Friday, December 07, 2018

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.

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