

MINUTES
WASHINGTON FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Meeting via Conference Call
Friday, May 4, 2012
Olympia, Washington

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Larry Carpenter
David Jennings
Jay Kehne
Chuck Perry
Rollie Schmitten
Brad Smith

COMMISSION STAFF:

Tami Lininger
Erin Gariépy

DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Darren Friedel
Chief Bruce Bjork
Joanna Eide

Public: Linda Saunders

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Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

A. Minutes for Approval - Decision:

The Commission considered approval of the following meeting minutes:

- April 6, 2012 conference call
- April 13-14, 2012 meeting

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes from April 6 & April 13-14, 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Round 2 Technical WAC Rule Repeals – Briefing:

Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst, Enforcement Program, provided the Commission with an overview of the technical expedited rule-making proposal that was filed as part of the WAC overhaul project.

C. General Discussion:

Commissioners and the Director discussed recent activities and items of interest.

- ADA Committee Selection – decision will be made at May 18, 2012 conference call. Second position still open. Chair Wecker requested Dolores Noyés presence at an upcoming meeting.
- Commission Committee Reports
 - Fish Committee:
 - Thank you to Jim Scott and staff for modeling presentation.
 - Presentation on Red and Green Urchin – Robert Sizemore did an outstanding job. Recommend full Commission presentation.

- Six month agenda
 - Fishing report, Columbia River
 - Baker River sockeye
 - Marine area 4b
 - Puget Sound shrimp review
 - Coastal white sturgeon
 - Upper Columbia River chinook
 - Lake Roosevelt
 - May 31, 2012 work session
 - 2-pole implementation
 - Walleye proposal
 - Tribal action
 - Circle hooks
 - Tagging rock fish
- General Discussion
 - Director Anderson
 - Regional visits
 - Annual awards ceremony – May 15, 2012
 - Governor signed Senate bill 6406, HPA legislation
 - Spring Chinook fishery
 - US/Canada albacore treaty
 - Colville Confederated Tribes letter
 - Wenas Wildlife Area – target shooting issues
 - Razor clam fishery increase
 - Caught in the Act – update
 - Great lowland lake opener
 - Conservation Northwest workshop video to be viewed at a future meeting

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 9:28 am.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Erin Gariépy, Administrative Assistant