



Eboard Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 2025

Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present
Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present
Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Present
Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present
Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present
Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Absent
Advisory Member – Brandon Wedam – Present
Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Excused
Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present
Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present
Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting Start: 5:30pm

Meeting Purpose

Review WSGA July updates, discuss Olympic Peninsula steelhead rules, and plan for Sportsman's Coalition fundraiser.

Key Takeaways

- A new non-profit is being formed to raise \$150,000 for monitoring the 2026 Skagit steelhead fishery
- Olympic Peninsula steelhead rules meetings scheduled for July 17th and 31st at 6 PM via Zoom
- WSGA needs to improve outreach to legislators to advocate for fishing interests and department funding
- State has run out of catch record cards; temporary solution being developed

Agenda Items

Treasurer's Report

- PayPal: \$1,027.60
- Checking: \$32,926.60
- Savings: \$17.02

Hatchery Wild Coexist Fundraiser

- First annual fundraiser on December 6th at Ilani casino in Ridgefield

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- Targeting 200+ ticket sales
- Sponsorship tables available from \$500-\$5000
- Seeking 6 guided trip donations for raffle
- WSGA considering sponsoring a table; awaiting pricing details

Olympic Peninsula Steelhead Rules Meetings

- Scheduled for July 17th and 31st at 6 PM via Zoom
- Chad Herring (new director) aims to establish permanent regulations similar to last year's emergency rules
- Potential for expanded fishing areas and timeframes based on 5-year data
- Bob to forward meeting link to WSGA members

Sportsman's Coalition and Skagit Steelhead Fishery Funding

- New non-profit being formed by Tim Klumps (Three Rivers Marine) to raise \$150,000 for 2026 Skagit steelhead fishery monitoring
- Fundraiser planned for late September at Three Rivers Marine
- WSGA to support but remain separate entity
- Highlights need for better legislative outreach by WSGA and fishing community

Catch Record Card Shortage

- State has run out of catch record cards
- Temporary solution being developed; guides to call during business hours
- New minimum stock level of 1000 books to be implemented

Next Steps

- Bob to email Hatchery Wild Coexist fundraiser details to WSGA
- Cary to share list of budget cuts with WSGA
- WSGA members to identify and contact their local legislators
- Doug to distribute temporary solution for catch record card shortage when available
- WSGA to consider involvement in new Sportsman's Coalition non-profit board

Meeting End: 6:25pm