

MINUTES
WASHINGTON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION
MEETING via CONFERENCE CALL

November 18, 2011
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Brad Smith
Conrad Manhken
David Jennings
Chuck Perry
Rollie Schmitten

COMMISSION STAFF:

Tami Lininger
Erin Gariépy

DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr
Bruce Bjork
Neil Wise
Darren Friedel
Greg Schirato

U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife: Ken Berg

Public:

Laurence R. Ruff
Linda Saunders
Lisa Wathne
Diane Gallegos

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:31.

- A. Update from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Manager, Ken Berg – Overview:
Ken Berg presented an overview and answered questions about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service's activities in relation to the wolves in Washington.
- B. Petition to Repeal the recently enacted amendments to WAC 232-12-243 – Decision:
The Commission considered a petition for rulemaking received from the United States Humane Society pursuant to RCW 34.05.330 regarding WAC 232-12-243 that modify the criteria for determining when WDFW can issue permits to remove cougars with the aid of dogs under the public safety cougar program.

Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to deny the United States Humane Society petition to repeal the recently enacted amendments to WAC 232-12-243 and send a letter that the issue will be considered in the 3 year rulemaking cycle. The motion carried.

- C. Minutes for Approval – Decision:
Commissioner Jennings moved, seconded by Commissioner Perry to approve the November 3-4, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

D. General Discussion:

Commissioners and the Director discussed the following items of interest:

- Completed Wolf Conservation and Management Plan to review
- December agendas
- Visit to Washington D.C.
 - Office of Law Enforcement of NOAA
 - NOAA's budget approved
 - Funding for Wolf Management
- HPA Program presentation to Association of County Commissioners
- Sub-committee meetings
- Bear interaction

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:40am.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant