



Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

August 5-6, 2016

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Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter
Miranda Wecker
Connie Mahnken
Dave Graybill
Kim Thorburn
Jay Kehne
Jay Holzmilller
Bob Kehoe

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Attendance

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Peter Vernie
Jennifer Quan
Owen Rowe
Raquel Crosier
Hannah Anderson
Ann Potter
Ron Warren
Eric Gardner
Chris Donley
Michele Culver
Clay Sprague
Wyatt Lundquist
Michelle Dunlop
Bruce Botka

Heather Reed
Greg Sallis
Owen Rowe
Tim Burns
Eric Kinne
Jeff Davis
Craig Burley
Mike Cenci
Dan Chadwick
Chris Anderson
Kyle Adicks
John Long
Kelly Cunningham
Mike Hobbs
Kirt Hughes
Rob Geddis
Donny Martorello

Public:

Ross Barkhurst	Greg Mueller	Rob Kavanaugh	Ilene LeVee
Larry Breitsprecher	Jeff Dungey	Dick Wallace	Colleen Thompson
Jamie Glasgow	Jordan Royer	Nick Chambers	Art Holman
Bonnie Blessing	Gerry O'Keefe	Tom Echols	Bruce Barnes
Mike Mickelson	Anne Schuster	Melanie Rabaglia	Robert Rau

Friday, August 5, 2016

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

Commissioner Carpenter – joint meeting with Oregon regarding the Columbia River Policy

b. Meeting Minute Approval

July 15, 2016 – conference call

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2016 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Rob Kavanaugh – Conflict resolution meeting

Larry Breitsprecher – Commercial crabbing
Colleen Thompson – Funding for RFEG
Dick Wallace – Funding for RFEG
Jamie Glasgow – Skagit watershed – wild stock gene bank
Jordan Royer – AIS funding
Gerry O’Keefe – AIS funding
Bonnie Blessing – Improved funding for non-game species recovery
Ross Barkhurst – Wildlife management in Willapa Bay

3. Director’s Report

The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- WAFWA Meeting
- Steelhead License Plates
- Wolf Update
- Pond Turtle Proclamation
- Cherry Valley Dog Training
- NOAA Process
- Fish Program Update – various topics
- Columbia River Policy Update

4. Hatchery Reform Policy C-3619 – Briefing

Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Assistant Director, Fish Program and Eric Kinne, Hatchery Systems Manager provided a briefing as stipulated per Policy C-3619 on the progress of implementing statewide hatchery reform in compliance with standards set by the Hatchery Scientific Review Group to further the recovery of wild salmon and steelhead populations while continuing to support sustainable fisheries.

5. Willapa Bay Hatchery Evaluation - Briefing

Chad Herring, Willapa Bay Policy Implementation Biologist provided a comprehensive review of the hatchery programs in the Willapa Bay region as stipulated per Policy C-3622.

6. Lake Roosevelt Trout Rule Change – Briefing and Public Hearing

Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager provided the Commission with a briefing on the proposed changes to the Lake Roosevelt Trout.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

7. Pacific Halibut Management Overview – Briefing

Michele Culver, Regional Director and Heather Reed, Coastal Marine Policy Coordinator briefed the Commission on the management of Pacific halibut, including the International Pacific Halibut Commission process, Pacific Fishery Management Council’s Catch Sharing Plan, which describes the allocations and structure for West Coast halibut fisheries (tribal, commercial, and recreational), and the Department’s monitoring, sampling, and coordination systems for these quota-managed fisheries.

8. New Combination Recreational Fishing Licenses – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Greg Sallis, Sales and Marketing Manager briefed the Commission on a proposed new WAC 220-55-165 to establish a reduced rate annual Fish Washington license, and the ability for anglers to upgrade to a combination or a new Fish Washington license and heard public comments before requesting approval.

The following person provided public input: Art Holman

Commissioner Carpenter moved to adopt WAC 220-55-165 as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Mahnken, all were in favor and the motion passed.

9. Periodic Status Review (Taylor's Checkerspot Butterfly and Columbia White-tailed deer) – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, and Ann Potter, Wildlife Biologist, requested approval from the Commission on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the state listed species referenced above.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to retain the Columbian White-Tailed Deer as endangered and the Taylor's Checkerspot as endangered as presented by staff, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahnken. Motion passed.

10. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing

Deputy Chief Mike Cenci and Captain Dan Chadwick, Region 6 provided an overview of how they have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program's strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

Please note: The 2017 legislative and operating budget briefings were combined into one item #11 and the 2017 Capital Budget was presented after as #12.

11. & 13. 2017 Wild Future Update and 2017 Legislative and Supplemental Operating Budget Requests – Briefing and Decision

Jennifer Quan, Governmental Affairs Director, Rachel Crosier, Legislative Liaison and Owen Rowe, Budget Officer briefed the Commission and requested approval to submit the 2017 legislative and operating budget packages as placeholders to Office of Financial Management.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to allow the Department to submit the 2017 legislative and operating budget packages to OFM as a placeholder recognizing that the package will continue to evolve over the course of the next several months in response to ongoing stakeholder conversations, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. Motion passed.

12. Capital Budget Request – Briefing and Decision

Tim Burns, Assistant Director, Capital and Asset Management Program provided an informational briefing and request approval on the agency's Capital Budget.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the proposed FY2017 – 2019 Capital Budget Request as presented, allowing for minor adjustments seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. Motion passed.

14. Petition to Change Rules – Decision

Mick Cope, Deputy Assistant Director, Wildlife Program briefed the Commission on a petition regarding points for special permit hunts.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to deny the petition and directed the Department to evaluate the issue of point restoration, discuss the issues with stakeholders, and recommend rule changes to the Fish and Wildlife Commission with a report detailing the rationale for not recommending rule changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wecker. Motion passed.

15. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Ross Barkhurst – Pay as you go salmon, HRSG and hatchery compliance
Mike Mickelson – Wynoochie River boat launch

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

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Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

16. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Robert Rau – Skokomish River closure
Melanie Rabaglia - Skokomish River closure

17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

- The 2017 meeting schedule was approved
- Commissioner Kehne discussed wolf tactic updates
- Further discussion regarding the legislative and budget proposals
- Executive session with AAGs in November
- Commissioner Thorburn shared the Big Tent Committee's plans

18. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

The meeting was adjourned as soon as the Executive Session ended at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant