

Minutes

Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

February 8-10, 2018 - Olympia

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Commission:

Attendance Department Staff:

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

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Joe Stohr, Acting Director Joe Shorin, AGO William Frymire, AGO Amy Windrope Nate Pamplin Eric Gardner Kelly Cunningham **Kirt Hughes** Craig Burley **Brian Caulkins** Barbara McClellan Chad Herring Annette Hoffman Cynthia Wilkerson Nate Pamplin Mike Scharpf Ron Warren

- Julie Sandberg Mike Cenci Mike Hobbs Steve Bear Mick Cope **Kyle Adicks Becky McRoberts** Eric Gardner Tim Burns **Raquel Crosier** Michele Culver Lisa Coffman Larry Phillips Jeff Davis Randi Thurston Pat Chapman
- David Giglio Scott Bird Faith Sexton Lanetta Corrigan Elizabeth McManus Meagan West Melinda Posner Nelson Falkenburg Susan Meenk Dan Ayres Lorna Wargo Cindy LeFleur Laura Heironimus Bill Falling Teresa Scott

Public:

Janet Bohrnsen Paul Onstott Darrin Lininger **Richard Holcomb** Dale Beasley Jim Burrage Jess Helsley Neal Hoffberg Bill Osborn Shawn Doyle Lee Poquette Don Wallace Leiana Parr Scott Brown Harvey Morrison David Dokken Robert Conover Jacob Borman Kevin Brown Ross Logan Crystal Elliot Grea Mueller Jack Hollingsworth Martha Jordan Cindy Olson Robert Sudar

John Bohrnsen Ronald Wilson John Herrin James Curtis Norm Reinhardt Curt Kraemer Lance Gray Andy Appleby Marlisa Dugan Mark Taylor **Dennis Peterson** Greg King Kevin Turner Lee Hines **Colleen Mayer** William Ashcraft Denise Conover Craig Osmanberg Jaime Liljegren Raymond Powell Erin Kincaid Steve Wilson Denis DeSilvis **Dick Shanks Barbara Hawley Bradley Palmer**

Kai Crist Bruce Beatty Allen Comstock Bruce Fierke Bob Lake Art Holman Greg McMillan Steve Boerner Mark Stevens Jack Gibson Claudia Supensky Ross Barkhurst Loren Gee Dave Hamilton Elizabeth Dolphin John McMillan Kim McDonald Pat Hesselgesser Scott Atkinson Nick Chambers Greg Green Ron Garner Dave Hedrick William McClelland Joe Durham Anne Kroeker

Skip Kidd Mark Stevens Wendy Plemmons Steve Miller Justin Karr Ron Schweitzer Brad Throssell **Bob Muhlhauser** Chuck Wilson Michael Lindsey David Supensky Tim Hamilton Mitch Wall Francis Estalilla Lisa Olsen Darol Johnson Bill Clarke Jan Bentley Dawn Fredricks Dean Finnerty **Butch Smith** Allan Hollingsworth Jim Sutton Jim Olson Al Schmauder Kent Martin

Irene Martin Pat Pattillo Heath Heikkila **Thursday, February 8, 2018** Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

1. Commission Workshop

Commissioners discussed various topics.

- Director recruitment planning
- Saturday meeting strategies

2. 2017 – 19 Proviso Update and Workshop

Policy Director Nate Pamplin discussed the next steps for the development of the long-term revenue plan. Elizabeth McManus gave a high-level summary of research on other State fish and wildlife agency funding. Melinda Posner gave a presentation on the Recreational Access Proviso. Meagan West provided an update on Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Friday, February 9, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting back to order at 8:33 a.m.

3. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion

Acting Director introduced Amy Windrope who will be the Acting Deputy Director. Commissioner Carpenter mentioned a meeting he attended with the Muckleshoot Tribe. Commissioner Thorburn discussed the Citizen Science Surveys.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

The Commission considered approval of the revised minutes of the February 2, 2018 conference call.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner McIsaac to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.

c. Committee Reports

Commissioner Carpenter reviewed highlighted the topics discussed at the Fish Committee meeting.

- Next steps in the Columbia River policy review
- Willapa Bay policy review

4. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics: Denis DeSilvis – how can we help Jim Sutton – predators and draft hunting rules Dick Shanks – Grayland property Joe Durham – Wynoochie mitigation Cindy Olson – Cherry Valley dog training area Barbara Hawley – Cherry Valley dog training area Elizabeth Dolphin – wildlife rehabilitation

Dave Hedrick – wolf plan Martha Jordan – Region 4 wildlife areas William McClelland – Grayland property Bill Osborn – Wynoochie mitigation Jim Olson – Cherry Valley dog training area Al Schmauder – Chambers Creek Robert Sudar – Columbia River

5. Director's Report

The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various issues including: Legislative update Columbia River policy Net pens and Atlantic salmon update Acting Director Stohr discussed what he sees as the agency's short-term priorities Brief update to the public on the Director recruitment process, asked for pubic, and staff feedback on what they would like to see in a Director

6. Lands 20/20 - Briefing

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager briefed the Commission on the Lands 20/20 process, introduced the proposed acquisitions and outlined the funding requests needed for the projects.

7. Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager, requested approval for a land transaction in Douglas County.

No one provided testimony.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the land transactions as presented. Motion passed.

8. Calculation of Actual Costs of Producing Copies of Public Records – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision

Bill Falling, Intergovernmental Coordinator, and Scott Bird, Rules Coordinator briefed the Commission on the new rule to address the legal permission to charge the public for requested copies of agency documents based on 2017 legislation.

Martha Jordan provided testimony in support.

Commissioner Carpenter moved to approve the amendments of WAC 220-120-020, 040, 050, 060, 070, and 080 as presented by staff seconded by Commissioner Kehoe. Motion passed.

9. Coastal Commercial Ocean Pink Shrimp LED Fishing Lights – Briefing and Public Hearing

Lorna Wargo, Coastal Marine Fish Science Manager and Dan Ayres, Coastal Shellfish Manager provided the Commission with a briefing on a proposal to amend WAC 222-340-500 requiring the use of light emitting diode (LED) fishing lights on nets to mitigate euchalon bycatch by vessels participating in the Washington coastal commercial ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery.

Erin Kincaid provided testimony in support.

<u>10. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Population Annual Review Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing</u>

Department staff Laura Heironimus, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, and Cindy LeFleur, Columbia River Federal Policy Program Coordinator, provided the Commission with an annual review briefing on lower Columbia River sturgeon, as stipulated in policy C-3001 and discussed plans for 2018 fisheries.

The following people provided testimony in support of a 2018 retention fishery:Butch SmithGreg KingRon Garner

Commissioner McIsaac recommended the following guidance to staff, which was approved by consensus of the Commission:

1. The Acting Director be delegated responsibility for negotiating with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Director to achieve concurrent regulations for a retention season with approximately the same quota as 2017, and with essentially the same management features as 2017, with the exception of timing an initial season in the estuary during the second half of May, and

 The staff work with their colleagues in the State of Oregon and with the participation of the Columbia River Sport and Commercial Advisory Bodies and provide a draft update of Policy C-3001 for the period 2019-23, for Commission consideration at the November or December, 2018 Commission meeting.

<u>11. Clarifying the Limits of Keeping Salmon for Personal use during an Open Commercial</u> Fishery - Briefing and Public Hearing

Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement briefed the Commission on the need to adopt a permanent rule to clarify the limits around keeping salmon for personal use during an open commercial fishery.

The following people provided testimony in support:Ron GarnerGreg MuellerButch SmithJim OlsonBob LakeSteve Wilson

Greg King Norm Reinhardt

12. Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy Review - Briefing and Public Hearing

Mike Scharpf, Fish and Wildlife Biologist and Annette Hoffman, Region 6 Fish Program Manager presented an annual review to the Commission on the Grays Harbor Basin Salmon Management Policy (C-3621) as set within the adaptive management objectives of the policy.

The following people provided testimony:Joe DurhamBob LakeAllan Hollingsworth

13. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the Commission met in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action was taken in executive session and the public did not listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

14. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Don Wallace – American Dipper Curt Kraemer – NoF process Kevine Turner – leader lengths Colleen Mayer – rehabilitation centers Greg King – Leiana Parr – wildlife rehabilitation Marlisa Dugan – Nemah hatchery

15. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy Review – Briefing and Public Hearing

Chad Herring, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, and Annette Hoffmann, Region 6 Fish Program Manager, provided an overview of the policy base assumptions used in the development of the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy (C-3622), and asked for clarification from the Commission on these assumptions.

The Commission will provide further guidance to staff at the February 16, 2018 conference call.

The following panels and people provided testimony:

Recreational Panel – Ross Barkhust, Tim Hamilton, Marlisa Dugan, Francis Estalilla Commercial Panel – Bob Lake, Lance Gray, Greg McMillan Conservation Panel – Andy Appleby and Jessica Helsley

Greg King	Curt Kraemer	Norm Reinhardt	Dale Beasley
Bob Lake	Dave Hamilton	Lisa Olson	

16. Mineral Prospecting – Briefing and Public Hearing

Jeff Davis, Assistant Director, Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager, Pat Chapman, Environmental Planner, and Teresa Scott, Environmental Planner, Habitat Program provided a briefing on the various aspects of mineral prospecting.

The following panels and people provided testimony:

Trout Unlimited Panelists – Bill Clarke, Crystal Elliot, John McMillan, Leo Bodensteiner, Pat Hesselgesser, John Bohrnsen

Mineral Prospectors Panel - Sean Wheeler, Scott Brown, Justin Karr, Chuck Wilson

Brad Throssell	Neal Hoffberg	Harvey Morrison	Mark Taylor
Dennis Peterson	Ron Wilson	Bruce Beatty	Scott Atkinson
Darol Johnson	Ross Logan	Dean Finnerty	

17. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

The Commission discussed the following items: Items for the 2/16 conference call Year-at-a-Glance Adding a call the week of 3/19

Commissioner McIsaac put forth a motion for the two blue sheets noted below and Commission Kehoe seconded both. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Delegation of Authority Federal and State Legislation

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant