



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
February 8-10, 2018 – Olympia

February 8-10, 2018 Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

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

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

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
Greg 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	Dave Hedrick – wolf plan
Jim Sutton – predators and draft hunting rules	Martha Jordan – Region 4 wildlife areas
Dick Shanks – Grayland property	William McClelland – Grayland property
Joe Durham – Wynoochie mitigation	Bill Osborn – Wynoochie mitigation
Cindy Olson – Cherry Valley dog training area	Jim Olson – Cherry Valley dog training area
Barbara Hawley – Cherry Valley dog training area	Al Schmauder – Chambers Creek
Elizabeth Dolphin – wildlife rehabilitation	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 public, 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 eucalalon bycatch by vessels participating in the Washington coastal commercial ocean pink shrimp trawl fishery.

Erin Kincaid provided testimony in support.

10. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Population Annual Review Policy – Briefing and Public Hearing

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 Smith

Greg King

Ron 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

2. 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.

11. Clarifying the Limits of Keeping Salmon for Personal use during an Open Commercial 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 Garner	Greg Mueller	Greg King
Butch Smith	Jim Olson	Norm Reinhardt
Bob Lake	Steve Wilson	

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 Durham	Bob Lake	Allan Hollingsworth
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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	Greg King –
Curt Kraemer – NoF process	Leiana Parr – wildlife rehabilitation
Kevine Turner – leader lengths	Marlisa Dugan – Nemah hatchery
Colleen Mayer – rehabilitation centers	

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