Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Conference Call
Friday, May 04, 2018
Olympia, Washington

Attendance
Commission:
Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
Kim Thorburn
Don McIsaac
Barbara Baker
Bob Kehoe
Jay Kehoe

Department Staff:
Joe Stohr, Acting Director
Amy Windrope
Scott Bird
Corey Niles
Ron Warren
Darren Friedel

Commission Staff: Tami Lininger

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

A. Commercial Fish Receiving Ticket Rules – General Restructuring and Expansion of Electronic Reporting – Decision
Scott Bird, Agency Rules Coordinator requested approval from the Commission on proposed rule changes that would create a voluntary fish receiving ticket program, expand mandatory electronic reporting for a few types of deliveries, and restructure the rules for clarity and simplification.

Commissioner Kehoe made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to adopt the repealed, new and amended rules as presented by staff.

B. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision
The Commission considered approval of the April 20, 2018 minutes.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as presented.

C. General Discussion
Commissioners and the Director discussed the following recent activities and items of interest:
- Commissioner Kehoe attended a sharp-tailed grouse release event
- Commissioner Carpenter thanked staff for all the efforts to open a catch and release fishery on the Skagit River. He requested that staff provide an economic report in the near future.
- Amy Windrope gave an overview of the first Killer Whale meeting.
- Joe gave brief updates on the following items:
Elk hoof disease in Trout Lake area
Budget and Policy Advisory Group meeting in Ellensburg
Pacific Salmon Treaty meeting in Portland
Contract negotiation meetings are beginning with the Union
Plans to replace Regional Director John Long
Management staff meeting and training
Annual awards celebrations
Mae the raccoon update

- Commissioners Baker and Thorburn provided a briefing on the WAG meeting
- Brief discussion on the Director Recruitment process.

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant