



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

October 2-4, 2013

Natural Resource Building, Room 172, Olympia, Washington

October 2-3, 2013 – Special Meeting Tulalip Casino, Marysville, WA

Co-Management Meeting –

On October 2, 2013, Leadership from the Puget Sound and Coastal Tribes met for dinner with members of the Fish and Wildlife Commission and WDFW leadership.

On October 3, 2013 the Commission and WDFW staff met with Tribal representatives from Puget Sound and the Washington coast to discuss a variety of resource management issues including:

- Legal foundation of Tribal-State fishery Co-management
- Historical foundation of Co-management
- Major Co-management issues, i.e., what is or isn't working and discussed possible solutions
- Commitment to the Co-management Relationship
- Next steps

State and Tribal leaders had a healthy discussion on each of the topics that were on their agenda. Many acknowledged the importance of the co-management relationship to fostering sound management of the fisheries resources in Washington State. There was general agreement to look for ways to build on the successes of the past and to work toward resolving the challenges that lie ahead.

October 4, 2013 – Regular Meeting Natural Resources Building, Olympia, WA

Attendance

Commission:

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

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Jim Scott
Darren Friedel
Randi Thurston
Craig Burley
Ron Warren
Donny Martorello

Dave Ware
Dan Budd
Bruce Botka
Stephanie Simek
Joanna Eide
Steve Crown

Public:

Bill Thomas	Harley Edwards	Diane Gallegos	Rebecca Wolfe
Tom Davis	Story Warren	Ruth Musgrave	Shawn Cosgrove
Karen Cain	Kaye Adkins	Robert Cunningham	Butch Wilson
John Rosapepe	Lee Blankenship	Bruce Fierke	Linda Saunders
Tom Bugert	BJ Thorniley	David Brubaker	
Cynthia Wilkerson	Robert Carstensen		

Friday, October 4, 2013, Natural Resources Building, Olympia, WA

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:26 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

- Commissioner Carpenter – Skagit Elk
- Commissioner Schmitt – Brewster Meeting
- Chair Wecker – Carol Turcotte – Thank you
 - Co-Management – next steps

b. Meeting Minute Approval

- September 20, 2013 conference call

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

2. Open Public Input

The following people provide input on various topics:

Robert Cunningham – Prospecting	Bill Thomas – Prospecting
John Rosapepe – Wolf Plan	Bruce Beatty – Prospecting
Bruce Fierke – Prospecting	Karen Cain – Wolves
Linda Saunders – Wolf Plan	Kaye Adkins – Wolf Plan

3. Director's Report

The Director briefed the Commission on the following items:

- Carol Turcotte retirement
- Giant Pacific Octopus
- Youth Involvement in outdoor activities
- Teanaway purchase
- NOAA Fisheries
- Meeting in D.C. regarding federal wolf delisting
- Brewster meeting
- Columbia River implementation
- Grays Harbor closures
- Marked selective fisheries
- Permit for Skagit County Island waterfowl
- Impacts of Federal Government Shutdown
- Centennial Accord

- Travel over next couple of months

4. HPA Rules - Briefing

Randi Thurston briefed the Commission on the purpose, scope and timeline for updating the hydraulic code rules.

5. 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.

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

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

6. Technical WAC Amendments and Repeal, Round 6 – Structural Improvements and Updates – Briefing and Public Hearing

Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst briefed the Commission on proposed updates, technical changes, and structural improvements to rules in conjunction with the WAC Overhaul project.

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

7. Wolf Management Summer 2013 Update – Briefing

Donny Martorello, Carnivore Section Manager and Stephanie Simek, Wildlife Conflicts Section Manager, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission on the wolf management activities that occurred over the 2013 summer.

8. Wildlife Interaction Rules – Decision

Dave Ware, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission and requested approval 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

Commissioner Smith moved to amend WAC 232-36-030, 232-36-040, 232-36-051, 232-36-060, 232-36-110, 232-36-200, 232-36-210, 232-36-400 and adopt WAC 232-36-052 the Wildlife Interaction Rules as proposed with floor amendments. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

- Director Anderson gave a short overview of the co-management meeting that occurred on October 2-3 at the Tulalip Resort.
- Director Anderson noted the outstanding fishing and clamming seasons Washington has been having.

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.

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These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant