



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Special Meeting via Conference Call
Thursday, September 04, 2014
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Brad Smith, Vice Chair
Larry Carpenter
Conrad Mahnken
Bob Kehoe
Rollie Schmitten

Public:

Linda Saunders
Diane Gallegos
Dave Knutzen
Colleen Thompson
Robert Sendrey

Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director
Darren Friedel
David Giglio
Owen Rowe
Steve Crown
Nate Pamplin
Jim Scott
Jeff Davis

Commission Staff

Tami Lininger

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

**A. Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Member Selection for Open Positions – Decision**

The Commission considered candidates to fill positions on the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities for Regions 1 and 6.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten to approve Wayne McCaskill for the Region 1 position and Frank Gavaldon for the Region 6 position as proposed. Motion passed.

B. 2015 Operating Budget Request - Decision

Director Anderson outlined the interconnections between the Operating Budget Request and the Legislative Proposals that will be subject to separate commission votes. He then invited Chair Wecker to review the history of and purpose for presenting a "Draft Budget Policy" for Commission review and decision at this time. The Chair explained that the Draft Policy announces the principles that underlie the approach taken in proposing budget cuts and in seeking license fee increases. This Policy was necessary to clarify the Commission's position on some difficult choices that must be faced and will be helpful in working with the affected stakeholders, the Governor's Office, and the Legislature during the upcoming Legislative Session.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the Commission Budget Policy regarding budget cuts and proposed fee increases as amended. Motion passed.

Director Anderson and Owen Rowe, Budget Officer, requested approval from the Commission for the agency's 2015 supplemental and 2015-2017 operating budget requests as presented.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the 2015 Supplemental and Operating Budget Requests as presented. Motion passed.

C. 2015 Legislative Proposals – Decision

Director Anderson requested approval from the Commission for the agency's 2015 legislative proposals.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the 2015 Legislative Proposals as presented and requested that staff work with Department of Health to include the increases for the Biotoxin surcharge. Motion passed.

D. Minutes for Approval - Decision

The Commission considered approval of meeting minutes.

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Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2014 conference call as presented. Motion passed.

E. Wolf Management Update – Briefing

Department staff briefed the Commission on recent wolf management activities.

F. General Discussion

No items were discussed.

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant