

## MINUTES

### **FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL**

February 12, 2010 -- 8:30 a.m.  
Olympia, Washington

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Commission

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair  
Conrad Mahnken  
Brad Smith  
Chuck Perry  
Rollie Schmitten  
David Jennings

##### Department

Phil Anderson, Director  
Tom Davis, Legislative Liaison

##### Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager

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

#### A. 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE:

Tom Davis briefed the Commission on the status of legislation related to the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources in Washington State, including legislation that would transfer authority to appoint the Department Director from the Commission to the Governor. The Commission agreed by consensus to issue a statement opposing Senate Bill 6813.

#### B. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Director Phil Anderson briefed the Commission on the status of pertinent issues, including spring Chinook fishery, Columbia River sturgeon fishery and big horn sheep health problems.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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Susan Yeager, Executive Assistant

## MINUTES

### FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

February 19, 2010 -- 8:30 a.m.  
Olympia, Washington

#### ATTENDANCE

##### COMMISSION

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

##### DEPARTMENT

Phil Anderson, Director  
Craig Burley  
Patrick Frazier

##### COMMISSION STAFF

Susan Yeager

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

#### A. COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA ITEMS -- DISCUSSION:

The Commission and Department staff discussed potential agenda topics for the March 12-13, 2010, Commission meeting in Olympia.

#### B. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

##### COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT, STURGEON FISHERY

Patrick Frazier briefed the Commission on Columbia River sturgeon fishery regulations and presented staff's proposal that the Commission delegate authority to the Director for the purpose of achieving regulations concurrently with Oregon.

**Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to delegate authority to the Director for adoption of permanent regulations governing the sport sturgeon fishery in the Lower Columbia River, WAC 232-28-619. The motion carried unanimously.**

##### BOTTOMFISH LIMITS, MARINE AREA 4

Phil Anderson and Craid Burley briefed the Commission on developments since the recent adoption of amendments to bag limits for rockfish in Marine Area 4. Following discussions with the Department's Rockfish Advisory Group, staff developed a new recommendation that would modify the boundaries so the rule applies only to the eastern portion of the Marine Area 4 (Neah Bay) east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line.

**Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, that the Commission reopen agenda Item #6 from the February 4-5-6, 2010, meeting in order to reconsider amendments to WAC 220-56-235, Possession Limits—Bottomfish. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Douvia moved; seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to amend WAC 220-56-235, Possession limits – Bottomsfish, as proposed by staff [“(1)(b) Rockfish - 10 fish. Release all canary and yelloweye rockfish. In Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla Tatoosh line: 6 fish. Only black or blue rockfish may be retained”]. The motion carried unanimously.**

Additional discussion topics included Commission committees, status of legislation and statewide hiring freeze.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

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Susan Yeager, Executive Assistant

# MINUTES

## **FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL**

February 26, 2010 -- 8:30 a.m.  
Olympia, Washington

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commission

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

#### Department

Phil Anderson, Director  
Tom Davis, Legislative Liaison

#### Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager

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

#### A. 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE:

Tom Davis briefed the Commission on the status of legislation related to the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources in Washington State.

#### B. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

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

- Sexual Harassment Awareness Training
- Strategic planning, budgeting, and broaden stakeholder base
- Conservation framework, cross program approach
- New Assistant Director Habitat, Lisa Veneroso
- New Special Assistant, Dave Brittell
- Deputy Director and Assistant Deputy Director Wildlife recruitment
- Advisory group assessments
- Eyes in the woods
- Spring Chinook season report

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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Susan Yeager

# MINUTES

## **FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL**

March 19, 2010 -- 8:30 a.m.  
Olympia, Washington

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commission

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

#### Department

Phil Anderson, Director  
Tom Davis, Legislative Liaison

#### Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager

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

#### A. 2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE:

Tom Davis briefed the Commission on the status of legislation related to the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources in Washington State.

#### B. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

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

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m.

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# MINUTES

## FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

March 5, 2010  
Olympia, Washington

### ATTENDANCE

#### Commission

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

#### Department

Phil Anderson, Director  
Craig Burley  
Tom Davis

#### Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager

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

#### A. TRIPLOID TROUT DISTRIBUTION - DECISION

Craig Burley briefed the Commission on the proposed 2010 triploid trout stocking plan.

**Commissioner Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Chew, to approve the 2010 triploid trout stocking plan as presented.**

**Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Jennings, to amend the motion and change allocation amounts to 55% for the west side and 45% for east side. The motion carried.**

**The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.**

#### B. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioners and Department staff discussed recent activities and items of interest, including legislative budget and bill updates.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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Susan Yeager, Executive Assistant

# MINUTES

## WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

May 21, 2010  
Olympia, Washington

### ATTENDANCE

#### COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Gary Douvia, Vice Chair  
Rollie Schmitt  
Chuck Perry  
George Orr  
Connie Mahnken  
Ken Chew  
David Jennings

#### DEPARTMENT:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Margaret Ainscough  
Bruce Bjork  
Nathan Pamplin

PUBLIC: None

#### COMMISSION STAFF:

Susan Yeager  
Darlene Bartlett

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

#### A. PROPOSED TOPICS AND VENUE CHANGES: JUNE 4-5, 2010, COMMISSION MEETING— DECISION

The Commission discussed potential agenda topics for the June 4-5, 2010, meeting and options for reducing meeting expenses in response to budget constraints. Chair Wecker suggested reducing the June meeting to one day (June 4) with videoconferencing.

**Commissioner Orr moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to change the June meeting to one day with video conferencing between Spokane and Olympia. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### B. PROPOSED CHANGES: 2010 COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

The Commission discussed potential agenda topics for its June 4-5, 2010, meeting and options for further reducing costs associated with Commission meetings. The Commission will continue a discussion about the October meeting location at its June 4, 2010, meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES—DECISION

- May 7, 2010, conference call

**Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to approve the May 7, 2010, conference call minutes as proposed.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

D. GENERAL DISCUSSION

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

- Rulemaking plans and status
- Lead in lakes proposal
- Stevens County antler restriction
- Budget concerns
- Review of NMFS
- Columbia River fisheries
- Assistant Director position, Wildlife Program

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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Darlene Bartlett, Administrative Assistant

# MINUTES

## WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

July 16, 2010  
Olympia, Washington

### ATTENDANCE

#### COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Ken Chew  
George Orr, left early  
Chuck Perry  
Brad Smith  
Rollie Schmitten

#### COMMISSION STAFF:

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

PUBLIC: None

#### DEPARTMENT:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Jim Scott  
Jo Wadsworth  
Bruce Bjork  
Rich Childers  
Margaret Ainscough  
Darren Friedel  
Dave Pulliam  
Dave Ware  
Bill Phillips  
Ann Larson  
David Giglio

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

#### A. HUNTER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS – RULE BRIEFING, PUBLIC HEARING & RULE ACTION

Dave Ware presented proposed amendments to WAC 232-28-299, Mandatory report of hunting activity, to make them consistent with rules adopted by the Commission earlier this year. No public signed up to testify on this item.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to amend WAC 232-28-299, Mandatory report of hunting activity, as proposed.**  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### B. PUGET SOUND CRAB POLICY UPDATES – DISCUSSION

Commissioners and Department staff discussed possible updates to Commission Policy C-3609, Puget Sound Crab Policy. The Commissioners agreed the draft policy was on track for the public hearings scheduled for next week.

#### C. PROPOSED 2011-2013 DEPARTMENT BUDGET PACKAGES – BRIEFING

Joe Stohr updated the Commission on the status of proposed 2011-2013 operating and capital budget decision packages, including stakeholder involvement in strategic planning and the Department's legislative direction for the next fiscal year.

#### D. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commission and Director discussed recent activities and items of interest, including:

- Agenda items for the August 6-7, 2010, Commission meeting in Olympia
- WDFW regional awards ceremonies
- Public meetings on lead fishing tackle restrictions
- Area 4 Bottomfish alternative rule development process
- Introduction of new Assistant Director, Dave Pulliam

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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Darlene Bartlett, Administrative Assistant