Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1. Call to Order
   a. Commissioners' Discussion:
      • Welcome to Commissioner Baker
      • Vacancies on committees
      • Letter to Oregon Commissioner from Governor
      • Meeting processes/decision making
      • Retreat

   b. Meeting Minute Approval
      The Commission considered approval of the January 20, 2017 – conference call
Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Shawn Cantrell – Process, Orcas, Columbia Basin Salmon
Kyle Winton – Eyes in the Woods, relationship with the department, staff morale
Bruce Barnes – Youth hunting age, hoof disease

3. Director’s Report
The Director provided an update on various issues including:
- Website project
- Licensing database
- Hatchery improvements
- Wild Future/Legislation
- Oregon letter from Governor to Commission
- NMFS – Mitchell Act Hatcheries
  - Keep Occupy Skagit on the front burner
  - Olympic Peninsula Guides
- North American Wildlife Conference – Spokane
- Deputy Director Stohr – provided an update on:
  - Budget and the recruitment for the Enforcement Chief

4. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Assistant Director, introduced Cynthia Wilkerson as the new Lands Division Manager. Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for a land transaction.

The following person provided testimony:
Nick Chambers – support

Commissioner Wecker moved to accept the proposed land transaction as presented, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. Completion of the WAC Overhaul Project – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
Scott Bird, Rules Coordinator, Enforcement Program briefed the Commission on the completion of the WAC Overhaul project that primarily combines WAC Titles 220 and 232 and reorganizes numerous wildlife, fish, and shellfish rules.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Commissioner Wecker moved to approve the proposed changes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Kehne. All were in favor. Motion passed.

6. Update on North Pacific Fishery Management Council Actions – Briefing
Bill Tweit, Special Assistant to the Director, briefed the Commission on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (NPFMC) management actions.

7. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing
Chief Anderson and Captain Myers, Enforcement Program provided an overview of how Region 4 have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program’s strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

8. Lean Update - Briefing
Rob Geddis, Lean Performance Manager, briefed the Commission on Lean efficiency improvements, to meet one of the Director’s FY15-17 Performance Agreement requirements.

9. Surf Smelt Spawning Beach Occupancy Standard - Briefing
Randi Thurston, Habitat Program Protection Division Manager, Tim Quinn, Chief Scientist and Phill Dionne, Research Scientist briefed the Commission on the public process for adopting a new surf smelt spawning beach occupancy standard.

10 Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities – Decision
The Commission considered candidates for 3 open positions on the Advisory Committee to the Commission for Person with Disabilities.

Commissioner Thorburn moved to appoint Charles Grijalva – Region 3, Ryan Troyer – Region 4, and Carolyn Evanoff – Region 6 to the vacant positions on the ADA Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Wecker. All were in favor. Motion passed.

11. Science Panel WAG - Briefing
Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead; Scott Becker, Wolf Specialist, Candace Bennett, Wildlife Conflict Specialist, Tara Meyer, Private Lands and Wildlife Conflict Supervisor briefed the Commission and public on the body of wolf science to increase the awareness of the scientific information available and increase transparency on how science informs the Department.

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

Shawn Cantrell – Science - WAG
Lorna Smith – Science – WAG
Melinda Hirsch – Non-lethal methods
Carol Pearsall – Science – WAG
Rebekah Canright – Support for salmon habitat restoration and wolf recovery

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Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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

Steve Shanewise – Baiting
Robert Sudar – Lower Columbia River

Joe Durham – Wynoochee mitigation
Ben Rogers – Forks Creek Hatchery

Annette Hoffman, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Mike Scharpf, Fish and Wildlife Biologist presented the annual review on the Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3621) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

The following people provided testimony:

Joe Durham        Dave Hamilton        Tim Hamilton        Francis Estalilla
John Campbell     Norm Reinhardt       Brad Caldwell       Bob Lake

15. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review - Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
Annette Hoffman, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, presented the annual review on the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

The following people provided testimony:
Tim Hamilton       Francis Estalilla       Norm Reinhardt       Bob Lake
Greg McMillan      Lance Gray

16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
- Retreat – possible conflict management training
- Improving agency transparency
- Next steps in Willapa and Grays Harbor discussions

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant