



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Web Conference
Friday, July 08, 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
Joe Panesko, AGO
Julia Smith

Commission Staff:
Nikki Kloepfer

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

Commissioner Smith shared that she visited the new [Dungeness River Audubon Center](#) in Sequim and encourages other to see visit once its officially open. Commissioner Smith express that, " it's a model for nature centers everywhere".

Commissioner McIsaac shared good news on the Columbia River with regards to a larger than anticipated sockeye run. The current Bonneville Dam counts have been exceptionally high, including the largest single day count since Bonneville Dam was built in 1938 (over 56,000 on June 26), and indicate a run size that will either be the second biggest or the biggest sockeye return to the Columbia river since 1926.

Chair Baker asked that commissioners be mindful of their behavior during meetings and that as the Chair she will address the issues as they occur.

A. Wolf Livestock Conflict Deterrence Rulemaking - Decision

The Commission voted on the Wolf Livestock Conflict Deterrence Rulemaking.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to adopt alternative 4 as presented by staff.

The Commission discussed the motion.

The motion passed with a majority vote. Commissioners McIsaac, Linville, Baker, Thorburn, Anderson – voted for. Commissioners Smith, Ragen, Rowland and Lehmkuhl – voted against.

The commissioners discussed meeting venues and COVID concerns.

B. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission met in executive session. No action was taken, and the public was not permitted to attend.

Vice Chair Linville returned from executive session and adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Nichole Kloepfer 8/5/2022
Nichole Kloepfer, Executive Assistant