



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

August 1-3, 2013
Natural Resource Building, Room 172, Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Miranda Wecker, Chair
Brad Smith, Vice Chair
Larry Carpenter
Jay Holzmilller
Jay Kehne
Robert Kehoe
Conrad Mahnken
Rollie Schmitt

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Joseph Shorin, AGO
William Frymire, AGO
Mike Grossman, AGO
Neil Wise, AGO
Michael Young, AGO
Jessica Fogel, AGO
Philip Paine
Nate Pamplin
Jim Scott
Owen Rowe
Tim Burns
Kendall Henry
Barbara McClellan

Ann Larson
Eric Gardner
Donny Martorello
Dave Ware
Pat Pattillo
Craig Burley
Dan Budd
Tricia Thompson
Don Kraege
Aaron Dufault
Hal Beecher
Bruce Bjork
Bruce Botka
Scott Pearson
John Pierce

Public:

Frank Urabeck	Scott Lundy	TJ Scharlair	Martha Jordan
Spencer Ewing	Bob Lake	Marcus Reaves	Rhoda Greer
Russell Carver	Jack Hollingsworth	Amaroq Weiss	Jack Field
Molly Dufault	Andy Mitby	Diane Gallegos	Norm Reinhardt
Kenneth Van Cleave	James Gitchel	Ruth Musgrave	Larry Rutter
Jeff Holmes	Danny Reeves	Story Warren	Lynne Borne
David Jennings	Bruce Barnes	Steve Carver	
Robert Brockhoff	Jesse Sheif	Carl Carver	
Lorna Smith	Jacqueline Conquest	John Caluo	
Linda Saunders	Jeff Hamm	Doug Williams	
	Bob McCoy	Joan Thomas	

Thursday, August 1, 2013 – Special Meeting

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission met in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency is, or is likely to become, a party. No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to attend the executive session.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Friday, August 2, 2013

Chair Wecker called the meeting back to order at 7:58 a.m.

2. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- Commissioner Smith – Marine Patrol ride along
- Commissioner Carpenter – Skagit County meeting
- Commissioner Schmitten – Colockum Fire impacts
- Commissioner Kehne – Telemetry for range riders
- Chair Wecker – Meeting with JT Austin, Governor's Office and the Youth Advisory Council

b. Meeting Minute Approval

- June 21, 2013 conference call

Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten approve the minutes as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Open Public Input

Scott Lundy - GPO

Danny Reeves - GH Gillnet season

Bob Lake – Grays Harbor (GH) Gillnet season

Bruce Barnes – Elk Hoof Disease

Jack Hollingsworth – GH Gillnet season

Martha Jordan- Mute Swans

Andy Mitby – GH Gillnet season

David Hollingsworth - GH Gillnet season

David Jennings – GPO – Option D

James Gitchel - GH Gillnet season

4. Director's Report

Deputy Director Joe Stohr provided the Commission with an update on the 2013-15 Operating Budget. The Director then briefed the Commission on the following items:

- Staff changes
- Puyallup River Fisheries Agreement
- Skokomish River Fisheries Agreement
- Grays Harbor and Willapa Fishery
- Fires
- Properties
- Wolves
 - Collaring activities
 - Depredation permit update
 - Cooperative agreements
 - Wolf Advisory Group status
- Upcoming events

5. 2014 Supplemental Operating Budget Request - Briefing

Owen Rowe, Budget Officer, briefed the Commission on the agency's operating budget proposals.

6. Enacted 2013-2015 Capital Budget Request- Briefing

Tim Burns, Assistant Director, Capital and Asset Management briefed the Commission on the agency's 2013-2015 Capital Budget.

7. 2014 Legislative Proposals – Briefing

Ann Larson, Legislative Liaison provided a briefing to the Commission on the draft 2014 legislative proposals.

8. Giant Pacific Octopus – Decision

Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager requested approval of the sportfishing regulations to implement management options for giant pacific octopuses and other species in Puget Sound.

Commissioner Mahnken moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to adopt amendments to WAC 220-56-310 Shellfish – Daily limits, and WAC 220-56-390 Squid, octopus, to close recreational harvest of giant Pacific octopus in areas of Puget sound as presented in Option C:

- Redondo Beach
- Three Tree Point North
- Seacrest Park Coves 1, 2 and 3 (excluding fishing pier)
- Les Davis
- Alki Beach Junk Yard
- Days Island
- Deception Pass

Motion passed unanimously

9. Proposed Land Transactions – Decision

The Commission considered approval of various land transactions presented by Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program, for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities, and responsible property management.

- Proposed acquisition of 119 acres in Pacific County
- Proposed acquisition of 191.36 acres in Pacific County
- Proposed acquisition of 116.15 acres in Okanogan County
- Proposed acquisition of 1.13 acres in Okanogan County
- Proposed conservation easement on 66.39 acres in Okanogan County
- Proposed conservation easement on 29.3 acres in Okanogan County
- Proposed acquisition of 100 acres in Okanogan County
- Proposed right of way on 7.4 acres in Grant County

No one signed up to provide public testimony for this item.

Vice Chair Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to approve the proposed land transactions as presented. Motion passed.

10. Wildlife Rehabilitation Structural Improvements and updates - Decision

Tricia Thompson, Wildlife Rehabilitation Coordinator briefed the Commission and requested approval on proposed rule amendments and new WAC sections to split apart the wildlife rehabilitation rule and provide additional detail and direction for wildlife rehabilitators.

The following person signed up to provide public input during this item:
Martha Jordan

Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to adopt the amendments to WAC 232-12-275 and new sections 232-12-841, 232-12-843, 232-12-845, 232-12-847, 232-12-849, 232-12-851, 232-12-853, 232-12-855, 232-12-857, 232-12-859, 232-12-861, 232-12-863, 232-12-865, 232-12-867, 232-12-869, and 232-12-871, as proposed by the department. Motion passed unanimously.

11. 2013 – 2014 Waterfowl Season – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission on Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations and took public comments on the proposed changes to amend WAC 232-28-436.

The following person signed up to provide public input during this item:
Martha Jordan

Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 232-28-436, 2013-14 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations as proposed. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Wildlife Interaction Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing

Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission and held a public hearing on proposed rule amendments to Wildlife Interaction Rules as identified below.

Amend:

WAC 232-36-030 Definitions

WAC 232-36-040 Wildlife/human interaction and conflict resolution for private property damage

WAC 232-36-051 Killing wildlife causing private property damage

WAC 232-36-060 Director or his/her designee is empowered to grant wildlife control operator certifications

WAC 232-36-110 Application for cash compensation for commercial crop damage—Procedure

WAC 232-36-200 Payment for commercial livestock damage or other domestic animals—
Limitations

WAC 232-36-210 Application for cash compensation for livestock damage or other domestic animal—Procedure

WAC 232-36-400 Commercial crop or livestock damage claim--Dispute resolution

Adopt:

WAC 232-36-052 Killing wolves attacking domestic animals

The following people signed up to provide public input during this item:

Linda Saunders

Amaroq Weiss

Ruth Musgrave

Story Warren

Jaqueline Conquest

Jack Field

Bob McCoy

Jeff Hamm

Commissioner Carpenter moved to extend the written public comment period until September 20, 2013 to allow additional time for comments, Commissioner Schmitten seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Saturday, August 3, 2013

Chair Wecker called the meeting back to order at 8:31 a.m.

13. Open Public Input

Frank Urabeck – Sockeye Salmon

David Jennings – Thanks

14. Status of Washington Sockeye Salmon – Briefing and Public Hearing

Aaron Dufault, Fish Program biologist briefed the Commission on the status and trends, obstacles for recovery, including environmental factors that control abundance and survival of Washington Sockeye Salmon in response to a blue sheet request.

The following people signed up to provide public input during this item:

Spencer Ewing

Carl Carver

Steve Carver

Russell Carver

Frank Urabeck

Jon Calou

Doug Williams

15. Instream Flows - Briefing

Hal Beecher, Water Team Section Manager, Habitat Program briefed the Commission on instream flows and the work being done by the Water Science Team.

16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

- 2014 proposed meeting dates
- Co-management meeting planning

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant