



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call
Friday, December 07, 2018
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

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

Department Staff:

Joe Stohr
Ron Warren
Eric Kinne
Kirt Hughes
Cindy LeFleur

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

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

A. Columbia River Policy Review – Next Steps and Follow Up

Vice-chair Carpenter reported that we have not heard back from Oregon yet. They are scheduled to meet with their staff today so we may know more next week.

B. Enhancement of Hatchery Production – Briefing

Ron Warren and Eric Kinne provided a briefing on current hatchery capacity for Chinook and discussed the proposed hatchery production increase that are included in the 19-21 budget requests. An update of the Snake River Spring Chinook production was also provided. Commissioners agreed and requested that staff include a Snake River spring chinook component in the proposal for an increase in approximately 50M chinook smolts and that we begin discussions with co-managers about short and long term implementation details.

C. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission considered approval of the November 16, 2018 conference call minutes.

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

D. General Discussion

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following topics:

- Commissioners would like to take a tour of the Deschutes Hatchery
- Update on Public Affairs Director hiring
- Washington Supreme Court's decision on HPAs
- Great coverage on the Fisher release
- Budget update
- Columbia River Sea Lion bill passed the Senate
- Update to December 14-15 agenda

Vice Chair Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant