



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
Kim Thorburn
Dave Graybill
Don McIsaac
Barbara Baker
Bob Kehoe

Public:

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Bill Frymire, AAG
Mike Grossman, AAG
Ron Warren
Kyle Adicks
Michelle Dunlop
Aaron Dufault

Commission Staff

Tami Lininger

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

A. Call to Order

Vice Chair Carpenter took roll call – Commissioners Holzmilller and Kehne were absent.

B. Puget Sound Chinook Management Plan - Briefing

Commissioners advised staff to work on a better balance between conservation and harvest opportunities as they continue to work with tribal co-managers to revise a proposed plan for managing chinook harvest in Puget Sound. They asked staff to explore adjustments in fishery restrictions and other salmon recovery options, including improvements to habitat and hatchery operations and looking at addressing salmon predation problems from seals and sea lions.

Additionally, the staff was directed to provide regular updates of the negotiation process to the Commission in Executive Session under the confidentiality requirements of ongoing US v Washington litigation, and provide updates to the public via the Puget Sound Advisory Body process when significant announcements are warranted.

Several Commissioners thanked the staff for the time and work put into this and requested regular updates as the negotiations continue.

C. Meeting Planning

Commissioners discussed the February 8-10, 2018 agenda.

Commissioner McIsaac requested a briefing in March on the Columbia River policy and then would then ask staff to work on possible changes before coming back to the Commission. He also suggested a joint meeting with Oregon in September.

Vice Chair Carpenter recessed the regular meeting at 10:18 a.m.

The Commission met in Executive Session at 11:00.

D. Executive Session

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

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the call at 12:00 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant