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## **Eboard Meeting Minutes**

6-12-2023

## **Executive Board Members**

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present Secretary — Patric Gaffney - Excsued Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present

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 – Excused

Call to meeting to order: 5:35pm

Old business: May Meeting minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Jon Blank

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Hoh Quillayute River System Update: Bob and Ravae O'Leary give update on Hoh/Quillayute rulemaking.

Trout unlimited flagged the update on closing April for steelhead. The literature was deep inside NOF paperwork. Very blindsided rule making that department admitted was not discussed openly at NOF. Biggest complaint amongst anglers is a rule change like this should have the same process on rule changes as everything else.

OPGA, WSGA and several other organizations wrote strongly worded letters to this rule making and subsequently, the rule was rescinded.

**Columbia River Chapter Update:** Cameron Black - Pretty quite in SW Washington for the most part. Cameron says in conversations with region biologists there seems to be no discomfort with forecast models after a bleak spring salmon run.

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## Good of the order:

Bob had a sit down with Fish Hunt Northwest. Duane appreciated the donation for the fishing derby Duane put on. Duane is asking for possible guide participation for 2024. Talks about getting some guides together to help with future derby to donate assistance to some of the families who aren't properly equipped.

Ravae asked our groups opinion on a joint letter for a management change in region six between WSGA and other groups including Trout unlimited. Doug expressed a concern that if the change in management occurred, then it would be good for the groups involved, but if the department did not acquiesce to the request, we could lose standing with the department and further negotiations and discussions could be at risk.

Meeting adjourned: 6:32pm