Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
March 17-18, 2017

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Commission:
Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter
Barbara Baker
Kim Thorburn
Bob Kehoe
Miranda Wecker
Dave Graybill
Jay Holzmiller

Commission Staff:
Tami Lininger

Attendance
Department Staff:
Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Eric Gardner
Julie Sandberg
Donny Martorello
Ron Warren
Chad Herring
Peter Vernie
Mike Hobbs
Carissa Bourban

Mike Cenci
Cynthia Wilkerson
Annette Hoffmann
Raquel Crosier
Jason Wettstein
John Serl
Sam Gibbons

Guest:
Lynne Barre, NOAA

Public:
Tim Addersen
Barbara Hawley
Cindy Olson
Richard Hodory
Shawn Martin
Martha Jordan
Jeanette Johnson
Tom LaForest
Bob Lake
Dale Scott
Greg King
Ross Barkhurst
Christian Roberts
Shane Noble
Debbie Turner
Diane Gallegos
Alice Boerner
Bob Mulhausen

Jim Olson
Rod Stewart
Jerry Felton
Sylvia Thorpe
Steve Gray
Mike Petersen
Bruce Munper
Lance Gray
Shawn Cantrell
Randy LeDuc
Norm Reinhardt
Marlisa Dugan
Dan Coleman
Ken Medford
Keith Underwood
Brice Davies
Marc Scott
Ray Gilbertson

Terrie Sato
Jay Gordon
Dan Lipich
Justin Haelle
Andy Mitby
Robb Krehbiel
Robert Rose
Louise Farrar
Larry Pryor
Mark Youngblood
Tim Hamilton
Tony Impala
Wayne Atchner
LeeRoy Wisner
Wendy Spencer
Dawn Wade
Steve Manson

Fran Seagren
Anne Kroeker
Jon Livermore
Kassie Haelle
Brad Wood
Ilene LeVee
Steve Raistakka
Jason Lake
Steve Nelson
Kevin Turner
Frances Estalilla
Dylan Ashley
Brian Petro
Art Holman
Laura Ackerman
John Wasierski
Steve Boerner

Friday, March 17, 2017

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

1. Commission’s Annual Meeting with the Governor
In accordance with RCW 77.04.055, the Commission met with Governor Inslee and reviewed the goals, objectives and performance of the Department.

2. Call to Order
a. Commissioners’ Discussion:
   - Commissioner Graybill – Colville Tribal meeting
   - Commissioner Thorburn – Pronghorn translocation
b. Meeting Minute Approval
The Commission considered approval of the February 17, 2017 – conference call

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

3. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Tim Adderson - Pheasant hunting
Fran Seagren – Dog training park
Jim Olson – Dog training park
Jay Gordon – Goose hunting schedule
Cindy Olson – Dog training park
Terrie Sato – Dog training park
Barbara Hawley – Dog training park
Rod Stewart – Bull tag drawings

4. Director’s Report
The Director provided an update on various issues including:
• WDFW Video
• Budget update
• Blue Ribbon Panel
• North of Falcon – Ron Warren
• Elwha Moratorium – more to come in September

Commissioner Wecker requested regular updates on Point No Point, Snyder Creek and Occupy Skagit

5. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
There was no briefing as there were no transactions for consideration. There was a public member who signed up to provide general input regarding transactions.

The following person provided input:
Anne Kroeker

Item 7 was presented before item 6 to accommodate the constituents in the room.

7. Snoqualmie Valley Wildlife Area and Dog Training –
Melinda Posner, Planning, Recreation and Outreach Section Manager, and Russell Link, Region 4 Wildlife Program Manager briefed the Commission and public on the current proposal to support bird dog training at Cherry Valley and Crescent Lake units of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area plan, and provided an update about the schedule and timeline for review and approval of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area plan.

The Commission requested a follow up of this item.

6. Lands 20/20 - Briefing
Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager provided a briefing on the lands 20/20 process and the list of projects approved through the 2016 Lands 20/20 process.

8. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing
Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.
The following people provided input:
Jeannette Johnson

9. Deer General Seasons and Definitions, Deer Special Permits and Elk Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing
Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

The following people provided input:
Justin Haelle

10. Moose Seasons, Permit Quotas and Areas – Briefing and Public Hearing
Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed updates and amendment to moose seasons, permit quotas and areas.

No one signed up to provide input.

11. Bighorn Sheep Seasons, Permits and Quotas – Briefing and Public Hearing
Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to bighorn sheep permit levels and opportunities.

No one signed up to provide input.

12. Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing
Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager briefed the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations.

The following people provided input:
Richard Hodory               Jon Livermore               Steve Gray
Steve Raistakka              Robert Rose             Lance Gray
Brad Wood                     Andy Mitby                  Louis Farrar

13. Landowner Hunting Permits and Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing
Angelique Curtis, Small Game Section Manager briefed the Commission on proposed date adjustments to the landowner hunting permits seasons for 2017 and small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The following people provided input:
Sylvia Thorpe

14. Special Hunting Season Permits - Briefing and Public Hearing
Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager briefed the Commission on proposed changes to the special hunting season permits regarding point restoration.

No one signed up to provide input.

15. NOAA’s consideration of the “No Go Zone” off the coast of San Juan Islands related to ESA status of Southern Orcas – Briefing
Department staff and Lynne Barre, Seattle Branch Chief, Protected Resources Division, NOAA provided a joint briefing on the petition that NOAA received to establish a zone for the protection of Southern Resident Killer Whales off the coast of San Juan Island.
16. Sport Fishing Regulations Phone Application Review – Briefing
Brodie Cox, Biological Data Systems Manager and Melody Alefteras, Lead Science Developer briefed the Commission on the development of a mobile phone application for the 2017/18 Sport Fishing Regulations.

17. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Sylvia Thorpe – NW Trek
Bruce Vandervort – Thank you to Angelique and Bobcats
Andy Mitby – Willapa
Martha Jordan – Snoqualmie Wildlife Area
Robb Krehbiel – NOAA report on Orcas

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, 2017

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

18. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Greg King – Cowlitz
Bob Lake – Fish trap
Shawn Cantrell – wolves

19. Annual Wolf Management Report - Briefing
Donny Martorello, Wolf Policy Lead provided the Commission with an annual briefing regarding the wolf plan implementation from 2016.

20. North of Falcon In-Season Management – Briefing
Ron Warren, Assistant Director of the Fish Program, Pat Pattillo, Recreational Fishing Advisor and George Harris, President of Northwest Marine Trade Association provided a briefing and discussed in-season management as it pertains to Puget Sound Salmon fisheries.

21. Cowlitz River Update - Briefing and Public Hearing
Cindy Lefleur, Region 5 Fish Program Manager and Eric Kinne, Hatchery Division Systems Manager briefed the Commission on Cowlitz River management and fisheries.

The following people provided input:
Greg King
Dale Scott
Kevin Turner

Annette Hoffmann, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring presented additional information to the Commission on the policy as set in the Adaptive Management objectives.

The following people provided input:
Greg King
Tim Hamilton
Ross Barkhurst

Bob Lake
Frances Estalilla
Steve Gray

Norm Reinhardt
Lance Gray
Marlisa Dugan
23. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
The Commission discussed the following items:

Schedule a conference call to discuss next steps regarding the Columbia River Basin Salmon Management Policy.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant