



**Minutes**  
**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission**  
Webinar  
Friday, April 24, 2020  
Olympia, Washington

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Attendance

Commission:	Department Staff:	Commission Staff:	Public:
Larry Carpenter, Chair	Amy Windrope,	Nikki Kloepfer	Bob Lake
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair	Deputy Director		Andy Walgamott
Don McIsaac	Kelly Susewind,		Heath Heikkila
Bob Kehoe	Director		Leslie Connelly
Dave Graybill	Joe Panesko, AGO		Paul Price
James Anderson	Margen Carlson		Randy Trick
Kim Thorburn	Randi Thurston		Theresa Nation
Molly Linville	Nate Pamplin		
Brad Smith	Ben Anderson		

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

**A. Hydraulic Code Rulemaking Implementing 2SHB 1579 – Decision**

Margen Carlson, Habitat Director, and Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager presented materials and asked the Commission for a decision on changes to the Hydraulic Code rules needed to implement 2SHB 1579.

**Commissioner Linville, seconded by Commissioner Smith moved to adopt the determinations made in the Final Regulatory Analyses as summarized by staff today, and to adopt the amended rules as presented by staff and clarified. Commissioner McIsaac spoke in favor of the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.**

**B. Coronavirus Impacts on WDFW Budget – Briefing**

Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs briefed the Commission on impacts to the Department's budget in response to COVID-19.

Vice Chair Baker asked that staff keep the Commission informed if a legislative special session occurs and the potential impacts. The next Budget and Policy Advisory Group (BPAG) is May 7, 2020. Nate will send the meeting invitation to Nikki for those who are interested.

**C. Future Meeting Planning**

The Commissioners made the following suggestions for the May 15 draft agenda:

- Add executive session and future meeting planning

Commissioner McIsaac asked about the cougar safety follow up on the year-at-a-glance, Deputy Director Amy Windrope indicated that it was correct citing a Directors report out in

May and a scoping to the Commission in June. Commissioner Thorburn is happy with the approach that the staff are taking on the issue.

Commissioner Thorburn asked that her name be removed from the Habitat committee members list on the draft agenda.

**D. General Discussion**

Commissioner McIsaac asked about the status for reopening of fishing and hunting. Director Susewind indicated that efforts are underway to coordinate a reopening.

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

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Nikki Kloepfer, Executive Assistant