



Minutes Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission

Conference Call
Friday, January 25, 2019
Olympia, Washington

Attendance

Commission:

Larry Carpenter, Chair
Barbara Baker, Vice Chair
Dave Graybill
Don Mclsaac
Bob Kehoe
Brad Smith, Chair

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Kelly Susewind
Joe Stohr
Bill Frymire, AAG
Ron Warren
Craig Burley
Annette Hoffmann
Mike Scharpf
Bill Tweit
Ryan Lothrop

Laura Heironimus
Captain Wickersham

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

A. Petition – Rule Changes to WAC 220-312-020 regarding Coastal River and Stream Fishing - Decision

The Commission will be briefed and consider a petition regarding changes to WAC 220-312-020 regarding Coastal River and Stream Fishing and selective gear regulations on the Humptulips River above Highway 101 Bridge from March 1 – March 31.

Commissioner Mclsaac made a motion to deny the petition based on conservation status of Humptulips wild steelhead, but to delegate authority to the director to conduct rule-making that more fully considers the social aspects of the fishery. This rule-making process is to include public outreach and consideration of public comment on the proposal to prohibit the use of bait in this fishery during the month of March in 2020 and beyond based on the social factors brought forward today. This delegation includes guidance towards favorable action on this bait prohibition proposal absent convincing testimony objecting or new information not discussed today that would warrant not taking this action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kehoe, all were in favor and the motion passed.

B. Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 – Decision

Laura Heironimus requested approval from the Commission on proposed modifications to the Lower Columbia Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 setting guidelines for management of the white sturgeon population and fisheries.

Vice Chair Baker made a motion to adopt Policy C-3001 as presented by staff, Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

C. Columbia River Joint Commission Workgroup Update

Commissioner Mclsaac provided an update on the joint workgroup's meeting that took place on January 17, 2019. The workgroup set several procedural guidelines and times for future meetings.

D. Meeting Minute Approval – Decision

The Commission considered approval of the January 11-12, 2019 meeting minutes.

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

E. General Discussion

The Commissioners and staff discussed the following topics:

- Update on White Papers – Effects of Fishing on SRKW Prey, and Increased Chinook Hatchery Production Proposal
- Committee update
- Skagit elk more follow up needed in February
- Further discussion regarding a wolf recovery committee

Vice Chair Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant