# Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

**November 13-14, 2015 Regular Meeting**

## Commission:
- Brad Smith, Chair
- Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
- Miranda Wecker
- Connie Mahnken
- Jay Holzmiller
- Dave Graybill
- Kim Thorburn
- Jay Kehne

## Commission Staff:
- Tami Lininger

## Attendance:
- Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
- Joe Shorin, AGO
- William Frymire, AGO
- Nate Pamlpin
- Steve Thiesfeld
- Craig Burley
- Annette Hoffman
- Chris Donley
- Mick Cope
- Stephanie Simek
- Frank Hawley
- Julie Sandberg

## Department Staff:
- Wendy Connally
- Dayv Lowry
- Allen Pleus
- John Long
- Mike Cenci
- Erik Olson

## Guest:
- Bill Richardson, RMEF

## Public:
- Patty Carter
- Max Larkin
- Tim Hamilton
- Melanie Rabaglia
- Bill Osborn
- Ron Schultz
- Ron Vesser
- Fernando Morales
- Everett Brannberg
- Sylvia Thorpe
- Mike Zavadlov
- Rob Masonis
- Chris Tinder
- Bill Stock
- Robert Kratzer
- Joe Verdoes
- Bob Christensen
- Ron Lazara
- Cella Hart
- Lucas Young
- Kerry Hart
- Tom Epperson
- David Atkins
- Jason Small
- Jane Mierson
- James Starr
- Keith Denton

- Georgia Prossick
- Martha Jordan
- Gary Moody
- Diane Gallegos
- Tom Moonan
- Joe Rok
- Brad Bastin
- Jose Morales
- Roger Bialous
- Richard Burge
- Bill Meyer
- Karen Kardos
- Robert Foster
- Derek Day
- Mike Tinder
- Stephen Burns
- Nick Chambers
- Patrick Prichard
- Binh Jenkins
- Penny Smith
- Craig Edwards
- Earl Harper
- Siriporn Atkins
- Dave Steinbaugh
- Al Senyohl
- Dwayne Meadows
- Thomas Pero

- Bruce Vandersvort
- Paul Fishbach
- Marliisa Dugan
- Dave Hamilton
- Joshua Cousins
- Ron Rinen
- Janet Patterson
- Jon White
- Paul Martini
- Al Schmauder
- Aaron O'Leary
- Attila Kardos
- Rich Simms
- Bob Carter
- Chase Gunnell
- Erica Stock
- Bradley Bobbitt
- Debbie White
- Jay Berber
- Terry Collwitzer
- Jeff Westerlend
- Patrick Patterson
- John Farrat
- Glen Huntington
- Michael Patterson
- Bryan Townley
- Stephen Moffitt

- Ken Miller
- Gordon Ruh
- Greg Shimek
- Robert Rau
- Art Holman
- Wis San Diego
- Amanda Morales-Strong
- Gerry Brannberg
- Cyndie Sundstrom
- Sean Gallagher
- Paul Sparks
- Ryan Bullock
- Chris Taylor
- Larry Brunstad
- Jonathan Stumpf
- Larry Ford
- Shane Anderson
- John McMillan
- Alex Blain
- Judy Hart
- Sue Epperson
- Wes Hoppler
- James Babcock
- Jim Schmitz
- Bart Collins
- Kate Holliday
- Vaughn Hodgins

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**Minutes**

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**November 13-14, 2015**
Friday, November 13, 2105

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
   a. **Commissioners’ Discussion:**
      No discussion
   b. **Meeting Minute Approval**
      November 6, 2015 – conference call

Commissioner Wecker moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2015 conference call as presented. Motion passed.

2. **Open Public Input**
   The following people provided input on various topics:
   - Patty Carter – Puyallup Historic Hatchery Foundation
   - Bruce Vandervort – W/L Interaction Rules
   - Ken Miller – W/L Interaction Rules
   - Martha Jordan – NW Swan Conservation Association
   - Gordon Ruh – Commercial Smelt Fishery
   - Tom Davis – W/L Interaction Rules
   - Robert Rau – Salmon Returns
   - Melanie Robaglia – Salmon Returns

3. **Director’s Report**
   Information was provided in the notebook on various items.

4. **Combined Fish Guide License – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**
   Frank Hawley briefed the Commission and requested approval on a proposed rule to allow for a combined food fish guide and game fish guide license at a reduced rate as required by the passage of Senate Bill 5824.

   No one signed up to provide testimony.

   **Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to adopt WAC 220-20-135 as presented. Motion passed.**

5. **Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**
   Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Manager briefed the Commission and requested approval on various land transactions.

   No one signed up to provide testimony.

   **Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the land transactions as presented. Motion passed 7-1.**
6. **Forest Restoration Projects – Decision**

Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead, briefed the commission and requested approval on two forest restoration projects.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to approve the proposed timber harvest projects as presented. Motion passed.

7. **Wildlife Interactions - Decision**

Stephanie Simek, Wildlife Conflicts Section Manager requested approval of the proposed changes to the wildlife interaction rules.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt the repeal of WACs 232-12-025 and 232-28-266, adopt the new WAC sections listed in Appendix A and amend the WAC sections listed in Appendix B. Motion passed.

8. **Citizen Science – Briefing**

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant to the Director and Wendy Connally, Citizen Science Coordinator briefed the Commission on the Wildlife Program’s FY16-17 Citizen Science Conservation Initiative.

9. **Commercial Smelt Fishery Update – Briefing**

Dayv Lowry, Research Scientist briefed the Commission on the commercial smelt fisheries status since regulation changes were implemented in June of 2014.

10. **Aquatic Invasive Species – Briefing**

Bill Tweit, Special Assistant and Allen Pleus, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator briefed the Commission on the response to the legislative directive to WDFW and the Washington Invasive Species Council to form a stakeholder consultation process to develop recommendations for future funding for the State aquatic invasive species program. Recommendations must be provided to the Governor and Legislature by June 1, 2016.

11. **In-Season Management – Briefing and Public Hearing**

John Long, Intergovernmental Salmon Management and Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager briefed the Commission on the current status of Coho run sizes and actions taken to ensure conservation objectives and broodstock goals are achieved. As well as discussed possibilities to re-open fisheries.

The following people provided testimony:

Tim Hamilton  
Francis Estalilla  
Marlisa Dugan

12. **Executive Session**

The Commission met Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:41 p.m.
Saturday, November 14, 2015

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

(Note: Commissioners Carpenter and Kehoe were absent from the meeting on Saturday)

13. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Joe Verdoes – Prawn Fishing
Sylvia Thorpe - Lynx

14. 2016-17 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Briefing and Public Hearing
Department staff briefed the Commission on the proposals and summarized public comments received for the upcoming Sportfishing rules and regulations for the 2016-17 season.

The following people provided input:
Kerry Hart          Bob Christensen          Craig Edwards          Judy Hart
Cyndie Sundstrom    Patrick Patterson     Vaughn Hodgins         Michael Patterson
Jonathan White      Ron Lazara            Robert Carter          Debbie White
Sean Gallagher      Mike Zavadlov         Bill Meyer            Larry Ford
Ryan Bullock        Aaron O’Leary         Robert Kratzer        Paul Sparks
Jonathan Stumpf     Chase Gunnell         Rich Simms            Robert Foster
Paul Martini        Roger Bialous         Mike Tinder           Chris Tinder
Chris Taylor        Nick Chambers         Al Schmauder          Richard Burge
Rob Masonis         Jeff Westerlend       Jason Small           Shane Anderson
Erica Stock         Bradley Bobbitt       James Starr           Bryan Townley
John McMillian      Dave Steinbaugh      Thomas Pero           Keith Denton
Al Senyohl          Wes Hoppler           John Farrar           Marlisa Williams Dugan
Ben Paull           Lucas Young

Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief and Sergeant Erik Olson briefed the Commission on the Enforcement Program’s response to natural disasters and efforts in homeland and port security. The agency occupies an important Emergency Management Division role and receives funding from federal agencies in order to enhance our presence and capability. The focus will be on increasing awareness of the shared public safety mission and operational overlap.

16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
Commissioner Mahnken submitted a blue sheet request for Commissioner Kehne for a briefing on climate change and the effects on fish and wildlife management. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thorburn, all were in favor and the motion passed.

Commissioners discussed the 2016 meeting schedule.

Further discussions transpired regarding the proposed draft steelhead priorities document.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant