



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

April 11-12, 2014  
Natural Resource Building, Room 172, Olympia, Washington

## April 11-12, 2014 Regular Meeting

### Attendance

#### Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Brad Smith, Vice Chair  
Rollie Schmitt  
Conrad Mahnken  
Larry Carpenter  
Jay Kehne  
Jay Holzmilller  
Bob Kehoe

#### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
William Frymire, AGO  
Nate Pamplin  
Dave Ware  
Rich Harris  
Jerry Nelson  
Penny Becker  
Brian Calkins

Dan Budd  
Don Kraege  
Clay Sprague  
Rich Childers  
Mark O'Toole  
Craig Burley  
Dayv Lowry  
Jim Scott

#### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

#### Public:

Bruce Barnes	Martha Jordan	Gail Gatton	Bob Lake
Dan Marcott	Jerry Lowe	Andy Mitby	Kevin Lyon
Margaret Tudor	Rodney Johnson	Cathy Salazar	Frank Geyer
Mike Kaputa	Chet O'Brien	Chris Madsen	Abigail Scott
Saran Krippelcz	Kelly Hahn	Diane Gallegos	Linda Saunders
Jonathan Stumpf	Tom Bugert	Luke Kelly	Don Freeman
Shari Stoican	Tim Manilley	Terry Cousins	Harvey Cousins
Joshua Cousins	Collin English	Mark Marzolf	Kathy Marzolf
Caleb Brunner	Stuart Blythe	Casey Bakke	Joe Verdoes
Ron Garner	David Jennings	Gordon Ruh	Curt Kraemer
Steve Fransen	Wayne Cline	Derek Day	Andrew Lawrence
Dana Bodnarchuk	Lynda Towne	Mike Towne	Tony Polychronopoulos
Rob Plaza	Doug Davies	Bill Zytowicz	Leland Miyawaki
Dareld Thompson	Ed Call	Terry Hamilton	Catherine Gowan
Carol Bogezi	John Becker	Jim Shields	Paul Roehon
Randy O'Bryant	Penny Pfiester	Thomas anford	Dorsey Moody
Wayne English			

## Friday, April 11, 2014

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

### 1. Call to Order

#### a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- Commissioner's Carpenter, Mahnken and Kehoe – North of Falcon process

- Chair Wecker – Razor clam digging
- Commissioner Holzmilller – Asotin County land purchasing process

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

- March 7-8, 2014 - regular meeting
- March 14, 2014 – conference call
- March 28, 2014 – special conference call

**Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to approve the minutes from March, 7-8 with changes as discussed; March, 14 and March 28, 2014 as presented. Motion passed.**

**2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Bruce Barnes – Hoof Rot	Martha Jordan – Johnson DeBay Swan Reserve
Gail Gatton – Smelt Fishery	Bob Lake – Commercial & Recreational Seasons
Andy Mitby – Grays Harbor Policy	Dan Marcott – Disabled Hunting Permits
Tom Bugert – WWRC Partnership	Luke Kelly – Wild Steelhead
Jonathan Stumpf – Wild Steelhead	

**3. Director's Report**

The Director and Deputy Director briefed the Commission on the following items:

- Federal Budget
- Agency Budget Update – Joe Stohr
- LEAN
- Agency Challenges
  - North of Falcon
  - Puget Sound Steelhead
  - Elk Hoof Disease
  - Wanapum Dam – Joe Stohr
- Prairie Ecosystem Loss – Mazama Pocket Gopher Listing
- Oso Landslide – WDFW's Support
- Wolf Update
- Lowland Lake Trout Opener
- Vancouver Office Move

**4. Proposed Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

The Commission considered approval of four land transactions presented by Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program, for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities, and responsible property management. Mike Kaputa, Director of Chelan County Natural Resources Department and Bill Richardson, Lands Program Manager for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation provided comments on the Stemilt property.

No one signed up to provide public testimony.

**Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to approve the proposed land transactions as presented. Motion passed.**

**5. Lands 20/20 – Briefing**

Clay Sprague briefed the Commission on an additional project approved through the 2013 Lands 20/20 process and provided clarification regarding the Mt. View proposal presented in March.

**6. Recreational Licenses, Tag, Permit and Stamp Refunds – Decision**

Dave Ware requested approval from 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.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to adopt WAC 220-55-172 and WAC 220-55-174 and amend WAC 220-55-040 as proposed. Motion passed.**

**7. Small Game Seasons and Regulations – Decision**

Don Kraege requested that the Commission approve the proposed amendments to WAC 232-28-342 the small game seasons and regulations.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-28-342 as proposed. Motion passed.**

**8. Landowner Hunting Permits - Decision**

Brian Calkins requested the Commission approve the proposed adjustments to permit levels and hunt dates in accordance with landowner needs and recreational goals.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-28-296 as proposed. Motion passed.**

**9. Hunting Restrictions - Decision**

Brian Calkins requested the Commission approve the provisions of WAC 232-12-242 regarding hunting at night that were inadvertently deleted during technical clean-up and reorganizing of several wildlife rules.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-12-242 with the recommended floor change as proposed. Motion passed.**

**10. Deer and Elk Areas and Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas – Decision**

Jerry Nelson requested that the Commission approve the deer and elk areas and GMU boundary regulations.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-28-248, 232-28-337 and 232-28-624 as proposed. Motion passed.**

**11. Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Decision**

Jerry Nelson requested that the Commission approve the deer general and special permit seasons and regulations.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-28-357 and 232-28-359 with the recommended floor changes as proposed. Motion passed.**

**12. Elk General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – Decision**

Jerry Nelson requested that the Commission approve the elk general and special permit seasons and regulations.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-28-358 and 232-28-360 with the recommended floor changes as proposed. Motion passed.**

**13. Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat and Moose Seasons and Permit Quotas – Decision**

Rich Harris requested the Commission approve the bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose seasons and regulations.

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Vice Chair Smith to amend WAC 232-28-273, 232-28-283, 232-28-622 and 232-28-623 as proposed. Motion passed.**

**14. Hunters with Disabilities - Decision**

Dave Ware requested the Commission approve the proposed amendments to increase the Department's ability to issue special use permits to make needed modifications for hunters with disabilities.

**Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to amend WAC 232-12-047, 232-12-051, 232-12-054, 232-12-828 and adopt WAC 232-12-819 and 232-12-825 as proposed. Motion passed.**

**15. Periodic Status Reviews – Briefing**

Penny Becker provided the Commission with a briefing on periodic status reviews from the Diversity Division.

**16. Tribal Hunting Overview - Briefing**

Nate Pamplin provided an overview of tribal hunting, including important case law related to off-reservation hunting, the Department's approach to coordinating with tribes, and an overview of various agreements the Department has with Tribes.

**Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission met in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is, or is likely to become, a party associated with hatchery programs that produce early winter steelhead in the Puget Sound region. No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to attend the executive session.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

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

**17. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input for this item:

Joe Verdoes – Shrimp	Ron Garner – Steelhead, Crab, Shrimp
David Jennings – Cabezon	Gordon Ruh – Crab & Shrimp
Wayne Cline – Skagit River	Steve Fransen – Skagit River
Curt Kraemer – Skagit River	Bill Zytkowicz – Skagit River
Leland Miyawaki – Skagit River	Dareld Thompson – Skagit River
Andrew Lawrence – Skagit River	

**18. Results of the 2013 Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing**

Rich Childers and Mike Cenci provided a briefing summarizing the performance and harvest of both commercial and recreational fisheries during the 2013 season and regulation compliance data collected by enforcement and fishery management staff as required in Policy C-3609.

**19. Results of the Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery – Briefing**

Rich Childers provided a briefing summarizing for each management region the performance and harvest of both commercial and recreational fisheries during the 2013 season as required by Policy C-3610.

**20. Puget Sound Smelt Fishery Regulation Proposals – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Craig Burley and Dayv Lowry provided a briefing to the Commission on an evaluation of the recreational and commercial smelt fishing regulations in Puget Sound to determine whether enough protective measures are in place to conserve the population.

The following people provided input on this item:

David Jennings	John Becker
Dana Bodnarchuk	Paul Rochon
Douglas Davies	Randy O'Bryant
Penny Pfiester	Jim Shields
Wayne English	Thomas Sanford
Rob Plaza	Dorsey Moody
Tim Manilley	Gordon Ruh
Shari Stoican	Terry Cousins
Harvey Cousins	Collin English
Joshua Cousins	

**21. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

- April 18, 2014 conference call was cancelled
- Director's Performance Agreement process starts in June with a decision in August
- Streamlining the rulemaking process for sportfishing rules

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant