



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call
Friday, January 16, 2015
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
Miranda Wecker
Bob Kehoe
Connie Mahnken
Jay Kehne

Public:

Department Staff:
Phil Anderson, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Heather Reed
Jim Unsworth

Commission Staff
Tami Lining

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

Please note - Item C was the first item discussed, then back to Item A.

A. Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab Rules – Decision

Heather Reed, Coastal Marine Policy Coordinator, requested adoption of WAC 220-52-049, Commercial crab fishery – Gear Limits – Coastal, which will improve the enforceability of rules by implementing gear tending requirements and minimize derelict crab gear. This proposal included the addition of an end-date to the gear tending provision that was not included in the original proposal.

Staff also requested an amendment to WAC 220-52-045 that includes the addition of a target season opening date of December 1 to provide more clarity.

Commissioner Wecker moved to adopt WAC 220-52-049 as presented by staff the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kehoe, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioner Wecker moved to amend the motion that was previously adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission at the December 12-13, 2014 Commission meeting regarding Coastal Commercial Dungeness Crab rules by adding language stating the target season opening date is December 1 and that language is to be included in WAC 220-52-045, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kehne, all were in favor, the motion passed.

B. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of the January 8-10, 2015 meeting as revised.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the January 8-10, 2015 meeting minutes with revisions as presented, all in favor motion passed.

C. General Discussion

- Legislative & Budget Updates
- Tribal Hunting Treaty Rights
- Mtg w/ Natural Resource Agencies, Gov's Office and OFM
- PSC Meeting
- Dr. Unsworth thanked everyone for being helpful
- Blue sheet request – Enforcement Program Issues
 - Commissioner Wecker made a motion and submitted a blue sheet request for a briefing on issues related to the Enforcement Program, the request was seconded by Commissioner Kehne, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant