



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

March 7-8, 2014
Moses Lake Civic Center

401 S Balsam Moses Lake, Washington 98837

March 7 & 8, 2014 Regular Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Brad Smith, Vice Chair
Rollie Schmitten
Conrad Mahnken
Larry Carpenter
Jay Kehne
Jay Holzmilller

Department Staff:

Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Randi Thurston
Nate Pamplin
Dave Ware
Greg Schirato
Rich Harris
Jerry Nelson

Clay Sprague
Lauri Vigue
Donny Martorello
Stephanie Simek
Cindy Colvin
Dolores Noyes
Jim Brown

Guests:

Molly Sherwood
Dana Perez, USFWS

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Public:

Jono Esvelt	Jim Craghead	Carissa Craghead	Richard Rhyne
Vern Wimer	Chelsie Sechrest	Lizzie Phipps	Dez Dezihan
Gary Tatro	Lon Craghead	Danny Hunless	Bill Hebner
Tom Nieberding	Brad Palmer	Angela Butsch	Robert Campbell
Gary Douvia	Dennis Beich	William Churchill	Chuck Perry
Dale Magart	Steve Christofferson	Chuck Honaker	Dan Marcotte
Al Martz	Dan Peters	Jamie Eddie	Dick Hemore
Thomas Fritsch	Charles Hayes	Jeff Hardesty	Matthew Werner
Danna DalPorto	Diane Gallegos	Linda Saunders	Jim Sutton
Dave Warren	Kelly Sutton	Kayla Haas	R.D. Kent
	Story Warren		

Friday, March 7, 2014

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- **Commissioner Schmitten – Gun safety class**

b. Meeting Minute Approval

- February 6-8, 2014 - special and regular meeting
- February 14, 2014 – conference call
- February 28, 2014 – special conference call (approved during item #18 miscellaneous and meeting debrief)

Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the minutes as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Dale Magart – predation

Jamie Eddie – develop habitat on Crab Creek drainage from Fish Hatchery to Stratford Lake

Tom Nieberding – upland game birds

3. Director's Report

The Deputy Director briefed the Commission on the following items:

- Legislative Update
- Budget Update
- Public Affairs/Outreach
- Governor's Outdoor Initiative
- Crack in Wanapum Dam
- Colockum Tarps Fires
- Coyote Derbies

4. HPA Rules - Briefing

Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager briefed the Commission on the following proposed additions and changes to the hydraulic code rules:

- Changes to 220-110-250
- Changes to 220-110-300
- New section 220-110-420 Outfall and tide and flood gate structures in saltwater areas
- New section 220-110-440 Boring in saltwater areas

5. Recreational Licenses, Tag, Permit and Stamp Refunds – Briefing and Public Hearing

Dave Ware briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to the requirements for tag replacement, exchanges or refunds; reduction in cost of the multi-season permit and second deer tag and inclusion of a damage or master hunter tag to improve collection of harvest data.

Amend: WAC 220-55-040, 220-55-172, 220-55-174

The following people signed up to provide public testimony for this item:

Dan Marcotte

6. Small Game Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing

Greg Schirato briefed the Commission on small game seasons and regulations.

Amend: WAC 232-28-342

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item

7. Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat and Moose Seasons and Permit Quotas – Briefing and Public Hearing

Rich Harris briefed the Commission on bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose seasons and regulations.

Amend: WAC 232-28-273, WAC 232-28-283, WAC 232-28-622, WAC 232-28-623

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item

8. Deer and Elk Areas and Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas – Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson briefed the Commission on deer and elk areas and GMU boundary regulations.

Amend: WAC 232-28-248, WAC 232-28-337, and WAC 232-28-624

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item.

9. Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson briefed the Commission on deer general and special permit seasons and regulations.

Amend: WAC 232-28-357 and WAC 232-28-359

The following people signed up to provide public testimony for this item:

Dan Marcotte

Al Martz

Dale Magart

Gary Douvia

10. Elk General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson briefed the Commission on elk general and special permit seasons and regulations.

Amend: WAC 232-28-358 and WAC 232-28-360

The following people signed up to provide public testimony for this item:

Gary Tatro

11. Landowner Hunting Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing

Dave Ware briefed the Commission on adjustments to permit levels and hunt dates in accordance with landowner needs and recreational goals.

Amend: WAC 232-28-296

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item

12. Hunters with Disabilities - Briefing and Public Hearing

Dave Ware and Dana Perez briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to increase the Department's ability to issue special use permits to make needed modifications for hunters with disabilities.

Amend: WAC 232-12-047, 232-12-051, 232-12-054

Approve: WAC 232-12-819, 232-12-825, 232-12-828

The following people signed up to provide public testimony for this item:

Chuck Honaker	Dan Marcotte
Steve Christofferson	Gary Douvia
Brad Palmer	

13. Hunting Restrictions - Briefing and Public Hearing

Dave Ware briefed the Commission on provisions of WAC 232-12-242 regarding hunting at night that were inadvertently deleted during technical clean-up and reorganizing of several wildlife rules.

Amend: WAC 232-12-242

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item

14. Landowner Hunting Permits - Briefing

Clay Sprague and Lauri Vigue provided a briefing to the Commission on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2013 Lands 20/20 process and request approval for funding goals.

15. Colville Hatchery Youth Program - Briefing

Jono Esvelt, Chelsie Sechrest and Lizzie Phipps of the Colville Hatchery Youth Program briefed the Commission on current events.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

16. Open Public Input

The following people provided input for this item:

Jeff Hardesty – Baiting
Thomas Fritsch – Fall turkey hunts with dogs
Linda Saunders – Coyote derby hunting/wolves
Jim Sutton – Expandable broadhead arrows
Chuck Honaker – Eurasian Collared Dove
Danna DalPorto - Wolves

17. Annual Wolf Management Report - Briefing

Donny Martorello and Stephanie Simek briefed the Commission on the 2013 wolf plan implementation.

18. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

- Commissioner Mahnken presented a blue sheet request for a briefing on the status of Pinto Albalone.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the blue sheet request as proposed. Motion passed.

- Commissioners discussed their concerns on how to better follow up on items that come up during our meetings. How do we capture all ideas or suggestions of constituents as we build our multiyear hunting or fishing rule packages? The Director, Deputy Director and Assistant Directors committed to continuing to take detailed notes and track issues discussed and provide follow up at a later date on the progress of any of the items as appropriate.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant