



**Eboard Meeting Minutes**

**9-9-2024**

**Executive Board Members**

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present

Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present

Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Absent

Treasurer - Jon Blank - Excused

Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present

Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present

Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Absent

Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Absent

Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present

Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Excused

Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Members – Bernie Balsis, Brandon Wedham, Jeff Keightly

**Agenda Items**

**Call to meeting to order:** 5:36pm

**Treasurer's report:** Checking \$22,640.70 PayPal \$4,309.48

**Key Takeaways**

- The association is considering having a booth at the Washington Sports Show to increase visibility and membership
- There are ongoing issues with the electronic logbook app, particularly for Android users
- Changes to salmon management policies in Grays Harbor were discussed, including concerns about lowered escapement goals

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- Updates on WDFW leadership changes and potential fishing opportunities were shared

## **Agenda**

### **Fathom Notetaker Discussion**

- Considered using Fathom AI notetaking service for \$15/month
- Cary suggested using ChatGPT as a free alternative
- Agreed to try ChatGPT method first before committing to paid service

### **Logbook App Issues**

- Android users still experiencing problems submitting trips
- Only 54% of guides have filled out a logbook form at least once
- Concerns raised about potential enforcement issues due to app malfunctions
- Discussion of possibly eliminating paper logs despite app problems

### **Washington Sports Show Booth**

- Considering half-price booth to increase association visibility
- Discussed logistics of staffing booth for 5-day show
- Will email members to gauge interest in volunteering to work the booth
- Need to develop talking points and materials for booth

### **Grays Harbor Salmon Policy**

- New policy lowers Chehalis system Chinook escapement goal from 12,000 to 9,000
- Concerns raised about shift from habitat-based to MSY-based escapement goals
- Policy lacks consideration of predation issues in the system
- Public comments due by September 15th

### **WDFW Leadership Updates**

- Two candidates applied for WDFW Director position to replace James Losee
- One internal candidate (likely Chad Herring) and one external
- WDFW leadership emphasizing need for right fit, may reopen search if needed

### **Columbia River Fishing**

- Upcoming compact meeting to discuss potential season extensions
- Concerns about Snake River URB (Upriver Bright) Chinook returns may limit opportunities

## **Next Steps**

- Send email to gauge member interest in working the Washington Sports Show booth
- Compile costs and logistics for potential sports show booth
- Try ChatGPT for meeting notes and evaluate effectiveness
- Follow up with Kelly Cunningham on Android logbook app issues
- Send out link for public comments on Grays Harbor salmon policy DONE
- Continue to advocate for December bait fishing on Quillayute system