### Minutes

**Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**

**December 7-9, 2017 - Olympia**

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Thursday, December 7, 2017
Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

1. Commission Workshop
Commissioners discussed various topics.

Policy Director Nate Pamplin gave an overview of the budget.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 2017
Chair Smith called the meeting back to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Kehoe was not at the meeting Friday or Saturday

2. Call to Order
a. Commissioners’ Discussion
   • Commissioner McIsaac requested a briefing on Killer Whales during the Director’s report in January.
   • Commissioner Thorburn shared her experience of working the hunting check stations.
   • Commissioner Graybill discussed the guide meetings.

b. Meeting Minute Approval
The Commission considered approval of the revised minutes of the November 17, 2017 and November 30, 2017 conference calls.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve both sets of minutes as proposed. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports
Commissioner Kehne reported out on the Wildlife Committee topics:
   Rehabilitation centers
   Target shooting
   Periodic Status Review – Endangered vs. Threatened
   Primitive weapons
   Bear damage issues

Commissioner Carpenter reported out on the Fish Committee topics:
   Sportfish rule simplification overview
   Willapa Bay Salmon Policy
   Guide Proviso update
   Alternative commercial gear

3. Director’s Report
The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various issues including:
   • Legislative Update – Raquel Crosier
   • Introduction of Jim Woods, Tribal Liaison
• Diversity and Inclusion workgroup and Budget update – Joe Stohr
• For Heavens Sake Rehabilitation Center
• Black Bear timber damage
• Using drones for moose monitoring in NE Washington
• Southern Resident Killer Whales
• Puget Sound Chinook Management Plan – Kyle Adicks and Mike Grossman

4. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Kimberly Pollari Darian Davis Pat Hesselgesser
Dean Finnerty Paul Mikoloski Jan White
Christine Brunner Lori Armitage Colleen Mayer
Mary Shaw Ron Garner Larry Bucklin
Robb Krehbiel Diana Holbrook Anne Kroeker
Lori Johnson Jasmine Fletcher-Glaze Don Wallace
Dan Boeholt Captain Keith Robbins Stephen Willis
Crystal Elliot Bonnie Balani Robert Sudar
Mark Izatt

5. Matrix Consulting Group Report
Alan Pennington with Matrix Reporting Group presented the draft report for the organizational and management assessment required in the 2017-19 operating budget proviso.

6. 2017-19 Budget Orientation and Proviso Discussion
Nate Pamplin and Owen Rowe provide an overview of WDFW’s budget processes and fund sources.

7. Periodic Status Review (Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse) – Briefing and Public Hearing
Hannah Anderson, Listing and Recovery Section Manager and Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologist, Diversity Division briefed the Commission on the Periodic Status Review compiled for the Columbia Sharp-tailed Grouse in accordance with WAC 220-610-110.

The following people provided input:
Denis DeSilvis Ben Silesky

8. Planning for Shooting Ranges on WDFW Land - Briefing
Mike Livingston, Region 3 Director, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager provided an update on the agency's shooting range program including: 1) Progress of the Wenias Wildlife Area Target Shooting Advisory Committee; 2) Recommendation for target shooting rule change; 3) Status of acquiring land for the envisioned Central Washington Shooting Range; and 4) Assessing other WDFW lands for target shooting issues and improvements.

9. Proposed Translocation of Mountain Goats - Briefing
Dr. Richard B. Harris, Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager, Game Division provided a briefing on the Olympic Peninsula Mountain Goat management and proposed translocation to the North Cascades.

10. Compensation for Livestock Damage – Briefing and Public Hearing
Donny Martorello Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead and Dan Brinson, Natural Resource Scientist, Game Division briefed the Commission on recommended changes to two WACs associated with compensation, to increase clarity, streamline the process and for consistency with state law and the wolf plan.

No one signed up to provide testimony.
Donny Martorello Ph.D., Wolf Policy Lead, Game Division briefed the Commission on the Washington Wolf Compensation and Management Plan.

12. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Lee Davis          Robb Krehbiel          Don Wallace
Lorna Smith        Dan Bowholt           Perry Menchaca
Gabriel Scott      Tom Davis            Allen Ernst

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Saturday, December 9, 2017
Chair Smith called the Executive Session to order at 7:00 a.m.

13. 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.

Chair Smith called the regular meeting to order at 8:35.

14. Open Public Input
The following people provided input on various topics:
Greg Larson        Steve Miller          Ross Barkhurst
Leland Miyawaki    Steve Fransen         Charles Sullivan
Wayne Cline        Curt Kraemer          Ron Pera
Lisa Beranek       Edward Atkinson       Dan Swecker
Tim Hamilton       Barry Berejikiun       Don Wallace
Steven Hahn        Mark Taylor           Melanie Rabaglia
Francis Estalilla  Robert Rao           Perry Menchaca
Shari Stoican      Vaughn Hodgins

16. Atlantic Salmon and WDFW’s Authority - Briefing
Ken Warheit, Supervisor Genetics and Fish Health Labs briefed the Commission on private aquaculture net pen reared Atlantic Salmon and WDFW’s level of authority over them.

17. 2018-19 Sportfishing Rule Simplification – Briefing and Public Hearing
Steve Thiesfeld, Inland Fishery Manager, Chris Donley, Region 1 Fish Program Manager, and Chad Jackson, Region 2 Fish Program Manager provided an overview and heard public testimony on proposals under consideration to simplify and improve sportfishing rules.

The following people provided input:
Mike Meseberg      Ron Sawyer           Pete Fisher
Curt Kraemer       Ron Pera            Edward Atkinson
Jonathan Stumpf   Chase Gunnell        Bobby Foster
Rich Simms        Craig Shaber         Melanie Rabaglia
David Slater       Joel Nania           Dan Anderson
Dwayne Swenson     Greg Shimek          Joni England-Fuchs
Nick Chambers      Robert Rao           Ian Skovajsa
18. Willapa Bay Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing
Annette Hoffmann, Region 6 Fish Program Manager and Chad Herring, Willapa Bay Policy Implementation Biologist presented an annual review to the Commission on the Willapa Bay Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3622) as set in the Adaptive Management objectives of the policy.

The following people provided input:
Ross Barkhurst Tim Hamilton Francis Estalilla
Bob Lake Andy Mitby Marlisa Dugan
Lance Gray

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

  o Commissioner Thorburn reported out on the Big Tent Committee topics:
    Marketing Plan update
    Advisory groups
    Staff for outreach
    Website redesign
    National Wildlife Management

  o January 5 conference call agenda review
  o January 19-20 meeting agenda review
  o Year at a glance

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant