# Minutes

## Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

November 4-5, 2016

### November 4-5, 2016 Regular Meeting

**Commission:**
- Brad Smith, Chair
- Larry Carpenter
- Connie Mahnken
- Dave Graybill
- Kim Thorburn
- Jay Kehne
- Jay Holzmiller
- Bob Kehoe

**Commission Staff:**
- Tami Lininger

**Attendance:**

**Department Staff:**
- Jim Unsworth, Director
- Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
- William Frymire, AGO
- Mike Grossmann, AGO
- Jennifer Quan
- Hannah Anderson
- Eric Gardner
- Julie Sandberg
- Clay Sprague
- Kyle Adicks
- Ryan Lothrop
- Rich Childers
- Dayv Lowry
- Cynthia Wilkerson
- Craig Burley
- Mike Cenci
- Kelly Cunningham

**Kirt Hughes**
- Jerry Hughes
- Ron Roler
- Mike Cenci
- Jason Wettstein
- Steve Thiesfeld
- Penny Becker
- Mick Cope
- Jeff Lewis
- Jim Scott
- Erik Neatherlin

**Guests:**
- Bill Richardson, RMEF
- Dave Knutzen
- Brian Murphy

**Public:**
- Wendy Spencer
- Shawn Cantrell
- Brian Fleming
- Nadine Wallace
- Margaret Tudor
- Stacia Tirahai
- Nan Woodson
- Mark Miller
- Anne Kroeker
- Gregg Williams
- Jerry Lowe
- Kent Martin
- Nancy Wood Man
- Brad Wood
- Amaroq Weiss
- Ross Barkhurst
- Jennifer Wolfsong
- Carol Pearsall
- Linda Saunders
- Dave Croonquist
- Amber Mount
- Greg Mueller
- Mark Wallace
- Irene Martin
- Sylvia Thorpe
- Maria Ruth
- Zarye Wossene
- Heather Lowe
- Michelle Siedelman
- Norm Reinhardt
- Don Jenkins
- Anne VanSweringer
- Brad Felger
- Rod Harris
- Frank Betrozoff

**Dennis Desilvis**
- Patrick Pattillo
- Laurence Bucklin
- Chris Bachman
- Miguel Ramirez
- Hoda Sheiku
- Julie Andrzejewski
- Lee Tostevin
- Don Freeman
- Leila Wolfsong
- Robert Sudar

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**Vice-Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

a. **Commissioners' Discussion:**
   
   No topics were discussed

b. **Meeting Minute Approval**
   
   October 7, 2016 – conference call
Commissioner Graybill moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2016 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Wendy Spencer – WAG process
Nancy Wood Man - Wolves

3. Director’s Report
The Director provided an update on various issues including:

- Wild Future/Legislation/Budget
- Wolf Update
- Mitchell Act Hatcheries
- Wildlife Leaders Co-op
- Data Breach
- Deputy Director Stohr gave an update on Budget
- CAMP – Outstanding work on the Culverts
- Jennifer Quan gave an update on Federal items
- Craig Burley discussed a letter to NOAA regarding the Rockfish Recovery Plan that will be co-signed by the Director and the Chair
- Recruitment for Enforcement Chief

4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for various land transactions. Bill Richardson from Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation spoke regarding RMEF’s support of the Merrill Lake Natural acquisition.

There was no public input for this item.

Commissioner Kehne moved to approve the proposed land transactions as presented, seconded by Commissioner Mahnken. All were in favor except Commissioner Holzmiller. Motion passed.

5. Periodic Status Review (Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, American White Pelican, Marbled Murrelet, and Lynx) – Briefing and Public Hearing
Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager, and Staff Biologists; Joseph Buchannan, Gerald Hayes, Derek Stinson, Steve Desimone and Jeff Lewis, provided a briefing and heard public input on the Periodic Status Reviews compiled for the state listed species referenced above.

The following people provided public input:
Sylvia Thorpe Denis Disilva Shawn Cantrell
Brad Wood Maria Ruth

6. Puget Sound Recreational Enhancement – Briefing
Laurie Peterson, Ryan Lothrop, and Dave Knutzen, (Chair, PSRFEF Oversight Committee) provided an update on the Puget Sound Recreational Salmon and Marine Fish Enhancement Program’s current goals and objectives for purposes of conservation, enhancement, and promotion of recreational fisheries within the Puget Sound and Lake Washington.
7. North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – Briefing and Public Hearing
Kyle Adicks provided the Commission a briefing on the North of Falcon annual salmon fishery planning process, as stipulated within policy C-3608.

The following people provided input:
Patrick Pattillo  Brian Fleming

8. Puget Sound Fisheries Endangered Species Act (ESA) Permit Review - Briefing
Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager and Mike Grossman, Senior Counsel, Attorney General, provided a briefing on different permitting options that are available to cover various fishery activities.

Item 10 was taken prior to item 9

10. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Amaroq Weiss – Wolves  Zarye Wossene – Wolves (video)
Laurence Bucklin – Sportfishing Rules

9. Quality Deer Management - Briefing
Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager and Brian Murphy, CEO, Quality Deer Management Association, provided an explanation of the principles of Quality Deer Management and the objectives of the approach, where it is being applied, and the pros and cons of applying the concept in North East Washington.

11. Executive Session
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 immediately following the Executive Session.

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:57 a.m.

12. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Nadine Wallace – Wolves  Ross Barkhurst – Columbia River Policy
Heather Lowe – Wolves  Chris Bachman – Wolves
Margaret Tudor – Pacific Education Institute  Jennifer Wolfson – Wolves
Michelle Seidelman – Wolves  Miguel Ramirez – Wolves
Stacia Tikaahi – Wolves  Carol Pearsall - Wolves

13. 2017 – 18 Sportfishing Regulation Proposals – Briefing and Public Hearing
Craig Burley, Rich Childers, and Dayv Lowry, briefed the Commission on the 2017-18 sportfishing regulations and then the public provided comments.
The following people public input:
Laurence Bucklin  Ross Barkhurst

14. Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy C-3620 – Briefing
Ron Roler, Columbia River Policy Coordinator and Kyle Adicks, Intergovernmental Salmon Manager briefed the Commission on the performance of fisheries managed under the Policy through the transition period, including preliminary results for 2016 fisheries, and seek preliminary guidance on potential adaptive management measures for the future.

15. Charter Stamps Rule – Briefing and Public Hearing
Deputy Chief, Mike Cenci briefed the Commission on rules needed to clarify the obligations of fishing guides and charter-boat operators in their use of charter stamps.

There was no public input for this item.

16. King Crab Rule – Briefing and Public Hearing
Deputy Chief, Mike Cenci briefed the Commission on rules needed to enable Enforcement officers to better regulate illegal importation of King Crab into Washington.

There was no public input for this item.

17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
Commissioner Kehne suggested that a new panel of people be added to the WAG process to include science panels. Now is the time to evaluate what happened and what can be done differently.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant