River spring Chinook fishery would be sent out to Commissioners later today.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

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Darlene Bartlett, Administrative Assistant