Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
June 2-3, 2017

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

Commission Staff:
Tami Lininger

Department Staff:
Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Eric Gardner
Julie Sandberg
Steve Pozzanghera
Madonna Lures
Kevin Robinette
Dave Whipple
Joe Bumgarner

Guests:
Mark Grandstaff
Dave Karl
Kari Dingman
Ethan Crawford
Michael Gallinat
Elizabeth Holdren
Stephen Hampton
Julie Collins
Joe DuPont
Becky Johnson
Representative Mary Dye
Commissioner Brian Shinn
Commissioner Justin Dixon

Public:
Jason Schultz
Monte Fujishin
Don Jackson
Larry Scoggin
Chuck Thompson
Tracy Ledgerwood
Cal Geoer
Tom Rinker
Sam Ledgerwood
Stan Bailey
Bruce Petty
Eric Barker
Bud Scott
Stan Wilson
Dave Johnson
Bill Bowles

Samee Charriene
Mike Bailey
Chad Johnson
Dan Schlee
W.E. Chetwood
Dan Long
David Bolin
Glen Landers

Tom Petty
Jim Peterson
Bob Hough
Brad Forgery
Bradley Johnson
Richard Scully
John Gardner
Jerome Hansen

Friday, June 2, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order
a. Commissioners’ Discussion
No discussion

b. Meeting Minute Approval
The Commission considered approval of the May 5, 2017 conference call.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2017 conference call as proposed. Motion passed.

c. Committee Structure Process
The Commissioners discussed the current committee process and options for improvement. Further discussions will take place at upcoming meetings.
2. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Don Jackson – Tucannon River
Jim Peterson – Tucannon River
Representative Mary Dye – Various topics
Commissioner Brian Shinn – Various topics and land acquisitions
Commissioner Justin Dixon – Lands, Fish, LHP, Beetles
Monte Fujishin – State, Federal and Private Entities working relationships
Bruce Petty – Elk damage problems
Chad Johnson – Elk and Land Management
Dan Schlee – Land ownership and elk damage
W.F. Chetwood – Transportation activity on the Lower Snake
Bradley Johnson – Fishing opportunities and support for WDFW staff
Robert Hough – Land Management
Sam Ledgerwood – Land Management, taxes and local economy
Samee Charriere – Wolf Management and good neighbors
Stan Bailey – Elk damage
Jason Schultz – Spring chinook fishing

3. Director’s Report
The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various issues including:
• Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly recovery
• Wolf information update
• Enforcement cases
• Legislative update
• Catch and keep sturgeon fishery
• Wynoochie mitigation
• Point no Point
• Spring Chinook over Bonneville Dam
• MOU with Tulalip Tribe
• Black bear depredation in timberlands

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

No one signed up to provide testimony.

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

5. Hunter Education – Briefing
Dave Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager, provided a briefing on the roles and responsibilities of the Hunter Education Division.

6. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Lower Granite Dam – Fish Passage, Including Adult Salmonid Trapping and Smolt Outmigration - Briefing
Elizabeth Holdren and Stephen Hampton, USACE Fisheries Project Biologists and Joe Bumgarner, Biologist, WDFW provided an overview on the Lower Granite Dam.

7. Lower Snake River Compensation Plan (LSRCP) - Overview
Julie Collins, LSRCP Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided a briefing on the Lower Snake River Compensation. Other partners presenting were: Joe DuPont, Idaho Fish and Game, Becky Johnson, Nez Perce Tribe, Joe Bumgarner, WDFW, and Chris Donley, WDFW.
8. Implementation of the Wooten Flood Plain Management Plan – Briefing
Mark Grandstaff and Dave Karl, Habitat Program and Kari Dingman, Wildlife Program, provided an overview of the implementation of the Wooten Flood Plain Management Plan.

9. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Stan Wilson – Land management

10. Performance Agreement and Delegation of Authority - Discussion
The Commissioners and Director discussed updates from the 2015-17 Performance Agreement and Delegation of Authority documents and what changes are needed for 2017-19. They briefly discussed next steps and how the process unfolds. This will be an ongoing until September.

11. Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities
The Commission selected two candidates to fill vacant positions on the ADA Committee.
Commissioner Thorburn moved to appoint Melissa Espinosa to the At-large position and Richard Spring to the Region 5 position as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill. The motion passed.

12. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief
The Commission discussed the following items:
- Commissioner Wecker made a motion for a briefing on the Federal Rules on Overfishing Determination, Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion and it passed.
- Commissioner Kehne shared his experience and recommended that the Commissioners look into the clinic that Montana is hosting regarding wolves.
- Tour plans for Saturday were briefly discussed.
- Director Unsworth thanked the regional staff and Commissioner Holzmiller for the great work setting up the meeting.
- Commissioner Graybill commented that with the great attendance at the meeting it shows why it’s important to travel around the state.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Saturday, June 3, 2017

13. Tour of WDFW Lands in Asotin County
Commissioners Holzmiller, Thorburn, Wecker and Baker along with Department staff met at 7:30 a.m. to tour some of the WDFW owned lands in Asotin County.

The meeting adjourned immediately following the tour.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant