



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

10-17-2022

Executive Board Members

- President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present
- Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Excused
- Secretary - Ryan Gausman - Present
- Treasurer - Jon Blank - Excused
- Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present
- Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present
- Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Present
- Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Excused
- Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present
- Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Excused
- Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting began 1733 hrs

Treasurer Report: \$8866.88 Checking \$1826.30 PayPal

The check sent to Greg Kain never reached him, it will be reissued

September Minutes: Approved

Old Business: None

Coastal Ad Hoc Steelhead Committee: They talked about the proposed plan. WDFW has not actually told anybody what the plan is though. There will be a town hall meeting 10-26 from 6-8 PM. Bob wasn't available for an update.

It seems that WDFW will be making a decision which fits their agenda regardless of the discussions that have been happening.

An ESA action has been filed. This action will cause regulations to be hands off for now and may end broodstock options for any hatchery programs. More to come on this filing.

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Wild steelhead coalition has published information regarding fish handling which is not supported by any recent studies. They've, as usual, ignored recent science in support of their agenda.

Co-Managers have not been included in any of the discussions.

So far, the guides on the coast have chosen to ignore all of these discussions and these issues. Bob Kratzer is the only one who has chosen to be involved.

There will be elections in January for board positions

President (Doug St Denis), Secretary (Ryan Gausman), Member-at-large A (Marc Bush), Advisory Member 2 (Cameron Black), Advisory Member 4 (Mark Coleman), Advisory Member 6 (Camrin Johnson)

Ryan Gausman will not be running for reelection as secretary, other work has taken him pretty much totally away from guiding.

Guide's Advisory Committee: Limited entry is discussed at every meeting. Chris Donnelly said it is not being driven by any fish numbers of studies but is purely a socially driven issue. People continue to complain that, based upon their perception, guides are catching too many fish and are violating rules on the water.

If this is true regarding violations, we need to work to clean up our industry

Logbook Revisions: There is a move to require paper logs to be sent in 10 days from the end of the trip instead of 10 days from the end of the month.

DFW enforcement people don't seem to understand how logbooks work, and don't really seem to care about the logbooks. They are putting a little effort into enforcement. They must do exit interviews at the takeout to confirm who is on the boat before ever issuing a citation.

Annual Meeting: The 2023 sport show is back on in Puyallup. The prevailing opinion is that we should have our annual meeting at the show because that has always been well attended by members. A suggestion was made to provide an online link to the meeting as well.

FGOTO:

Marc Bush stated he is available for projects in anyone needs help

Greg Kain: 55 rivers are closed for salmon because of low water. Who decides to close them and what is the threshold? Is there an actual rule or is this also special interest driven? When the fish are stacked up because of low water people are fishing the estuaries hard. Doug added that the fish aren't really biting anyway but rain is needed to send them upriver.

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Cameron Black: WDFW is continually looking for cooperation and accountability from guides, we should be calling for accountability from WDFW as stewards of our outdoor resources. It seems they have no interest in being accountable to anyone.

Meeting adjourned: 1828

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