Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission
Conference Call
Friday, September 07, 2018
Olympia, Washington

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

Department Staff: Kelly Susewind
Nate Pamplin
Darren Friedel
Ron Warren
Eric Kinne
Brandon Bean
Mick Cope
Eric Gardner

Commission Staff:
Tami Liningler

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A. Petition – WAC 220-414-070(2)(b) - Decision
Anis Aoude, Wildlife Program Manager, briefed the Commission and requested action on a petition to change WAC 220-414-070(2)(b) to clarify the intent of a safe and ethical kill with respect to bow hunting.

Commissioner Thorburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to deny the petition as presented by staff and request that the staff bring this forward during the season setting process in March/April 2019. The motion passed.

B. Salmon Hatcheries: Conservation, Fishery Enhancement, and Prey Availability - Decision
Commissioner McIsaac made the following motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Holzmiller:

I move that the Commission adopt the following general policy intent and guidance for the primary purpose of proposing enhanced Chinook salmon abundance for the benefit of SRKW recovery, acknowledging that there will also be secondary fishery benefits. This general policy intent is provided to Commission and Director representatives on the Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force for guidance as they comply with the Governor requests under the Executive Order, and to the Director to include as a separate funding proposal for consideration in the Governor’s proposed budget, at this point in those processes.

1. At a high policy level, the Commission proposes a significant enhancement in Chinook salmon abundance, via increases in releases from hatchery programs, approximating 50 million smolts beyond 2018 status quo releases. This is to include approximately 30 million from Puget Sound locations and approximately 20 million from Columbia River locations.

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representatives as the overall policy purpose is discussed and negotiated with entities in the Task Force and budget consideration processes.

3. The Director is tasked with prioritizing what can be done in the most immediate time frame as the highest priority, with the remainder to be done as soon as possible.

4. In all representations of this proposal in budget related discussions, it should be emphasized that this is an additional General Fund enhancement above and beyond all aspects of the status quo budget of the agency, and any substitution of the status quo budget of the agency by this enhancement proposal is opposed as a firm policy position.

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Commissioner Thorburn made a motion to amend the motion by removing items 2, 4, 5. Commissioner Kehoe seconded the motion, the motion passed.

The main motion, as amended, was then voted on and passed as well.

Commissioner McIsaac made a second motion, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to:

Adopt an additional hatchery enhancement proposal in general accordance with Table 2 below, funded with General Fund funding. The proposal below is to be used as a general reference with regard to target areas and numbers, with the understanding that flexibility is expected from Department representatives as the overall policy purpose is discussed and negotiated with entities in the co-manager and budget consideration processes, with regard to efficiencies and legal constraints. In all representations of this proposal in budget related discussions, it should be emphasized that this is an additional General Fund enhancement above and beyond all aspects of the status quo budget of the agency, and any substitution of the status quo budget of the agency by this enhancement proposal is opposed as a firm policy position.

All were in favor and the motion passed.

Meeting Minute Approval – Decision
The Commission considered approval of the September 5, 2018 conference call minutes.

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

C. General Discussion
Commissioner Thorburn reported that the interviews for the vacant Region 4 ADA Committee position were completed yesterday and she would be bringing forward a recommendation at the next meeting.

Director Susewind reported that there have been some wolf depredations by the Profanity Wolf Pack.

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant

Approved at the August 2, 2013 meeting
Motion 1

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<td>Puget Sound</td>
<td>Deschutes River Hatchery and Squaxin Pens Complex</td>
<td>Deschutes River fall chinook hybrid</td>
<td>10,000,000</td>
<td>Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with GF. Coordinate with Squaxin Tribe</td>
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<td>Orcas Island Eastsound Bay Pens</td>
<td>Most locally adapted</td>
<td>10,000,000</td>
<td>Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with Lummi Tribe. Delayed release strategy to maximize residence.</td>
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<td>Agate Pass Bay</td>
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<td>Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with GF. Coordinate with the Suquamish Tribe.</td>
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<td>Southern Hood Canal</td>
<td>Most locally adapted</td>
<td>5,000,000</td>
<td>Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with GF. Coordinate with Tribe.</td>
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<td><strong>Puget Sound total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>30,000,000</strong></td>
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<td>Cowlitz River</td>
<td>Cowlitz River sping chinook</td>
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<td>Kalama River Hatcheries</td>
<td>Kalama River fall chinook</td>
<td>4,400,000</td>
<td>Primarily Mitchell Act Federal funding; some State GF may be needed.</td>
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<td>Lewis River Hatcheries</td>
<td>Lewis River spring chinook</td>
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<td>Willamette Hatchery Complex</td>
<td>Upper Willamette River spring chinook</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>Seek partnership with the State of Oregon; fund with State GF.</td>
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<td>Bonneville Hatchery</td>
<td>Spring Creek fall chinook</td>
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<td>Federal funding. Coordinate with State of Oregon.</td>
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<td>Little White Salmon Hatchery</td>
<td>Locally adapted Upriver Bright fall chinook</td>
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<td>Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with CRITFC.</td>
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<td>Seek 50% Federal funding; fund State share with State GF. Coordinate with CRITFC.</td>
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<td>Upper Columbia River TBD</td>
<td>Upper CR Summer Chinook</td>
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Motion 2

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## Table 2. Coho Salmon Hatchery Enhancement Proposal

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<td>Beaver Creek Hatchery</td>
<td>early run coho</td>
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<td>Weir in place to sort hatchery and wild fish during the early coho run timing</td>
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<td>Cowlitz River</td>
<td>Riffe Lake</td>
<td>Cowlitz River</td>
<td>2,000,000</td>
<td>Builds on success of upriver restoration tests</td>
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<td>Toutle River</td>
<td>Toutle River Hatchery</td>
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<td>Excellent weir situation</td>
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<td>NF Lewis River</td>
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<td>Weir in place on Cedar Creek</td>
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<td>Upper Columbia River</td>
<td>Ringold Ponds</td>
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