



Eboard Meeting Minutes

November 10th, 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 - Excused
Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Excused
Advisory Member – Brandon Wedam – Present
Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Absent
Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present
Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present
Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting Begin: 5:00pm

Meeting Purpose

Review financials, plan for elections, and strategize on key initiatives.

Key Takeaways

- 2026 Elections: Two board seats are open (Cameron Johnson, Eric Linde). All incumbents are running for re-election. The board is actively recruiting candidates to maintain regional representation.
- Hatchery Wild Coexist Banquet: The board will fill its four open sponsored seats by prioritizing board members, then inviting key sponsors (Dwayne England, SportCo) to strengthen relationships. A 20% room discount code is available.
- Skagit River Fishery: The Washington Fisherman's Alliance is paused pending the 2026 run forecast. This data is critical for building a credible proposal to secure funding and justify a viable fishery.
- PAC Formation: The board will explore forming a Political Action Committee (PAC) to enable legal political donations. Doug is contacting Zwanek Law, and Cary will consult the attorney for the Washington Fisherman's Alliance.

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Agenda

Treasurer's Report

- PayPal: \$2,164.46
- Checking: \$31,702.00
- Savings: \$17.03
- Note: Funds will be adjusted for the Hatchery Wild Coexist banquet table sponsorship.

2026 Board Elections

- Open Seats: Two positions require new candidates.
 - Cameron Johnson (resigning)
 - Eric Linde (not running)
- Incumbents Running: Bob, Jon Blank, Greg Kane, and Cary Hoffman.
- Recruitment Strategy: The board is actively seeking candidates to maintain regional representation, with Bob contacting Jack Mitchell and Eric Lindy assisting with recruitment in his area.

Hatchery Wild Coexist Banquet (Dec 6)

- Event Details: Ridgefield, WA, at the LNA Casino. Starts at 5:30 PM.
- WSGA Sponsorship: An 8-seat table is sponsored. Four seats are available after Doug and Greg Kane confirmed attendance.
- Seat Allocation Strategy:
 1. Board Members: Prioritize attendance to ensure WSGA visibility.
 2. Key Sponsors: If seats remain, invite Dwayne England and SportCo (Gabe Miller/Mike Coombs).
 - Rationale: Strengthen relationships and address SportCo's concern about being the sole major sponsor for such events.
- Logistics: Bob secured a 20% room discount code for attendees.

Skagit River Fishery & Washington Fisherman's Alliance

- Status: The Washington Fisherman's Alliance (WFA) initiative is paused.
- Blocker: Awaiting the 2026 Skagit River run forecast from WDFW (Andrew Fowler).
- Rationale: The forecast is essential for building a credible proposal that justifies funding and demonstrates the potential for a viable fishery.
- Legislative Efforts: Cary is working with Senator Keith Wagner to secure state funding for 2027 and beyond.

Political Action Committee (PAC)

- Need: As a 501(c)(6), WSGA cannot make direct political donations. A PAC is the only legal mechanism.
- Action: Doug is contacting Zwanek Law, PLLC to get a cost estimate and a simplified explanation of PAC rules.

- Alternative: Cary will consult the attorney who formed the WFA's 501(c)(3) to explore options.

Marketing Materials

- Decision: The board approved purchasing a new marketing material package.
- Budget: Under \$500.
- Assets: Pop-up banners, hanging banners, and a table skirt.
- Key Feature: All materials will include a QR code linking to a landing page, enabling engagement without a staffed booth.

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- Fuel Tax Refund: Mark C reminded members about the WA Dept. of Licensing refund for highway taxes on gasoline burned on the water. Doug will share application details.
- PFMC Meeting Dates: Cary shared 2026 dates. The April 7–13 meeting in Portland is a good opportunity for multiple board members to attend.

Next Steps

- Doug:
 - Secure Hatchery Wild Coexist table sponsorship.
 - Distribute October meeting minutes.
 - Email members about 2026 elections.
 - Contact Zwaneke Law for a PAC cost estimate.
 - Purchase new marketing materials (under \$500).
 - Post fuel tax refund information for members.
- Cary:
 - Confirm Hatchery Wild Coexist attendance with Mark C by Monday.
 - Consult WFA attorney about forming a PAC.
 - Follow up with Holiday Market and Snohomish Sportsman's Club on WSGA sponsorship.
- Bob:
 - Follow up with Jack Mitchell on board interest.
- Mark C & Cary:
 - Confirm Hatchery Wild Coexist attendance by Monday.

Meeting End: 6:33 pm