February 6-7, 2015 Regular Meeting

**Commission:**
- Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
- Miranda Wecker
- Conrad Mahnken
- Jay Kehne
- Bob Kehoe

**Attendance:**
- Jim Unsworth, Director
- Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
- William Frymire, AGO
- Joe Shorin, AGO
- Mike Grossman, AGO
- Nate Pamplin
- John Long

**Department Staff:**
- Tami Lininger
- Lauri Vigue
- Jim Unsworth, Director
- Frank Hawley
- Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
- Penny Becker
- William Frymire, AGO
- Gary Wiles
- Conrad Mahnken
- Joe Shorin, AGO
- Mike Grossman, AGO
- Steve Crown
- Jay Kehne
- Nate Pamplin
- Mike Cenci
- Bob Kehoe
- John Long
- Eric Gardner

**Absent:**
- Brad Smith, Chair
- Jay Holzmiller

**Commission Staff:**
- Tami Lininger
- Ron Roler
- Cynthia Wilkerson

**Public:**
- Bruce Barnes
- Mark Smith
- Edward Barnes
- Patty Carter
- Greg Mueller
- Peter Hodum
- Georgia Prossick
- Shawn Cantrell
- Heath Heikkila
- Emmett O'Connell
- Thor Hanson
- Carl Burke
- David Hamilton
- Bill Osborn
- Elizabeth Rodrick
- Trina Bayard
- Ryan Godwin
- Steve Gray
- Allan Hollingsworth
- Tim Hamilton
- Ross Barkhurst
- Ron Schweitzer
- John Campbell
- Brian Kraemer
- Jack Hollingsworth
- Frances Estalilla
- Lance Gray
- Greg McMillan
- Norm Reinhardt
- Steve Shanewise
- Bob Lake
- Marlisa Williams Dugan
- Art Holman
- Curt Kraemer
- Joe Koski

**Friday, February 6, 2015**

Vice Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
   a. **Commissioners’ Discussion:**
      No items were discussed.

   b. **Meeting Minute Approval**
      January 16, 2015 – conference call

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2015 conference call as presented. Motion passed.
2. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Bruce Barnes – Hoof Rot
Edward Barnes – Hoof Rot
Mark Smith – Hoff Rot
Patty Carter – Puyallup Hatchery
Shawn Cantrell – Wolf Management
Heath Heikilla – NOF Policy

3. Director’s Report
The Director and Deputy Director briefed the Commission on the following items:
- First Week Activities
- Cowlitz River Smelt Fishery
- Federal Updates
- Wildlife Reports
- Stemilt
- Wolf Management Update
- Legislative Update

4. Geoduck Diver License Rulemaking – Briefing and Public Hearing
Frank Hawley, Licensing and Budget Policy Manager briefed the Commission on repealing WAC 220-52-01904, adopted at the end of 2014 due to changes to state law. WAC 220-52-01905 becoming effective January 1, 2015, makes WAC 220-52-01904 no longer necessary.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Items 6, 8 & 9 were heard before item 5.

6. 2015 – 16 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 - Decision
John Long, State Salmon Manager, requested adoption of the North of Falcon Policy C-3608 which would be effective through December 2016. The policy provides direction and guidance to the agency as it conducts the annual process for defining salmon fishing seasons throughout the state.

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the North of Falcon policy, C-3608, as presented. Motion passed.

8. Priority Landscapes – Briefing
Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager and Lauri Vigue, Environmental Planner, briefed the Commission on the Statewide Priority Landscapes Initiative aimed at identifying and mobilizing WDFW cross-programmatic resources to conserve iconic landscapes whose future status depends on collaboration across multiple jurisdictions and interests.

9. Lands 20/20 – Briefing
Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager briefed the Commission on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2014 Lands 20/20 process. The Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.
5. Columbia River Commercial Catch Area Amendments – Decision
Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator, requested approval from the Commission on inclusion of new commercial catch areas to aid in management of existing and emergent commercial fishing opportunities within the Columbia River.

Commissioner Wecker moved to amend WAC 220-22-010 by adding two catch areas, 1E1 and Cathlamet Channel Select Area, and inserting a description of catch area 2S as it is written in WAC 220-330-030 and amend WAC 220-32-050 by adding catch area 1E1 as proposed; it was seconded by Commissioner Kehne. All were in favor. The motion passed.

7. Steller Sea Lion and Tufted Puffin Status Review – Briefing and Public Hearing
Penny Becker, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, and Gary Wiles, Biologist, briefed the Commission on the status review of the Steller Sea Lion and the Tufted Puffin.

The following people provided public testimony:
Thor Hanson Peter Hodum
Elizabeth Rodrick Shawn Cantrell
Trina Bayard

10. Enforcement Program Update - Briefing
Chief, Steve Crown and Deputy Chief, Mike Cenci provided a briefing to the Commission on activities in the Enforcement Program.

An Executive Session was added.

Added – 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

Vice Chair Carpenter recessed the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Saturday, February 7, 2015

Vice Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

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

Curt Kraemer – Puget Sound NOF Future
Steve Shanewise – Waterfowl Baiting Rules
12. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing
Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager briefed the Commission on Willapa Bay Salmon Management challenges, described the public process, and asked for additional guidance on management options to be considered in the draft policy.

The following people signed up to provide public input on this topic:
Brian Kraemer  
Curt Kraemer  
Marlisa Dugan  
Norm Reinhardt  
Dave Hamilton  
Ross Barkhurst  
Allan Hollingsworth  
Tim Hamilton  
Jack Hollingsworth  
Andy Mtby  
Steve Gray  
Francis Estalilla  
Bob Lake

All of the Commissioners agreed that the policy adoption needed to be delayed.

The Commission suggested that staff conduct an analysis of North River natural origin Chinook salmon to determine if those stocks deserve higher levels of protection. It also suggested that the policy include a commitment to conduct a study of the economic value of surplus fish that reach the hatcheries.

**Commissioner Wecker made a motion to adopt the proposed Willapa Salmon Management Policy no earlier than June and to provide guidance in April needed for the North of Falcon season setting process. Commissioner Mahnken seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.**

13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
Two Blue Sheet requests were submitted.

**Commissioner Wecker made a motion for a briefing on Statewide Steelhead Plan and Implementation. Commissioner Mahnken seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.**

**Commissioner Mahnken made a motion for a briefing on Marine Survival of Salmon (Salish Sea Program). Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.**

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant