Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order
   a. Commissioners’ Discussion:
      - North of Falcon
      - Sage Grouse Field Trip
      - WDFW Video

b. Meeting Minute Approval

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes from the March 17-18, 2017 meeting and the March 24, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input
   The following people provided input on various topics:
   - Tim Adderson – Pheasants
   - John Andrews – Baiting
   - Gary Douvia – Fish Revenue
   - Dale Magart – Predators
3. **Director’s Report**
The Director provided an update on various issues including:
- WDFW Volunteers
- North of Falcon Update – Kudos to Staff
- Legislative and Budget Update – Joe Stohr
- Region 1 Update – Steve Pozzanghera

4. **The Rewilding of Washington State**
The Reardan FFA Chapter Agricultural Issues team gave an outstanding presentation on the rewilding of Washington State. The rewilding argument is based on three main principles – the students refer to them as the 3 C’s of rewilding - Cores, Corridors and Carnivores.

5. **Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**
Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for four land transactions.

The following person provided testimony:
Mayor Sherman Johnson  Chris DeForest
Lindell Haggin

Commissioner Thorburn moved to accept the proposed land transactions as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill. The motion passed.

6. **Operation and Maintenance on Wildlife Area Lands and Access Sites - Briefing**
Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager and Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager, provided a briefing on the funding, resources, and cost of operation and maintenance of WDFW wildlife areas and access sites.

7. **Grazing on WDFW Lands – Briefing**
Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager and Jeff Burnham, Range Specialist provided a briefing on rules and commission policies regarding grazing on department lands.

8. **Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restrictions – Decision**
Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on deer areas, elk areas, special closures and firearm restrictions.

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

9. **Deer General Seasons and Definitions, Deer Special Permits and Elk Special Permits – Decision**
Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions, and deer and elk special permits.

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

10. **Moose Seasons, Permit Quotas and Areas – Decision**
Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on the proposed updates and amendment to moose seasons, permit quotas and areas.

Commissioner Thorburn moved to approve the proposed changes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill. All were in favor. Motion passed.
11. Bighorn Sheep Seasons, Permits and Quotas – Decision
Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on proposed amendments to bighorn sheep permit levels and opportunities.

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

12. Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations – Decision
Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on the proposed updates and amendments to migratory bird hunting seasons and regulations.

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

13. Landowner Hunting Permits and Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations – Decision
Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on proposed date adjustments to the landowner hunting permits seasons for 2017 and small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

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

14. Special Hunting Season Permits - Decision
Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on proposed changes to the special hunting season permits regarding point restoration.

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

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

Don Dashiell – Antlerless deer, youth and disabled hunters, spring bear seasons, bull only harvest in GMUs 117 & 121.

Don also spoke for Kelly Singer who had to leave re: youth and disabled hunting in NE Washington

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

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

Prior to item 16 on the agenda the Commission discussed the need for further follow up direction for the Director regarding the Columbia River Policy.

16. Open Public Input
No one signed up to provide public testimony
17. Website Replacement Project, Outreach and Marketing - Briefing
Bruce Botka, Public Affairs and Community Outreach Manager and Peter Vernie, Licensing Division Manager briefed the Commission on the project to replace the current site with one that better meets the public’s need for well-organized information. Staff will also discuss the department’s collaborative community outreach and license marketing efforts.

18. Enforcement Program Update – Briefing
Captain Dan Rahn of Region 1 provided an overview of how the Enforcement Program have focused on the agency goals through achieving the program’s strategic objectives and list detailed accomplishments.

19. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
The Commission discussed the following items:

- Blue Sheet – Update on the baiting and salvage rules
  Commissioner Kehne made a motion for this request, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- Briefing/update on what the WDFW Archeologists are working on.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant