



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Conference Call
Friday, February 21, 2020
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:	Commission Staff:	Public:
Larry Carpenter, Chair	Amy Windrope,	Nikki Kloepfer	James Phillips
Don McIsaac	Deputy Director		Chris Bachman
Bob Kehoe	Edward Eleazer		Bryon Cleary
Dave Graybill	Craig Burley		
James Anderson	Margen Carlson		
Kim Thorburn	Randi Thurston		
Molly Linville	Anis Aoude		
Brad Smith	Brendan Brokes		

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

A. Petition – Whatcom Creek – Decision

Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager briefed the Commission on a petition to amend a rule that changes the current Statewide min. size/daily limit on Whatcom Creek from Woburn Street Bridge to Racine St. Foot Bridge to -Single point hook - Catch and Release – Fly Fishing only - Year-Round.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to deny the petition to change existing regulations on Whatcom Creek from Racine Street Foot Bridge to Woburn Street Bridge to single point hook, catch and release, fly fishing only, year-round. All in favor. Motion passes.

B. Incorporating Elements of 2SHB 1579 into the Hydraulic Code Rules – Briefing and New Rulemaking Timeline

Margen Carlson, Habitat Director and Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager briefed the Commission regarding a change in the rulemaking schedule.

Commissioner Thorburn suggested removing “we” under WAC 220-660-480, page three of the materials, highlighted paragraphs. Instead using Department or WDFW.

Schedule changes include:

- Filing the supplemental CR-102, March 4 with public comment,
- A briefing at the April Commission meeting with a public hearing and;
- A decision at the April 24 conference call.

C. Future Meeting Planning

The Commissioners discussed the draft March agenda.

Commissioner McIsaac requested that item #15 be reworded to say, "policy analysis", not workgroup discussion. The Commissioners also agreed to extend the item 30 minutes to allow ample time for public comments.

Commissioners agreed to keep item #13 Cougar rules on Friday but add 45 minutes to allow public testimony and adequate opportunity for Commissioners to discuss the issue.

D. General Discussion

Commissioner Thorburn asked about the current temperature of the legislative climate. Amy Windrope, Deputy Director, indicated that the budget is to come out next week and the agency is hopeful, with no negative indications.

Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Thorburn gave thanks to Nate Pamplin for his narrative of spring 2020 Columbia River fisheries.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Nikki Kloepfer, Executive Assistant