Friday, February 26, 2016

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

1. Call to Order
   a. Commissioners’ Discussion:
      • Commissioner Carpenter and Kehoe discussed the Hatchery Work Session with Senator Pearson
      • The Commissioners would like staff to look at getting new chairs
      • Chair Smith mentioned the meeting with the ADAAC folks
      • Commissioner Wecker mentioned the Seattle Times report of the residues in the water

   b. Meeting Minute Approval
      January 22-23, 2016 – meeting

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the minutes from the January 22-23, 2016 meeting as presented. Motion passed.
2. **Open Public Input**
The following people provided input on various topics:
Kent Martin – ESA listed fish
Howard Wilson – Bear damage
Ken Miller – Bear damage
Pete Granger – Whatcom fisheries

3. **Director's Report**
The Director provided an update on various issues including:
- Budget and Legislative update and introduction of Raquel Crosier, the new Legislative Liaison
- Wild Future updates
- Upcoming audit
- Jeff Davis – Habitat Program briefings
- Nate Pamplin - Wolves, landfill and compost, fisher releases, auction tags
- Steve Crown – Enforcement updates
- John Long – North of Falcon overview

4. **Periodic Status Review (Northern Spotted Owl, Snowy Plover, Western Gray Squirrel, and Greater Sage-grouse) – Decision**
Penny Becker, Diversity Division Manager, requested approval from the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews for four state listed species.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken to retain the Northern Spotted Owl as endangered, the Snowy Plover as endangered, the Western Gray Squirrel as threatened and the Greater Sage-grouse as threatened, as presented by staff as presented. All were in favor and the motion passed.

5. **Lands 20/20 Briefing**
Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section Manager and Lauri Vigue, Lands 20/20 Acquisition Coordinator briefed the Commission on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2015 Lands 20/20 process; the Department will seek funding for projects approved in the Lands 20/20 process.

6. **Puget Sound Clam and Oyster Seasons – Briefing and Public Hearing**
Philippa Kohn, Intertidal Bivalve Program Manager, briefed the Commission on the proposed season changes for clams and oysters on Puget Sound beaches.

No public input.

7. **Puget Sound Commercial Smelt Quick Reporting – Briefing and Public Hearing**
Dayv Lowry, Ph.D., Research Scientist provided the Commission a briefing on proposed permanent rules for quick reporting on Puget Sound commercial smelt fisheries.

No public input.

8. **Hood Canal Chum Management Review – Briefing and Public Hearing**
Laurie Peterson, Puget Sound Salmon Manager and Kirt Hughes, Fishery Planning, Modeling, Regulations and ESA Response Manager provided a briefing on methodology used for evaluation and in-season updating Hood Canal chum run size for use in commercial fishery management.

The following people provide testimony:
Brian Benkman          David Sorensen          Steve Pedersen

Approved at the May 3, 2013 Conference call
9. Executive Session
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met 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 is not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting immediately following the Executive Session.

Saturday, February 27, 2016
Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

10. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Bob Mulhauser – 7-gill sharks
Joe Durham – Wynoochie mitigation
Tim Hamilton – Work with Pacific Salmon Commission
Bill Osborn - Wynoochie mitigation

Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Mike Scharf, Fish Biologist presented the annual review of the Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3621.

The following people provided input:
Dave Hamilton      Joe Durham
Melanie Rabaglia   Robert Rao
Tim Hamilton       Allan Hollingsworth
Heath Helikka      Norm Reinhardt
Bob Lake           Frances Estalilla

12. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Comment
Steve Thiesfeld, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Fish Biologist provided the annual review of the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3622.

The following people provided public comments:
Tim Hamilton       Allan Hollingsworth
Norm Reinhardt     Bob Lake
Frances Estalilla  Lance Gray
Steve Gray         Marlisa Williams Dugan
Bruce Ogren        Greg McMillan

The Commission and staff further discussed both the Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay policies.

13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
The following items were discussed:
- Commission Budget and expectations
- Summary of commission requests
- ADAAC report to the legislature
- Director’s performance evaluations
Commissioner Wecker made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to allow the Executive Committee to interview the Assistant Directors and Deputy Assistant Directors in preparation for the Directors annual performance review. Motion passed.

- Commissioner Wecker made a motion requesting a briefing on the latest study around residues found in salmon and the impacts of in Puget Sound, Commissioner Carpenter seconded it and the motion passed.

- Commissioner Kehoe made a motion requesting a briefing on the definition of Adaptive Management and to involve the AGs office, Commissioner Thorburn seconded the motion and it was passed. It was requested that the Fish Committee discuss this prior to the full commission getting a briefing.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:34 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant