



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Web Conference
Friday, May 13, 2022
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Barbara Baker, Chair
Molly Linville, Vice Chair
Lorna Smith
Kim Thorburn
James R. Anderson
John Lehmkuhl
Melanie Rowland
Tim Ragen
Don McIsaac

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind, Director
Amy Windrope, Deputy Director
Joe Panesko, AGO
Julia Smith
Theresa Mitchell
Margen Carlson
Katherine Waldrope

Commission Staff:

Nikki Kloepper

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Vice Chair Linville called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Vice Chair Linville struck item B. 10 – Year Recreation Strategy. This item will be revisited at the June 10 web conference.

Commissioner McIsaac shared a graph of spring Chinook salmon on the Bonneville Dam, adult daily count.

Commissioner Thorburn reported that she saw a state-endangered Northern Leopard Frog while volunteering on a WDFW survey on the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area.

Commissioner Anderson reported on his interactions from staff at the Cle Elum and the strait for halibut fishing, check points.

A. Wolf Livestock Conflict Deterrence Rulemaking Discussion

The Commission continued to discuss the rule making information and process.

Commissioner Rowland asked questions about poaching and rancher under reporting. The Director will follow up with the Commission via email.

Commissioner Thorburn suggested consideration of a modification of SEPA alternative 2: retain only the section that amends WAC 220-440-080 and omit the new rule section portion of the alternative. Commissioners Ragen and Rowland suggested another alternative that included elements of all the SEPA alternatives.

Director Susewind suggested breaking the existing rule into elements and have Commission address at the June meeting. Staff will bring these suggestions for further discussion to the June 23-25 meeting and the July 8, special meeting date will be maintained for a decision.

B. ~~10-Year Recreation Strategy – Briefing~~

~~Staff will provide an update on the developing 10-year recreation strategy.~~

~~Staff Report: Joel Sisolak, Lands Planning and Recreation Section Manager and Cynthia Wilkerson, Wildlife Program Lands Division Manager~~

C. Duckabush Estuary Restoration Project – Briefing

Due to time constraints this item has been moved to the June 10 web conference.

D. Future Meeting Planning

The Commission discussed the upcoming meeting agenda and reviewed the updated year-at-a glance.

E. General Discussion

Amy Windrope, Deputy Director asked the Commission for a modification of the Director's delegation allowing rulemaking authority for the Special Use Permit program.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rowland to delegate rulemaking authority to the Director for the Special Use Permit program as needed for clarity, risk mitigation, and overall program improvement as stipulated. All in favor. Motion passes.

Vice Chair Linville adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant