April 12-14, 2018 Meeting

Attendance

**Commission:**
Brad Smith, Chair
Kim Thorburn
Barbara Baker
Dave Graybill
Don McIsaac
Jay Kehne
Bob Kehoe
Jay Holzmiller

**Department Staff:**
Anis Aoude
Bill Twiet
Ryan Lothrop
Mike Cenci
Tina Nisbet
Anne Masias
Carissa Bourdon
Faith Sexton
Raquel Crosier
Kirt Hughes
Cynthia Wilkerson
Peter Vernie
Jim Brown
Brian Calkins
Mick Cope

**Commission Staff:**
Tami Lininger

**Public:**
Denis DeSilvis
Fred Koontz
Greg Johnson
Robb Krehbiel
Todd Lee
Heath Heikkila
Ryan Melvin
Steve Shanewise
Randy Good
Kim McDonald
Scott Atkinson
Rollyn Kidd
Ron Wesen
John Hasty
Anne Kroeker
Larry Bucklin
Robert Sudar
Mike Kaputa
Greg Roberts
LeeAnne Kane
Dan Miller
Steve Jones
Teresa Jonassen
Steve Miller
Shawn Doyle
Steve Carpenter
Bill Schmidt
Greg Mueller
Jim Cahill
Ken Miller
Martha Jordan
Kyle Cline
Brian Allison
Mike Wofford
John Jonasson
Colleen Mayer
Kevin Kerwien
Thomas Bemis
Peter Anderson
Nick Chambers
Butch Smith
Bryce Divine
Clifford Kellogg
Jason Bolser
Jim Sutton
Chris Wichers
William Ashcraft
Janis Schweitzer
Scott Brown
Gabriel Scott
Jim Burrage
Lee Poquette
Jennifer Gould

Thursday, April 12, 2018
Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. **Advisory Committee for Americans with Disabilities Report to the Commission**
   Advisory Committee members Carol Evanoff, Dan Dickerson, Ron Zubrick, Charles Grijalva, Rick Spring and Melissa Espinosa provided the Commission with updates on work they are doing in their regions.

2. **Commission Workshop**
   Commissioners discussed various topics including:
   - Commission workshop topics document and Commission committee process
3. **2017 – 19 Proviso Update and Workshop**
   Policy Director Nate Pamplin introduced members of the Budget and Advisory Committee - Fred Koontz, Butch Smith, Greg Mueller, Andy Marks and Jen Syrowitz. The members shared their perspectives and draft findings regarding the Department’s budget status and future needs.

   Assistant Attorney Generals Michael Young and Bill Frymire provided the Commission with required training on the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records and Public Disclosure requirements.

**Added Item**

**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 enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an 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 be taken in executive session, and the public was not permitted to listen to the executive session.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

5. **Call to Order**
   a. **Commissioners’ Discussion**
      The Commissioners discussed the following items:
      - Invitation to attend upcoming Wolf Advisory Group meetings

   b. **Meeting Minute Approval**
      The Commission considered approval of the minutes of the March 15-17, 2018 meeting.

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

   c. **Committee Reports**
      Commissioner Kehne highlighted the topics from the Wildlife Committee:
      - Update on Grizzly Bear recovery in North Cascades EIS
      - Update on wildlife rehabilitation WAC revision process and related activities
      - Discussion of 3-year recommendations
      - Snoqualmie Dog Training update

      Commissioner Kehoe highlighted the topics from the Fish Committee:
      - Columbia River Policy review – progress report
      - Dungeness crab briefing

6. **Open Public Input**
   The following people provided input on various topics:
   - Ken Miller – Bear damage
   - Clifford Kellogg - Falconry & hunter orange
   - Robb Krehbiel – Bear ID test
   - Martha Jordan – Thank you & dog park training
7. **Director's Report**  
The Director provided a written report and briefly discussed various topics including:

- Updates on recent meetings
- Legislative discussions in regions
- Staff changes
- WAFWA summer meeting in Eugene, OR
- Upcoming Management staff and Regional meetings
- Skagit River catch and release
- Bonneville Dam sea lion management
- Priest Rapids dam
- Wolf legislative items
- NOF/PFMC updates and thanks by Ron Warren

8. **Land Transaction**  
Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Section Manager briefed the Commission on the acquisition of property in Chelan County and a proposed utility easement in King County and requested approval.

   Mike Kaputa, Chelan County provided comments.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to approve the transaction in Chelan County as presented. Motion passed.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the utility easement in King County as presented. Motion passed.

9. **Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Regulations – Decision**  
Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved to amend WAC 2520-416-060 and WAC 220-413-100 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Graybill – all were in favor. Motion passed.

10. **Hunting Boundaries – Decision**  
Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on hunting boundaries.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-415-040; WAC 220-415-010; WAC 220-410-050; WAC 220-413-180; and WAC 220-413-030 as presented. Motion passed.

11. **Hunting Equipment – Decision**  
Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on hunting equipment.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-414-060 as presented. Motion passed.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker to amend WAC 220-413-070 as presented. Motion passed.
12. **Deer General Seasons and Special Permits - Decision**
   Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on deer general seasons and special permits.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-415-020 and WAC 220-415-030 as presented. Motion passed.

13. **Elk General Seasons and Special Permits - Decision**
   Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on elk general seasons and special permits.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to amend WAC 220-415-050 and WAC 220-415-060 as presented. Motion passed.

14. **Requirements for Sealing Pelts - Decision**
   Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on the requirements for sealing pelts.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-400-050 as presented. Motion passed.

15. **Black Bear Seasons – Decision**
   Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on black bear seasons.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to amend WAC 220-415-080 and WAC 220-415-090 as presented. Motion passed.

16. **Cougar Seasons – Decision**
   Stephanie Simek, Carnivore Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on cougar seasons.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-415-100 as presented. Motion passed.

17. **Moose Seasons – Decision**
   Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on moose seasons.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehne to amend WAC 220-412-080 and WAC 220-415-070 as presented. Motion passed.

18. **Mountain Goat Seasons – Decision**
   Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on mountain goat seasons.

   Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Baker to amend WAC 220-415-130 as presented. Motion passed.

19. **Bighorn Sheep Seasons – Decision**
   Richard Harris, Ph.D., Bighorn Sheep, Mountain Goat, and Moose Section Manager requested approval from the Commission on bighorn sheep seasons.
Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Holzmiller to amend WAC 220-412-070 and WAC 220-415-120 as presented. Motion passed.

20. Small Game and Hunter Orange Requirements - Decision
   Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on small game seasons.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Graybill to amend WAC 220-414-080 and WAC 220-416-010 as presented. Motion passed.

21. Landowner Hunting Permits – Decision
   Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager requested approval from the Commission on landowner hunting permits.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to amend WAC 220-412-100 as presented. Motion passed.

22. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Rule Package – Briefing and Public Hearing
   Sam Taylor, High Risk Programs Manager provided a briefing and took public comments on several new regulations and amendments to clarify concerns regarding shooting from the roadway, trapping and creation of an appeals proves for suspension of a special use permit.

   No one provided testimony.

23. Geoduck Rules – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision
   Trisha Anderson, Licensing Division Business Analyst, Peter Vernie, Licensing Division Manager and Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager provided a briefing, heard public comments and requested approval for changes to geoduck rules.

   No one provided testimony.

Commissioner Thorburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to amend WAC 220-340-070 as presented. Motion passed.

24. Commercial Fish Receiving Ticket Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing
   Corey Niles, Coastal Marine Resource Lead and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief briefed the Commission and heard public comments on proposed changes to create a voluntary fish receiving ticket program, expand mandatory electronic reporting for a few types of deliveries and restructure rules for clarity and simplification.

25. Results of the 2017 Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Fishery – Briefing
   Bob Sizemore, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief provided the annual briefing on the Puget Sound Dungeness crab fishery.

26. Southern Resident Killer Whale Briefing and Possible Policy Guidance
   Penny Becker, Killer Whale Policy Lead briefed the Commission on efforts to recover Southern Resident Killer Whales.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.
27. **Future Meeting Planning**
Commissioners discussed the June 2018 meeting agenda.

28. **Open Public Input**
The following people provided input on various topics:
- John Jonasson – Nooksak Elk herd
- Janis Schweitzer – Nooksak Elk herd damage
- Ron Wesen – Elk damage on private property
- Randy Good – Elk damage
- Bill Schmidt – Elk property damage/safety issues
- John Hasty – ADA issues
- Colleen Mayer – Puget Sound Wildcare
- Jennifer Gould – Puget Sound Wildcare

29. **Rulemaking Options and Possible Timeline for Motorized Mineral Prospecting Methods – Briefing, Public Hearing and Possible Decision**
Jeff Davis, Habitat Assistant Director and Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager briefed the Commission on further aspects of motorized mineral prospecting, including how extensive the activity is in Washington, the enforceability of the current rule, the extent of the threat from aquatic invasive species resulting from movement of mineral prospecting equipment around the state, comparison of Washington and neighboring states’ regulations, and options and possible timeline for rule development.

The following people provided testimony:
- Steve Jones
- Scott Brown
- Nick Chambers
- Steve Miller
- Gabriel Scott
- Scott Atkinson

30. **WDFW Director Recruitment**
The Commissioners discussed the next steps in the director recruitment process.

31. **Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**
The Commissioners and staff discussed the following items:

**Commissioner Baker made a motion for a blue sheet briefing on wolf management updates, seconded by Commissioner Holzmiller. All were in favor and the motion passed.**
- Commissioner Kehne requested updates and progress reports on the Skagit County elk issues.
- Commissioner McIsaac requested additional information be provided on the 4/20/18 conference call in regards to the comments from Robert Sudar.

32. **Executive Session – This item was removed**
Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant