



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**  
September 18-19, 2015

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**September 18-19, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**Attendance**

**Commission:**

Brad Smith, Chair  
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair  
Miranda Wecker  
Connie Mahnken  
Bob Kehoe  
Jay Holzmilller  
Dave Graybill  
Kim Thorburn  
Jay Kehne

**Department Staff:**

Jim Unsworth, Director  
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director  
William Frymire, AGO  
Nate Pamplin  
Steve Thiesfeld  
Craig Burley  
Guy Norman  
Kevin Robinette  
Madonna Lures

Mick Cope  
Stephanie Simek  
Clay Sprague  
Paul Dahmer  
Jeff Burnham  
Brett Barkdull  
Chris Donley  
Katherine Ryf

**Commission Staff:**

Tami Lininger

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**Public:**

Al Martz	Ivan Miller	Dave Murphy	Art Meikel
Bobbie Thorniley	Gary Douvia	Dave Dashiell	Dave Duncan
Arnold Wynecoop	Wes McCart	Shelly Short	Don Dashiell
Allen Gardner	Tina Wynecoop	Wendy Spencer	Larry Ray
George Brady	Paige Hauter	Ted Wishon	Brian Dansel
Monte McPeak	Vickie McPeak	Dale Magart	Freddie Giannecchini
Jeanne Dammerell	Gary Schalla	Shirley Barrett	

**Friday, September 18, 2105**

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

**1. Call to Order**

**a. Commissioners' Discussion:**

Commissioner Graybill – Upriver escapement goals and regional collaboration  
Commissioner Kehne – Impact of fires and the effects on people and wildlife

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

August 21, 2015 – conference call

**Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2015 conference call as presented. Motion passed.**

## **2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Senator Brian Dansel – Wolf Advisory Group (WAG)

Monte Peak – WAG

Ted Whison – WAG

Freddie Giannecchini – cougars

Dale Magart – antler point restriction

Al Martz – antler point restriction

Dave Murphy – baiting

Gary Douvia – wolf plan, WAG and 4 point restriction

Jeanne Dammarell – pollination

Tina Wynecoop – wildlife, land, fires, wolves – balance

Dave Duncan – WAG

Dave Dashiell – WAG and wolf plan

Commissioner Wes McCart – habitat and lynx

Representative Shelly Short – WAG, wolves and fires

Mayor George Brady – trapping and tagging

Commissioner Don Dashiell – cougars

## **3. Director's Report**

The Director provided a briefing to the Commission on various items.

- Wolves
- Blue Tongue disease in deer

## **4. 2015 Fire Season Update - Briefing**

Nate Pamplin provided an update on the status of the 2015 fire season.

## **5. Update on the Internal Review of the Grazing Program**

Paul Dahmer, Land Stewardship and Operations Section Manager and Jeff Burnham, Range Ecologist provided a briefing on the internal review of the grazing program.

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

Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager briefed the Commission and requested approval on a land transaction in Douglas County.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the land transaction as presented. Motion passed.**

## **7. Wildlife Interactions – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Stephanie Simek, Wildlife Conflicts Section Manager briefed the Commission and took public testimony on proposed changes to wildlife interaction rules.

The following people provided testimony:

Commissioner Wes McCart

Representative Shelly Short

Mayor George Brady

Bobbie Thorniley

Lawrence Ray

## **8. 2016/17 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Briefing**

Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, Brett Barkdull, Region 4 Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager briefed the Commission on the proposals for the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2016-17 season.

\* Note - Items 10 and 12 were heard after item 8 on Friday, September 18, 2015.

## **\*12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

**Commissioner Wecker made a motion for two blue sheet requests and Commissioner Graybill seconded both motions:**

- **Conservation objectives for salmon and steelhead – all were in favor and the motion passed.**
- **Pesticide use in shrimp and eelgrass control in Willapa Bay - all were in favor and the motion passed.**

## **\*10. 2016 Supplemental Capital Budget Request - Decision**

Deputy Director, Joe Stohr briefed the Commission and requested approval to change two of the capital budget projects. One project is to replace a failing intake structure at the Minter Creek Hatchery; and the other project is to provide matching funds for a Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Project (PSNERP) in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers. More specifically the projects are the Minter Creek Hatchery, Pump Intake Replacement - \$3.646 million and the PSNERP Implementation, Phase 2A - \$500,000.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the requested change on the two projects as presented. Motion passed.**

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

## **Saturday, September 19, 2015**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m.

## **9. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Bobbie Thorniley – cougar harvest  
Gary Schalla – land conservation  
Shirley Barrett – future of fish, wildlife, habitat

## **11. 2016 Meeting Schedule - Discussion**

Commissioners and the Director discussed the 2016 meeting schedule.

## **12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief - Continued**

Miscellaneous and meeting debrief continued with the following items:

**Commissioner Mahnken made a motion for a blue sheet request and Commissioner Graybill seconded the motion -**

- **Wildlife poaching and the license suspension process - all were in favor and the motion passed.**

The commission also approved the delegation of out-of-country travel to the Director.

**Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to delegate the approval of out-of-country travel to the Director, Commissioner Wecker seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.**

Commissioner Wecker asked others to look at the 2016 schedule and consider what topics are on the schedule and where the best locations to hold the meetings would be.

Commissioner Wecker suggested that the Wildlife Committee take into consideration Representative Short's comments in regards to the WAG and come up with some options on how to handle situations in the interim.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant