

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

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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**

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Miranda Wecker, Chair
Ken Chew
Connie Mahnken
Brad Smith

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Gary Douvia, Vice Chair
Rollie Schmitt
George Orr
Chuck Perry

Commission Staff

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

Department Staff

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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

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

Others

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Bill Frymire, AGO
Robert Palmer, AGO

Public

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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

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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 Schmitt, 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

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

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- 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 Gianecchini (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:

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

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- 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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These minutes and the audio recording constitute the full minutes.

Darlene Bartlett