Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
January 10-11, 2014
Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference Center - 1620 74th Avenue SW Tumwater, WA 98501
Evergreen Room

Commission:
Miranda Wecker, Chair
Brad Smith, Vice Chair
Jay Holzmiller
Robert Kehoe
Rollie Schmitten
Jay Kehne
Conrad Mahnken
Larry Carpenter

Department Staff:
Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Nate Pamplin
Jim Scott
Randi Thurston
Pat Chapman
Jason Wettstein
Joanna Eide
Ron Warren
John Whalen
Cindy Le Fleur
Brad James
Guy Norman
Ron Roler
Mike Cenci
Steve Crown

Commission Staff:
Tami Lininger

Attendance

Public:
Katherine Krueger  Linda Saunders  Brigitte Swift  Tom Bugert
Ed Fedder  Harley Edwards  William Willette  Kathy Willette
Robert Cunningham  William Thomas  Lauren King  Kris Northert
Frank Geyer  Bruce Fierke  Mary Fierke  Tony Wageman
Diane Gallegos  Bruce Beatty  Glenn Simmons  James Curtiss
Scott Atkinson  Cathy Salazar  Crystal Lyons  Jackie Jacobs
Mel Moon  Chas Woodruff  Mark Smith  Carolyn Crowson
Mark Green  Shawn Cosgrove  Steve Gacke  Tony Foster
Naomi Jackson  John Rosapepe  Andy Mitby  Kyler Kokenge
Louis Villagomez  Martin Villagomez  Terry Turner  Heath Heikkila
Joe Koski  Brianna Bruce  Cody Servo  Adin Daneken
Lael Johnson  Katie Campbell  Mike Burton  Ryan Pittman
Jeff Eklund  Rob Endsley  Steve Emerich  Duane Inglin
Ben Rosenbach  Jim Wilcox  George Rose  Terry Smathers
Trenton Codera  Shane Conrad  Dionne Warren  Bruce Warren
Luis San Diego  Mike Curtis  Dave Hamilton  Mike Boardman
Don Melander  Darin Koob  James Gitchel  Robert Gray
Rob Olson  Eric England  Matt Anderson  J. Wicklund
Daniele Curtis  Ray Vermillion  Zack Brooks  Jensen Codera
Dayle Conrad  Thomas Harmon  Chris Ward  Mike Ainsworth
Mark Coleman  Shawn Murray  Bill Osborn  Will Kimbrough
Ed Rydman  Flowers Jay  Bryanna Zimmerman  Douglas Larson
Monte Schwery  Nathan Crouch  Perry Harmon  Jeff McKeen
Ron Rinear  Mikey Kimbrough  Jack Hollingsworth  Sandra Larson
R.G. Gianos  Tanner Brown  Robert Rao  Waters West
Friday, January 10, 2014

Chair Wecker called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
   a. **Commissioners’ Discussion:**
      - Commissioner Wecker – Press coverage of enforcement action on illegal crab sales and the cooperation with the Lummi Tribe.

   b. **Meeting Minute Approval**
      - December 6-7, 2013 regular meeting

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

2. **Open Public Input**
The following people provided input on various topics:

- **Bruce Beatty** - Prospecting
- **Jim Franklin** - Prospecting
- **Robert Cunningham** – Prospecting
- **Steve Gacke** – Naselle River
- **Tony Foster** – PNP Hunting (Quileute)
- **Mel Moon** – PNP Hunting (Quileute)
- **Lori Schmitten** – Lummi Tribe
3. Director’s Report
The Director briefed the Commission on the following items:
- Meeting with Chief of Staff
- Federal Budget Update
- BPA – Coded Wire Tag
- Tribal Hunting
- International Pacific Halibut Commission
- Reciprocal Agreement - Zones
- Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act
- Wolf Update
- Enforcement Activities – Illegal activities regarding crab
- Department Staff Changes
- Pacific Salmon Commission – Portland
- Legislative Session kicks off
- Participation in sports shows
- NOF about to begin

Deputy Director Stohr updated the Commission on the department’s current budget, including information regarding all the different account and also shared information regarding Teanaway.

4. HPA Rules - Briefing
Randi Thurston and Pat Chapman briefed the Commission on the purpose, scope and timeline for updating the hydraulic code rules.

5. Youth Advisory Council: Activities to Date, Status, and Next Steps – Briefing
Jason Wettstein briefed the Commission on efforts to explore the concept of a youth council, work to date, and focus group activities.

Ron Warren briefed the Commission and requested approval on the reorganization of WAC 232-28-619, including changes on the Naselle River.

Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Schmitten, to approve the proposed updates as presented by the department including floor changes. Motion passed.

7. San Poil Sixteen Walleye Daily Limit – Decision
John Whalen briefed the Commission and requested approval of the reorganization of WAC 232-28-619, including increasing the daily bag limit for walleye on the lower San Poil River from 8 fish to 16.
Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter, to adopt permanent amendments to: WAC 232-28-619 Washington food fish and game fish—Freshwater exceptions to statewide rules to increase the daily bag limit for walleye on the lower San Poil River from 8 fish to 16 fish as presented by staff. Motion passed.

8. Technical Geographic Split WAC 232-28-619 – Decision
Joanna Eide, Criminal Justice Liaison/Regulations Coordinator, briefed the Commission and requested approval of the technical geographical split of WAC 232-28-619 that is a large rule, containing all water bodies of the state that have exceptions to the general statewide recreational fishing rules. At the request of the Code Reviser, and to maximize efficiency and understandability of the code, the department proposed splitting this massive rule into more manageable pieces based on geographic area. These changes are technical in nature and do not affect the underlying effect of the provisions.

Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to approve the proposed updates as presented. Motion passed.

9. Puget Sound Recreational Enhancement Fund – Briefing
Department staff Steve Thiesfeld and Ryan Lathrop as well as, Dave Knutzen of the Puget Sound Recreational Salmon and Marine Fish Enhancement Program briefed the Commission on the completed development of goals and objectives for the program.

10. 2014 North of Falcon Policy C-3608- Briefing and Public Hearing
Ron Warren provided the Commission with information regarding policy C-3608 and heard public testimony on the policy.

The following people provided input for this item:
Norm Reinhardt

Chair Wecker recessed the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Saturday, January 11, 2013

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

11. Open Public Input
The following people provided input for this item:
Steve Mathews – Columbia River
Bob Lake – Columbia River
Joe Verdoes – Shrimp
Ken Crews – Shrimp
Brett Bodenhammer – Future of Fishing

12. Grays Harbor Salmon Management – Briefing & Public Hearing
Ron Warren, Deputy Assistant Director Intergovernmental Salmon Management, briefed the Commission on Grays Harbor salmon fishery management and challenges. The Fish Committee members suggested that the Commission approve 5 recommended changes to be incorporated into the draft policy and that the revised version be made public for comments between now and the next meeting.
**Vice Chair Smith moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, to approve the proposed updates as presented. Motion passed.**

The following people provided public testimony for this item:

Norm Reinhardt  
Bob Lake  David Hollingsworth  Allan Hollingsworth  
Jerry Lowe  Robert Rau  Lael Johnson  
John Rabey  Melanie Rabagla  Terry Turner  
Steve Fransen  Duane Rabagla  Joe Superfisky  
Joe Durham  Francis Estalilla  Jim Rubert  
Andy Mitby  Ross Backhurst  Jeff McKean  
Jack Hollingsworth


Cindy Le Fleur, Region 5 Fish Program Manager, and Brad James, Fish Biologist, provided the Commission with additional information regarding policy C-3001 and provided updated information on stock status, fishery management, and other information for the annual review.

The following people provided public testimony for this item:

Terry Turner  
Larry Swanson  
Heath Heikkila  
Mike Backman  
Butch Smith


Guy Norman and Ron Roler provided the Commission with information regarding the first year implementation of policy C-3620 and heard public testimony.

The following people provided public testimony for this item:

David Hollingsworth  
Heath Heikkila  
Mike Backman  
Greg Johnson  
Don McBride

**15. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

Vice Chair Smith – Calendar review for the next month  
Chair Wecker – Briefing on the Supplemental Biological Opinion

Chair Wecker adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Liningier, Executive Assistant