Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
January 13-14, 2017

January 13-14, 2017 Regular Meeting

**Attendance**

**Commission:**
Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter
Connie Mahnken
Dave Graybill
Kim Thorburn
Jay Kehne
Bob Kehoe
Miranda Wecker
Jay Holzmiller – Saturday only

**Commission Staff:**
Tami Lininger

**Department Staff:**
Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Hannah Anderson
Eric Gardner
Julie Sandberg
Kyle Adicks
Kelly Cunningham
Raquel Crosier
Craig Burley
Gary Wiles
Lisa Hallock
Derek Stinson
Donny Martorello
Ron Warren
Kelly Denny

**Public:**

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Perry Menchaca
Tim Eidson
Brett Ebert
Diane Gallegos
Tom Erskine
Jon Vigre
Tim Hamilton
Paul Larson
Bob Rees
Dennis Harvey
Thomas Dulcich
Chad Koepfe
Tom Effinger
Jerry Lee
Lori Steele
Greg Seeley
Steve Boerner
Paul Larson
Gary Wise
Steve Nichols
Justin Ryniston
Harry Barber
Justin Zakariassen
Shinna Menchaca
Alice Boerner
Paula Swedeen
Jeromy Evans
Clancy Holt
Shawn Cantrell
Greg Johnson
Steve Wille
Dale Rigdon
River Steenson
Robert Koepfe
Jeff Poveche
Mike Butch
Joe Klobucnik
Larry Zabel
John Schlecht
Doug Forsberg
Robert Yahn
Robert Sudar
Phillip Thomas
Bill Leady
Darrell Thomas

Hoda Sheikh
Marte Schwery
Andrew Marks
Lyle Cabe
Tom Porter
Amaroq Weiss
Norm Reinhardt
Jim Jordan
Jerry Hunter
Mindy Sass
Bradford Sander
Dennis Forsberg
Matt Gardner
David Mitchell
Hermann Fleishman
Chris Strawn
Marv Chesley
Donald Hyde
Wayne Jennings
Chuck Tracy
Greg King
Butch Smith
Nello Picinich

Solomon Wossene
Pat Ebert
Linda Saunders
Art Holman
Steve Boerner
Duane Inglin
Mike Curtis
Albert O’Connor
Allan Cabe
Alan DeLone
Bill Hunsinger
Benson Lee
Mark Bagdonitz
Sierra Rae Koepfe
David Mackay
Doug Ford
Jerry Bailey
Wayne Dalton
Anita Nichols
Chad Price
George Barton
Bill Beard
Tom Grossnickley

Approved at the May 3, 2013 Conference call
Friday, January 13, 2017

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

1. Call to Order
   a. Commissioners’ Discussion:

   Debrief of WAFWA meeting in Arizona

   Commissioner Kehne made a motion to re-elect Brad Smith to the Chair position and Larry Carpenter to the Vice-chair position, Commissioner Thorburn seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

b. Meeting Minute Approval
   January 6, 2017 – conference call

   Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input
   The following people provided input on various topics:

   Tim Hamilton – Open meetings/NOF
   Norm Reinhardt – Open meetings/NOF
   Shawn Cantrell – Periodic Status Review
   Perry Menchaca - Open meetings/NOF

3. Director’s Report
   The Director provided an update on various issues including:
   
   • Winter Conditions for big game
   • Dungeness Crab strike
   • Appreciation to the Enforcement Staff for all the extra work
   • Licensing System update
   • Crop sharing program
   • Wild Future/Legislation/Budget
   • Conservation/Blue Ribbon
• Wolf Workgroup discussions at WAFWA

Craig Burley gave an update on how the sportfishing rule proposals will roll out for 2017. There was a request for a demonstration of the new Fish Application.

Ron Warren provided an update on:
• Clarification on the Tribal coho catch
• Point no Point

Commissioner Wecker requested a follow up report on Schneider Creek Hatchery.

4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for various land transactions.

There was no public input for this item.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to accept items 1 – 3 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. North of Falcon Policy – Decision
Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager and Bill Frymire, Senior Counsel, Office of the Attorney General provided a briefing to the Commission on efforts to address greater public transparency within the North of Falcon proceedings. Staff also requested approval for the NOF Policy that would be in effect from January 2017 through December 2018.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the North of Falcon Policy, C-3608 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken. All were in favor. Motion passed.

6. Periodic Status Review (Woodland Caribou, Western Pond Turtle and Sandhill Crane)
Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager; Gary Wiles, Lisa Hallock and Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologists presented Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the state listed species referenced above and provide status recommendations for each to the Commission.

There was no public input for this item.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to retain endangered status for the Woodland Caribou, Western Pond Turtle and Sandhill Crane as presented by department staff, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. Motion passed.

7. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing
Chief Anderson and Captain Wickersham, Enforcement Program provided an overview of how they have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program’s strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

8. Profanity Peak Pack Update – Briefing

9. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Tim Hamilton – North of Falcon
Andrew Marks – Thank you to Commissioner Mahnken
Norm Reinhardt –
Amaroq Weiss – Profanity Peak wolves
Hoda Sheikh – Read statement from rancher
Paula Swedeen – WAG and preventative measures
Solomon Wossene – wolves
Shawn Cantrell – WAG and next steps

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Saturday, January 14, 2017

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

10. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:
Greg King – Cowlitz River recovery plan
Ross Barkhurst – Imazamox
Chuck Tracy – Special hunt permits
Tim Hamilton – Columbia River policy

11. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review – Briefing and Public Input

Patrick Frazier, Region 5 Fish Program Policy Coordinator and Brad James, Fish and Wildlife Biologist provided the Commission an annual review on lower Columbia River sturgeon, as stipulated within policy C-3001.

The following people provided testimony:
Harry Barber, Greg Johnson, Butch Smith, Clancy Holt
Nathan Burke, Ed Wickersham

12. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing, Public Input and Decision

Ron Warren, Fish Program Assistant Director and Jim Scott, Special Assistant briefed the Commission on options for updating the Columbia River Salmon Management Policy.

Commissioner Holzmiller joined the meeting via conference call.

The public testimony was taken before the motion, commission discussion and vote.

Commissioner Mahnken made a motion to adopt the policy updates as presented by the majority of the Fish Committee, Commissioner Wecker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 7 to 2.

The following people provided testimony:
Senator Dean Takko, Representative Liz Pike, Senator Lynn Wilson
Larry Cassidy, John Bohrsen, Mark Heirigs
Tim Hamilton, Art Holman, Ross Barkhurst
Gary Loomis, Clancy Holt, Darren Crookshanks
Harry Barber, Norm Reinhardt, Anita Nichels
Nello Picinich, Irene Martin, Kent Martin
Heath Heikkila, Nathan Burck, Bryce Divine
Jim Milanowski, Robert Sudar, Jim Fowler
Lori Steele, Frances Estalilla, John Baugher
Ed Wickersham, Jim Wells, Thomas Dulcich
Bill Hunsinger, River Steenson, Liz Hamilton
Bob Rees, Randy Woolsey, Bill Leady
13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
Commissioner Wecker discussed steps on transparency.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant