Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
March 13, 2020 – Kennewick

Attendance

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<td>Larry Carpenter, Chair</td>
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Commission Staff:
Nikki Kloepfer

Public:
Mike Estes
Jeannie Becker
Frank Palmer
Cary Cutler
Mark Kimmel
Jason Bolson
John Magart
John Claassen
Patrick Carte
Wes McCart
Bob Songer
Michael Crowder
Tyler Comeau
Oly Burnett
Doug Baldwin
Steve Epperson
Don Dashell
Stan Pack
Nick Hoffard
Jerry Fleming
Robbin Putan
Sam Ledgewood
Charles Ameren
Breezy Brunson
Al Rinaldi
Freddie Giannecchini

Friday, March 13, 2020

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

Chair Carpenter provided weather advisory, requested a working lunch, and notified the public that PowerPoint capacities will not be available during public input and testimony.

Chair Carpenter provided public safety announcement due to COVID-19 concerns. Game season setting comments have been extended until March 30.

1. Call to Order
   a. Commissioners’ Discussion
      Commissioner McIsaac provided an update on the Muckleshoot tribal and state co-manager meeting regarding the C-3619 hatchery policy review process. A summary of the meeting can be found here. Commissioner Anderson requested that tribal input be considered in the hatchery policy science paper.

   b. Meeting Minute Approval
The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the January 16-18, 2020, Meeting, February 6-8, 2020, Meeting and February 21, 2020 conference call.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the January 16-18, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2020 conference call as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the February 6-8, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports - This Section constitutes the formal minutes from each of the listed committee meetings:

Wildlife Committee
Commissioners in attendance: Anderson, Carpenter, Baker, Thorburn, Linville, McIsaac
Commissioner Thorburn reported the committee met and discussed the process for landowners permits, cougar rule changes, and federal framework for waterfowl hunting rules.

Columbia River Policy (CRP) Workgroup
Commissioners in attendance: Kehoe, Anderson, Graybill, McIsaac
Commissioner McIsaac provided a report on the Columbia River Policy workgroup. A summary of the meeting and committee recommendations can be found here, and the audio can be accessed here.

2. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
John Claassen – Gillnetting  Tyler Comeau – 2020 CR salmon agreement concerns
Doug Baldwin – Gillnetting  Jeannie Becker – Wolf population concerns
Mike Estes – Thank you  Frank Palmer – Wolf population concerns
Mark Kimmel – DFW signs  Charles Ameren – Economic impact
Jay Holzmiller – Predation  Sam Ledgerwood – Land management

3. Director’s Report
The Director provided highlights on the following:
- Razor Clam Harvest
- Columbia River Power
- System: Recent Developments
- Commercial Whale Watching Licensing Program
- Chehalis Basin Flood Control EIS
- North of Falcon kick off and ongoing efforts

The full report can be read here.

4. Landowner Hunting Permits (LHP) and Landowner Raffle Hunts - Briefing and Public Hearing
Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager briefed the Commission on proposed changes to the LHP program rule. A new standard operating procedure for the program has been developed and submission date for the annual reports from program participants was changed to comply with the operating procedure.

There was no public comment for this item.

5. **Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations and Hunter Education Instructor Turkey Incentive Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**
   Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on amendments to the migratory waterfowl and gamebird seasons and regulations.

   The following people provided comment:
   Michael Crowder

6. **Crow Depredation and Hunting Predatory Birds - Briefing and Public Hearing**
   Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on changes to rules pertaining to killing crows - depredating crops and damaging private property. The proposed rule changes are needed to comply with federal law.

   There was no public comment for this item.

7. **Multi-season Deer and Elk Tags and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**
   Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission about clarifying language to the multiple season and big game permits, as well as changes to the hunter education instructor incentive permits.

8. **Deer General Seasons and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**
   Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

   The following people provided comment:
   John Andrews  Gary Douvia
   Wes McCart    Frank Palmer
   Al Martz      Dale Magart
   John Magart   Freddie Giannecchini
   Jethro Allen

9. **Elk General Seasons and Special Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing**
   Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

   The following people provided comment:
   Travis Willey  Jethro Allen
   Don Dashiell   Al Rinaldi

9. **Hunting Boundaries and Equipment - Briefing and Public Hearing**
   Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on hunting boundaries and equipment.
There was no public comment for this item.

10. **Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons.

There was no public comment for this item.

11. **Permits and Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager briefed the Commission on a proposal to abolish WAC 220-413-20 relating to reducing the spread of hoof disease.

There was no public comment for this item.

12. **Cougar Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on options relating to recreational cougar harvest guidelines.

The following provided public comment:

Donald Mally  Dale Magart  Wes McCart  
Al Martz  Gary Douvia  Jethro Allen  
Frank Palmer  Oly Burnett  Jeannie Becker  
Travis Willey  Breezy Brunson  Gary Cutler  
Deb Hansen  Dale Willey  Grant Peterson  
John Magart  Sam Ledgerwood  Freddie Giannecchini  
Jay Holzmiller  Bob Songer  Ray Clark  
Don Dashiell  Steve Parks  Rob Peters  
Danny Defranco  Dave Duncan  Bill Sieverkropp  
Jewell Willey  Jason Bolser  Dale Willey  

13. **Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

These items were tabled to the March 27 conference call.

Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Nikki Kloepfer, Executive Assistant