



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
 October 27-28, 2017 - Olympia

September 8-9, 2017 Regular Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
 Larry Carpenter,
 Vice-chair
 Kim Thorburn
 Bob Kehoe
 Barbara Baker
 Dave Graybill
 Jay Kehne
 Don Mclsaac
 Jay Holzmilller

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
 Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
 William Frymire, AGO
 Nate Pamplin
 Eric Gardner
 Donny Martorello
 Ron Warren
 Michele Culver
 Mike Cenci
 Trisha Anderson
 Bob Sizemore
 Peter Vernie
 Penny Becker
 Ben Power
 Kelly Henderson
 Kristin Nielsen
 Raquel Crosier

Greg Sallis
 Chris Donley
 Julie Sandberg
 Richard Tveten
 Steve Thiesfeld
 Chad Jackson
 Aaron Dufault
 Edward Eleazer
 Craig Bartlett
 Tina Nisbet
 Faith Sexton
 Cynthia Wilkerson
 Mick Cope
 Craig Burley
 Larry Phillips
 Heather Reed
 Michelle Dunlop

Randi Thurston
 Jeff Davis
 Kathy Backman
 Bill Tweit
 Brian Calkins
 Kirt Hughes
 Paul Dahmer
 Bill Falling
 Kelly Cunningham
 Eric Kinne
 Mike Hobbs
 Scott Bird
 Dan Brinson
 Kyle Adicks
 David Giglio
 Erik Neatherlin

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Public:

Diane Gallegos
 Katie Bakker
 Richard Johnson
 William Brown
 Kristin Nielsen
 Roger Goodan
 Greg Mueller
 Mike Clark

Ron Garner
 Norm Reinhardt
 Ilene LeVee
 James Schroeder
 Nick Chambers
 Jim Goldsmith
 Adrian Tuohy
 Don Wallace

Robert Sudar
 Denis DeSilvis
 Jon Munsterman
 Frank Urabeck
 Lauren Macfarland
 Irene Martin
 Jamie Glasgow

Curtis Bakker
 Patty Cater
 Shawn Cantrell
 Ray Brown
 Al Senyohl
 Kent Martin
 Jon Blair Peterson

Friday, October 27, 2017

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

- Commissioner Holzmilller – Montana's Range Rider school
- Commissioner Thorburn – ADA Committee updates and trip to Africa
- Commissioner Kehne – Idaho's Rangeland Fire Protection Association
- Commissioner Mclsaac – Looks forward to working with fellow Commissioners and Staff and the public involvement

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the revised minutes of the September 8-9, 2017 meeting and the September 28, 2017 conference call minutes.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the minutes from the September 8-9 meeting (Commissioners Smith, Carpenter and Holzmilller abstained)

and the September 28, 2017 conference call (Commissioner Kehne abstained) as proposed.
Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Kehne reported out on the Wildlife Committee topics:

- Diversity Advisory Committee
- Wolf lethal protocol
- Sharp-tailed Grouse – fires
- Committee structure
- 3 year hunting cycle
- Recovering America's Wildlife Plan

Commissioner Carpenter reported out on the Wildlife Committee topics:

- Columbia River overview – commercial fishing
- Observer program
- South sound chum management
- Guide meeting in Forks
- Sportfish rule simplification overview

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

- Patty Carter – Puyallup Hatchery
- Richard Johnson – Puyallup Hatchery
- Don Wallace – American Dipper
- Shawn Cantrell – Marketing Plan, Orcas, Bear Identification
- Robert Sudar – Columbia River
- Ron Garner – Crab Season
- William Brown – Prospectors

3. Director's Report

The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various issues including:

- Diversity Advisory Committee
- Centennial Accord & Natural Resource meetings
- Upcoming Atlantic Salmon net pen briefing

Nate Pamplin - Budget and Proviso update and Budget and Policy Advisory Group

Donny Martorello - Wolf update, New staff and vacancies, Wolf Advisory Group

Joe Stohr – Reported on the follow up items from September:

- Hunting in residential areas
- Elwha land and boat launch

Michele Culver - Halibut update

Eric Kinne - Douglas County PUD hatchery transition

Kelly Cunningham - Guide proviso

Ron Warren – Commercial crab seasons

4. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager requested approval of various land transactions. James Schroder, Nature Conservancy spoke in support of the transaction in Kittitas County.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to accept the land transactions as presented. Motion passed.

5. Geoduck Divers License Rule – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

This item was postponed until a future meeting.

6. Amending Commercial Fishing Rules to Implement HB 1597- Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Deputy Chief Mike Cenci and Trisha Anderson, Licensing Business Analyst provided a briefing and heard public comments on the proposed changes to the Commercial Fishing rules needed to implement HB 1597.

Public Input - Robert Sudar

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to amend and repeal the WACs as presented by staff. Motion passed.

7. Marketing Plan Briefing

Peter Vernie, Licensing Program Manager and Greg Sallis, Sales and Marketing Manager provided a briefing on the agency's proposed marketing plan.

8. Scatter Creek Project – Briefing and Decision

Richard Tveten, Forest Management Team Lead briefed the Commission and requested approval for forest restoration projects in the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area.

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the proposed timber harvest projects as presented. Motion passed.

9. Update on Northern Pike Distribution and Control Measures in the Upper Columbia

Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager updated the Commission on the current distribution and abundance of Northern Pike in the Upper Columbia Basin.

10. 2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification – Briefing

Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fishery Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager provided an overview on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve sportfishing rules.

11. Baker River Sockeye Fishery Management – Briefing and Public Input

Aaron Dufault, Fish Anadromous Resource Policy Analyst and Edward Eleazer, Region 4 Fish Program Manager provided the Commission with an overview of the Baker River sockeye fishery management and an update on this year's fishery.

Public Input:

Frank Urabeck

Al Senyohl

Roger Goodan

Ron Garner

Norm Reinhardt

12. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Denis DeSilvis – Marketing plan

Don Wallace – American Dipper

Ron Garner – Hatchery fish and reform

Ray Brown – Sea Lion predation

Al Senyohl – Sea run cutthroat regulations

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:59

Saturday, October 28, 2017

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

13. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Jim Goldsmith – Committee structure
Irene Martin – Committees and Fish recovery
Kent Martin – Alternative gear
Greg Mueller – Committee structure
Jon Munsterman – Nuisance wildlife control

14. Pound Nets in the Columbia River - Briefing

Adrian Tuohy, Biologist, and Jamie Glasgow, Director of Science and Research, Wild Fish Conservancy, provided a briefing on the pound net test fishery being conducted on the Columbia River and discussed results from the two-year study and the plans moving forward in 2018.

15. Committee Structure and Process – Discussion

The Commission discussed the current committee process and the pros and cons of modifying the process. Further discussion will take place during upcoming meetings.

16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commission discussed the following items:

- Commissioner Thorburn reported out on the Big Tent Committee topics:
 - Website update
 - Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - Budget and Policy Group
 - Department's Operating Principles
- Commissioner Baker made a motion for a briefing on Atlantic salmon net pens at the December meeting. Commissioner Kehoe seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.
- 2018 meeting calendar, locations, and agenda items
- Possible joint meeting with Oregon
- November 17 conference call agenda review
- December 8-9 meeting agenda review
- Deputy Director Stohr ran through his list of to do items – at each meeting
- Retreat/workshop planning
- Further discussion on committee structure is needed
- Commission's role in diversity discussions

17. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), the Commission met in executive session to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting immediately following the executive session.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant