



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

Attendance

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

Public:

Katherine Krueger
Ed Fedder
Robert Cunningham
Frank Geyer
Diane Gallegos
Scott Atkinson
Mel Moon
Mark Green
Naomi Jackson
Louis Villagomez
Joe Koski
Lael Johnson
Jeff Eklund
Ben Rosenbach
Trenton Codera
Luis San Diego
Don Melander
Rob Olson
Daniele Curtis
Dayle Conrad
Mark Coleman
Ed Rydman
Monte Schwery
Ron Rinear
R.G. Gianos

Linda Saunders
Harley Edwards
William Thomas
Bruce Fierke
Bruce Beatty
Cathy Salazar
Chas Woodruff
Shawn Cosgrove
John Rosapepe
Martin Villagomez
Brianna Bruce
Katie Campbell
Rob Endsley
Jim Wilcox
Shane Conrad
Mike Curtis
Darin Koob
Eric England
Ray Vermillion
Thomas Harmon
Shawn Murray
Flowers Jay
Nathan Crouch
Mikey Kimbrough
Tanner Brown

Brigitte Swift
William Willette
Lauren King
Mary Fierke
Glenn Simmons
Crystal Lyons
Mark Smith
Steve Gacke
Andy Mitby
Terry Turner
Cody Servo
Mike Burton
Steve Emerich
George Rose
Dionne Warren
Dave Hamilton
James Gitchel
Matt Anderson
Zack Brooks
Chris Ward
Bill Osborn
Bryanna Zimmerman
Perry Harmon
Jack Hollingsworth
Robert Rao

Tom Bugert
Kathy Willette
Kris Northert
Tony Wageman
James Curtiss
Jackie Jacobs
Carolyn Crowson
Tony Foster
Kyler Kokenge
Heath Heikkila
Adin Daneken
Ryan Pittman
Duane Inglin
Terry Smathers
Bruce Warren
Mike Boardman
Robert Gray
J. Wicklund
Jensen Codera
Mike Ainsworth
Will Kimbrough
Douglas Larson
Jeff McKeen
Sandra Larson
Waters West

Art Holman	Scott Sypher	Tim Hamilton	Loren Gee
John Sipp	Jeff Norwood	Bob Virth	Dale Scott
Ron Schweitzer	Andy Mesojednik	Dan Coleman	Bill Cowles
Jason Madsen	Joe Superfisky	Brett Bodenhammer	Ty Bodenhammer
Aaron Knesal	Allen Ludfer	Kellan Lindley	John Craig
Gary Barker	Allan Hollingsworth	Jim Harper Sr.	David Hollingsworth
Alvin Ng	Jake Nelson	Ben Huntley	Herb Carter
Ivan Khorseel	Bill DeVriend	Bob Lake	Jerry Lowe
John Tieder	Rick Moore	Ross Barkhurst	Josh Perkinson
Russell Carver	Fred Neal	Scott Phillips	Ken Crews
Joe Durham	David Gratzter	Ken Sheaffer	Jim Babcock
Tom Wilkin	Terry Rudnick	Jason Bun	Shane Anderson
Kody Balderston	Misa Les	Melanie Rabaglia	Gary Johnson
Steven Mathews	Stephan Pittman	Shane Vanderlinda	Norm Reinhardt
Matt Mace	Denise Mace	Lily Mace	Tyler Celli
Michelle Stephens	Jesse Fieldsend	Jim Rubert	LeeRoy Wisner
Nick Berto	Evan Turner	Tony Jones	Nathaniel Mace
Matt Chandler	John Campbell	John Rabey	Nathan Bryant
Fred Cody	Joe Verdoes	Roger Schnepf	Brandon Johnson
Randy Stoneman	Kelcey Helvey	Brian Alexander	Chad Skagen
Doug Connell	Bill Pace	Jeremy Koch	Francis Estalilla
Steve Fransen	Billy Anderson	Will Leurquin	Jeff Holford
Brad Deck	Phil Stephens	Fred Pentt	Shad Kearse
Austin Hoesley	Shannon Huffman	Zoe Hoesley	Leif Huffman
Larry Swanson	Butch Smith	Mike Backman	Dan Reeves
Lee Blankenship	Greg Johnson		

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)

William Thomas - Prospecting
Scott Atkinson - Prospecting
Bruce Fierke – Stream Decimation
Bert Swift - Prospecting

John Rosapepe - Wolf Plan
Shawn Cosgrove - Prospecting
Tony Wageman – Upland Birds

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.

6. Naselle River Internal Combustion Motors – Decision

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

Jerry Lowe

John Rabey

Steve Fransen

Joe Durham

Andy Mitby

Jack Hollingsworth

David Hollingsworth

Robert Rau

Melanie Rabagla

Duane Inglin

Francis Estalilla

Ross Backhurst

Allan Hollingsworth

Lael Johnson

Terry Turner

Joe Superfisky

Jim Rubert

Jeff McKean

13. Review of Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 – Briefing and Public Hearing

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

14. Review of the Columbia River Fishery Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing and Public Hearing

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.