

MINUTES**WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MEETING****February 4-5-6, 2010**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 Schmitt
Brad Smith**Commission Staff:**Susan Yeager
Nancy Burkhart**Department:**Phil Anderson, Interim Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Jim Scott
Bruce Bjork
Jo Wadsworth
Jeff Olsen
Lorna Wargo
Pat Pattillo
Rocky Beach
Rich Childers
Peter Birch
Bill Frymire, AGO
Pat Frazier
Bill Tweit
Guy Norman
Cindy LeFleur
Pat Michael
Craig Burley
*Other Department staff***Public:**Harry Barber, Coastal Conserv. Association (CCA)
David G. Graves, Nat'l Parks Conserv. Assoc.
Christopher Stanley, OFM
Linda Saunders, Wolf Haven, Int'l.
Ed Wickersham, CCA
Dennis Rydman
Damon King
Aaron Dierks, Ocean Protein
Marty Whitman, CCA
Mark Cedergreen, WA Charter Boat Assoc.
Denny Rohr, Grant County PUD
Les Clark
Frances Clark
Clint Muns, Puget Sound Anglers
/Recreational Fishing Alliance
Frank Urabeck, Salmon Recovery Council
Kent Martin, Salmon For All
Daniel Curry
Katri Rahkonen
Robert Carstennell
Andrew Marks
Robert Sudar
Carl Burke
Denny Rohr
Robert Cunningham
William Thomas
Francis Estalilla**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**
Commission Work Session

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGET PREPARATION UPDATE – DISCUSSION:

The Commission and Department staff discussed the development of strategic priorities for the Department; this discussion was continued from the January 7, 2010, Commission work session.

The Commission discussed the Carver Policy Governance® Model approach* in relation to duties of the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

*Copyright © John and Miriam Carver, 2010
® Policy Governance is a registered service mark of John Carver
Website: <http://www.carvergovernance.com/>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

1a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2009, and December 18, 2009, Commission conference call meetings as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

1b. COMMISSIONERS' DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed recent activities and items of general interest, including a review of discussions from the March 11, 2010, work session.

1c. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Anderson reviewed significant Department issues and activities, including: Forestry Seminar attendance; Puget Sound Chinook Management Plan; SB6813, tri-agency coordinated fiscal note; and recent correspondence regarding small scale mineral prospecting.

1d. LEGISLATIVE 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.

Commissioners Orr, Perry, Wecker, Smith, Mahnken, Chew, Douvia, Schmitten and Jennings concurred that the Commission Chair is to prepare a statement opposing SB 6813 based on Commission member comments during today's discussion.

1e. OPERATIONS AND BUDGET UPDATE:

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

2. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT:

Five individuals testified on issues of concern during this portion of the meeting:

- David Graves (Seattle) – wolves
- Harry Barber (Washougal) – summer Chinook salmon
- Ed Wickersham (Ridgefield) – summer Chinook salmon
- Linda Saunders (Tenino) – wolves
- Dennis Rydman (Westport) – anchovies and sardines

3. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES REVENUE, WILDLIFE FUND DEDICATED ACCOUNTS – BRIEFING:

At the request of the Commission, Jeff Olsen and Rocky Beach briefed the Commission on the Personalized License Plates restricted account, including uses of the account, historical revenues and expenditures, fund projections, and the process for determining how funds are allocated. The presented also included a brief overview of the other restricted accounts within the Wildlife Account.

4. FORAGE FISH COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMITS – RULE ACTION:

Lorna Wargo presented proposed permanent rule amendments that would limit catch and disposition of anchovy on the Columbia River, Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor and ocean fisheries, while accommodating the needs of the baitfish fisheries. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposals at its January 7-8-9, 2010, meeting in Olympia.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Orr, to adopt permanent rule amendments as presented:

- WAC 220-20-010, General provisions—Lawful and unlawful acts—Salmon, other fish and shellfish;**
- WAC 220-33-060, Herring and anchovy;**
- WAC 220-36-3001, Grays harbor—Seasons and lawful gear—Forage fish;**
- WAC 220-44-030, Willapa Bay—Forage fish;**
- WAC 220-44-020, Ocean forage fish; and**
- WAC 220-69-240, Duties of commercial purchasers and receivers.**

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to amend the motion to change “or” to “and” throughout the above WACs. The motion to amend the motion carried unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

5. OCEAN SHRIMP TRAWL FISHERY REGULATIONS – RULE ACTION:

Lorna Wargo presented proposed permanent rule amendments to WAC 220-52-050, Ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery—Coastal waters, that would require Washington ocean shrimp trawl license holders to participate in the National Marine Fisheries Service’s West Coast Observer Program. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposals at its January 7-8-9, 2010, meeting in Olympia.

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Chew, to adopt permanent amendments to WAC 220-52-050, Ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery—Coastal waters, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. 2010-2012 SPORTFISH RULE PROPOSALS – RULE ACTION:

Craig Burley presented proposed 2010-2012 sportfish regulations, grouped by category. The Commission held a public hearing on the proposals at its December 4-5, 2009, meeting in Olympia.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Orr, to adopt permanent rule amendments to the following WAC rules as presented:

- WAC 220-12-020, Shellfish—Classification;**
- WAC 220-56-100, Definitions—Personal-use fishing;**
- WAC 220-56-115, Angling gear—Lawful and unlawful acts;**

WAC 220-56-116, Statewide saltwater hook rules;
WAC 220-56-123, Statewide freshwater hook rules;
WAC 220-56-124, Unlawful provisions—Hoodsport Hatchery;
WAC 220-56-128, Food fish fishing—Closed areas;
WAC 220-56-129, Unclassified freshwater invertebrates and fish;
WAC 220-56-130, Unclassified marine invertebrates and fish;
WAC 220-56-185, Marine area codes;
WAC 220-56-265, Forage fish—Lawful gear;
WAC 220-56-350, Clams other than razor clams, mussels—Areas and seasons;
WAC 220-56-380, Oysters—Areas and seasons;
WAC 220-56-385, Oysters—Unlawful acts;
WAC 220-56-500, Game fish seasons; and
WAC 232-12-064, Live wildlife.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt permanent rule amendments to the following WAC rules as presented by staff:

WAC 220-12-090, Classification—Nonnative aquatic animal species;
WAC 220-55-220, Two pole endorsement;
WAC 220-55-230, Columbia River endorsement;
WAC 220-56-240, Daily limits forage fish and other food fish not otherwise provided for; and
WAC 220-56-250, Lingcod—Areas and seasons.

The motion carried.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt permanent rule amendments to the following WAC rules as presented:

WAC 220-56-230, Bottomfish and halibut—Closed areas; and
WAC 220-56-235, Possession limits—bottomfish.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to amend the motion to include “the release of canary and yelloweye rockfish”. **The motion to amend failed.**

The main motion carried.

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the permanent rule amendments to the following WAC rules as presented:

WAC 220-56-310, Shellfish—Daily limits; and
WAC 220-56-330, Crab—Areas and seasons.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Orr, to amend the motion for WAC 220-56-310 (18)(b) to state “5” male crab is the limit instead of “4”. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Orr moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to further amend the motion to restore language in WAC 220-56-330(b) and (c) and (d) to state the season is open Wednesday through Saturday of each week and open Sunday, September 5 and Monday, September 6. **The motion carried.**

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Chew, to adopt the permanent rule amendments to WAC 232-28-619, Washington food fish and game fish—Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules, as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

7. PROPOSED UPDATES TO COLUMBIA RIVER STURGEON MANAGEMENT POLICY C-3001—
DECISION

Patrick Frazier and Bill Tweit briefed the Commission on the latest version of updated Policy C-3001 presented for consideration.

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to adopt updates to Commission Policy C-3001 as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

8. [ITEM MOVED TO SATURDAY]

9. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

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

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

10. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

One individual testified during this portion of the meeting.

- Kent Martin, Salmon For All (Skamokawa)—Columbia River fisheries

11. COLUMBIA RIVER SHAD FISHERY REGULATIONS – DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Department staff briefed the Commission on a proposal to delegate authority to the Director for amendments to WAC 220-33-030, Shad, which would make the existing Columbia River shad fishery a permanent season and eliminating the need for emergency regulations to be implemented every year.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt, to delegate authority to the Director for the adoption of permanent amendments to WAC 220-33-030, Shad, as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

12. COLUMBIA RIVER SPRING CHINOOK POLICY REVIEW & UPDATE

Cindy LeFleur briefed the Commission on the status of fisheries related to Policy C-3617, Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Management and Allocation for Non-Indian Fisheries, 2009-2013 and projections for the upcoming season.

13. COLUMBIA RIVER SUMMER CHINOOK POLICY – BRIEFING & PUBLIC HEARING

Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed updates to Commission Policy C proposed updates to Commission Policy C-3618, Mainstem Columbia River Summer Chinook Allocation for Non-Indian Fisheries, 2009. The Commission will consider adoption of an updated policy at its March 12-13, 2010, meeting in Olympia.

Two individuals testified on the above topic during this portion of the meeting:

- Les Clark (Chinook)
- Robert Sudar (Longview)

[taken out of order; moved here from Friday]

8. PUGET SOUND CHINOOK HARVEST MANAGEMENT PLAN – BRIEFING

Pat Pattillo briefed the Commission on the Puget Sound Chinook Salmon Harvest Management Plan, including background, summary of content, NOAA's authority, adaptive management provisions and consistency with other agreements.

14. OPEN PUBLIC INPUT

Six individuals testified on items of interest during this portion of the meeting.

- Frank Urabeck, WRIA-8, Salmon Recovery Council (Bonney Lake)-NOAA response
- Carl Burke, Fish Northwest, NSIA (Olympia)-Columbia River fisheries management
- Robert Cunningham (Bellingham)-Mineral prospecting regulations and HPA's
- Andrew Marks, Coastal Conservation Association (Federal Way)-North of Falcon process
- William Thomas (Mt. Vernon)-Mineral prospecting regulations and HPA's
- Francis Estalilla (Aberdeen)-fisheries conservation and co-management

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. MISCELLANEOUS AND MEETING DEBRIEF – COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to request that the Department provide a briefing on the State Endangered Species Act, including the listing and delisting processes. The motion carried unanimously (Commissioner Orr was absent for the discussion and vote on this item).

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

sdy

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

Susan Yeager

MINUTES

WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

PUGET SOUND CRAB POLICY REVIEW -- WORK SESSION

March 11, 2010

Natural Resources Building
1111 Washington Street S.E.
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE

Commission:

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

Commission staff:

Susan Yeager

Department staff:

Phil Anderson, Director
Rich Childers
Jim Scott
Jo Wadsworth
Bill Frymire, AGO

Public:

Laurence Bucklin, Coastal Conservation Association (CCA)
Clyde McBrayer
Brian Melvin, Puget Sound Crab Association (PSCA)
Larry LeFave, PSCA
Ken Crews, PSCA
John Rantz, PSCA
Brian Allison, PSCA
Vinton Waldron, PSCA

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PUGET SOUND CRAB POLICY REVIEW—BRIEFING

Rich Childers briefed the Commission on the history of the Dungeness crab fishery in Puget Sound, existing management strategies, and stock status trends and presented potential options for possible amendments to Commission Policy C-3609, Puget Sound Crab Fishery. The Commission discussed various options for staff to present during public meetings for discussions with stakeholders on preferred options.

The Commission will continue discussing this topic during its March 12-13, 2010 meeting in Olympia.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Sdy

Minutes submitted for approval,

Susan Yeager, Executive Assistant

MINUTES

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

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

ATTENDANCE

Commission

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Ken Chew
David Jennings
George Orr
Chuck Perry
Brad Smith
Rollie Schmitt

Department

Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Jo Wadsworth, Fish Program
Nathan Pamplin, Wildlife Program

Commission Staff:

Susan Yeager

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schmitt moved, seconded by Commissioner Orr, to approve minutes of the following Commission meetings as presented:

- August 21, 2009, meeting;
- September 11-12, 2009, meeting;
- September 18, 2009, meeting via conference call; and
- November 20, 2009, meeting via conference call

The motion carried. (Commissioner Jennings and Commissioner Perry were absent during the discussion and vote on this item.)

B. SUMMARY OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:

The Commission and Director reviewed the current list of requests.

C. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioners discussed recent activities of the various Commission committees.

D. REVIEW OF COMMISSION POLICY DECISIONS:

The Commission discussed recommendations of the Commission's Fish Committee on rescinding old/obsolete Commission Policy Decisions.

Commissioner Douvia moved, seconded by Commissioner Jennings, to rescind the following Commission Policies, as proposed:

- C-3004, Sea Urchin/Sea Cucumber;
- C-3006, Aquatic Invertebrate Disease Control;
- C-3007, Kelp Import Permits; and
- C-3014, Ocean Spot Shrimp Fishery.

The motion carried unanimously.

E. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Commissioners and Department staff discussed recent activities and items of interest, including status of the special legislative session, appointment of Ann Larson as Legislative Liaison and Nathan Pamplin as Deputy Assistant Director for Wildlife Program.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

sdv

Submitted for approval,

Susan Yeager

DRAFT