



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Meeting via Conference Call  
Friday, March 14, 2014  
Olympia, Washington

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## Attendance

### Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Larry Carpenter  
Conrad Mahnken  
Rolland Schmitten  
Robert Kehoe

### Public:

Marilyn Sheldon  
Dick Sheldon  
Ross Barkhurst  
David Beugli  
Jeff Thornton  
Susan Macomson

### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
Jim Scott  
Joanna Eide  
Craig Burley  
Chris Donley  
Lisa Veneroso  
Randy Carman  
Steve Thiesfeld  
Rich Childers

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

### **A. Petitions to Change Rules - Decision**

The Commission considered two petitions for changes to rulemaking pursuant to RCW 34.05.330:

- Naselle River (LaPierre)  
Staff Report: Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to deny the petition to initiate immediate rule-making opening the section of the Naselle River from the Hwy. 4 bridge upstream to the concrete diversion structure at Naselle Hatchery August 1 and direct Department staff to address this rule during the 2014 North of Falcon regulation process. Motion passed.**

- Zostera Japonica, Eel Grass (Kavanaugh)  
Staff Report: Lisa Veneroso, Assistant Director, Habitat Program

**Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to deny the petition to protect Zostera japonica (from the herbicide imazamox) and to list it on the WDFW Priority Habitat and Species List. Motion passed.**

### **B. Puget Sound Clam and Oyster Seasons – Decision**

Rich Childers requested approval on proposed season changes to 20 public beaches.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to adopt permanent amendments to WAC 220-56-350 and WAC 220-56-380 as recommended by Department staff. Motion passed.**

### **C. Oyster Drill Location Designation – Decision**

Rich Childers requested approval on designating tideland areas infested with Japanese Oyster drills.

**Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to adopt permanent amendments to WAC 220-72-011 as recommended by Department staff.**

**Motion passed.**

### **D. Triploid Trout Stocking Plan – Briefing and Decision**

Chris Donley presented the proposed 2014 triploid trout stocking plan for the Commission's consideration and final adoption.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to adoption of the 2014 Triploid Trout Stocking Plan as presented.**

### **E. General Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director will discuss recent activities and items of interest.

- Blue sheet request – Pinto Abalone in June 2014
- PFMC update from Director Anderson
- North of Falcon process begins next week
- Pacific Whiting Treaty Joint Management meeting next week
- Wanapum Dam issue – plans with spring chinook

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant