



# Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

August 7-9, 2014  
Natural Resource Building, Room 172, Olympia, Washington

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## August 7, 2014 Special Meeting

### 1. 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. No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to attend the executive session.

## August 8 - 9, 2014 Regular Meeting

### Attendance

#### Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair  
Rollie Schmitten  
Conrad Mahnken  
Larry Carpenter  
Jay Kehne  
Jay Holzmilller  
Bob Kehoe

#### Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

#### Youth Council

##### Members:

Michaela Burchett  
Noah McCord

#### Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
William Frymire, AGO  
Nate Pamplin  
Clay Sprague  
Jim Scott  
Mike Cenci  
Steve Crown  
Brian Calkins  
Bruce Botka  
Darren Friedel

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#### Public:

Shawn Cosgrove	Tim Hyatt	Susie Kalhorn	Mark Erickson
Greg Hueckel	John Evans	Carl Schroeder	Neil Falkenberg
Clarissa Stenstrom	Annie Van Sweringen	Christine Brewer	Karen Terwilleger
Rick Geiger	Walt Olsen	Gordon Baxter	Sam Swanson
Casey Bakker	Cindy Alia	Tom Davis	Andy Mitby
Norm Reinhardt	Mike Painter	Chris Madson	Mark Smith
Adrian Miller	Doug Houks	Gregg Bafundo	Rosendo Guerrero
Richard Orcutt	Judy Murphy	Mark Smith	Yvonne Tuperling
Glenn Simmons	Bruce Beatty	Harley Edwards	Amy Carey
Kyle Loring	James Franklin	Gary Cantrell	Robert Carstensen
Paul Randall-Grutter	Derek Pohle	Paula Cox	Sam Castro
Melissa McFadden	Sarah Grice	Gary Rowe	William Willette
Katherine Willette	Ben Welton	John Campbell	John Rabey

Kelly Cooper	Rick Porso	Bob Lake	Lauren Burnes
Mike Burchett	Linda Saunders	Bill Thomas	Sean Wheeler
Chris Bounded	Brooke George	Robert Sendrey	Melinda Hirsch
Ruth Musgrave	Story Warren	Diane Gallegos	Rebecca Wolfe
Genevieve Jaquez-Schumacher	Mandy Sue Verona	Heather Lowe	Dave Duncan
Jack Field	Bill Sylvester	Harold Holste	Bob McCoy
Jack Hollingsworth	Norman Lang		

## **Friday, August 8, 2014**

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

### **2. Call to Order**

#### **a. Commissioners' Discussion:**

- Commissioner Schmitt – Fishing and Wildfire Impacts
- Commissioner Carpenter – Passing of Jay Koetje and his numerous contributions.
- Chair Wecker introduced and welcomed Youth Council members Noah McCord and Michaela Burchett

#### **b. Meeting Minute Approval**

- August 1, 2014 – conference call

**Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitt to approve the minutes from August 1, 2014 as presented. Motion passed.**

*The order of items 3 and 4 were switched on the agenda*

### **4. Director's Report**

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

- Senate Hearing on July 29<sup>th</sup>
- Asotin County Lands Advisory Group
- Fishery Update
- Albacore Season off the Coast
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Tribal Hunting
- Congressional Interaction
- Wolf Update
- Oregon Fee Increases
- Military and Hispanic Community Involvement
- Fire Update (provided by Assistant Director Pamplin)
- Budget Update (provided by Deputy Director Stohr)

### **3. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

John Campbell – Fishing economics  
Rick Porso – Biotoxin fee  
Bob Lake – Fish traps & Willapa policy  
Colleen Thompson – RFEG funding

John Rabey – Fishing opportunities  
Andy Mitby – Grays Harbor policy  
Norm Reinhardt – Budget ideas  
John Rosenberg – RFEG funding

#### **5. 2014-2014 Waterfowl Season – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations and take public comments on the proposed changes to amend WAC 232-28-436.

The following person signed up to provide public testimony:  
Ben Welton

**Commissioner Schmitten moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to amend WAC 232-28-436 2014-2015 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations as presented. Motion passed.**

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

The Commission considered approval of various land transactions recommended by the Clay Sprague and guest Bill Richardson of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

No one signed up to provide public testimony.

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

#### **7. Elk Hoof Disease Diagnostic Update – Briefing**

Dr. Sandra Jonker, Region 5 Wildlife Program Manager and Dr. Kristin Mansfield DVM, MPVM, Wildlife Veterinarian briefed the Commission on elk hoof disease diagnostic findings to date, and assessment of those findings by the WDFW Elk Hoof Disease Technical Advisory Group.

#### **8. Southwest Washington Elk Recreational Hunting – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, briefed the commission on a new WAC proposal for recreational elk hunting in southwest Washington.

The following person signed up to provide public testimony:  
Mark Smith

**Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to approve proposed new WAC 232-12-286 as presented. Motion passed**

#### **9. Geoduck Diver License Rulemaking – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Frank Hawley, Licensing Program and Joanna Eide, Enforcement Program briefed the Commission on the CR-102s filed for geoduck diver license rule changes to address the process for issuing geoduck diver licenses in light of the legislature capping licenses issued by the department at 77 licenses per calendar year beginning January 1, 2015.

The following people signed up to provide public testimony:

Sam Swanson  
Gordon Baxter

**10. HPA Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Lisa Veneroso, Habitat Assistant Director; Jeff Davis Habitat Deputy Assistant Director; Randi Thurston, Habitat Protection Division Manager and Bob Barnard, Environmental Engineer briefed the Commission on the CR-102 version of the hydraulic code, including a summary of comments received from stakeholders and tribes.

The following people signed up to provide public testimony:

William Thomas	Bruce Beatty	Amy Carey
Kyle Loring	Paul Randall Grutter	Sarah Grice
Scott Lindblom	Paula Cox	Samuel Castro
Rod Lakey	Brian Stacy	Melissa McFadden
Loretta Swanson	Gary Rowe	Karen Terwilleger
Richard Geiger	Robert Carstensen	Cindy Alia
Carl Schroeder	Neil Falkenburg	Rosendo Guerrero
Ann Van Sweringen	Tom Davis	Tim Hyatt
Susie Kalhorn		

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

**Saturday, August 9, 2014**

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

**11. Open Public Input**

The following people signed up to provide public input:

Dave Duncan – Wolves	Jack Field – Issues regarding Game Mgt. Plan
Bill Sylvester – Elk issues	Harold Holste – Fees/Muzzleloader
Jack Hollingsworth – Willapa/GH	Robert Sendrey – RFEG funding
Norman Lang – RFEG funding	
Bob McCoy – Coyote hunting/Lead ammunition/Funding	
Melinda Hirsch – Funding/Coyote killing	

**12. Game Management Plan – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, briefed the Commission on the proposed 2015-2021 Game Management Plan.

The following people signed up to provide public input:

Jack Field	Melinda Hirsch	Heather Lowe
Bob McCoy	Diane Gallegos	Rebecca Wolfe
Genevieve Schumacher	Amanda Verona	Harold Holste

*The order of items 14 & 15 were switched during the meeting*

**13. 2015 Operating Budget Request – Briefing**

Owen Rowe, Budget Officer, Technology and Financial Management briefed the Commission and answered questions about the agency's operating budget proposals.

**15. 2015 Legislative Proposals – Briefing**

Ann Larson, Legislative Liaison briefed the Commission and answered questions about the agency's 2015 legislative proposals.

**14. Capital Budget Request – Briefing**

Tim Burns, Assistant Director, Capital and Asset Management Program briefed the Commission and answered questions about the agency's Capital Budget proposals.

**16. 2015 Performance Agreement – Decision**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

**17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

- Reminder about 8/15 and 8/22 conference calls

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant