



Eboard Meeting Minutes

October 13th, 2025

Executive Board Members

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

Meeting Begin: 5:00pm

WSGA October Meeting - October 13

To discuss ongoing WSGA business, including upcoming events, financial matters, and operational considerations.

Key Takeaways

- Consideration of sponsoring a table at the Hatchery Wild Coexist fundraiser on December 6th for \$1,500
- Discussion on potentially compensating Kerry Hoffman for his extensive work on North of Falcon process
- Plans to set up a WSGA booth at the sports show, with a focus on creating new, easily transportable marketing materials
- New tax guidance from WA Dept. of Revenue may significantly impact guide operations and tax obligations

Agenda

Fishing Reports and Weather Challenges

- Coho salmon showing up at the mouth of the Klickitat River
- Successful catch-and-release sturgeon trip with fish up to 9.5 feet
- Weather causing trip cancellations and rescheduling due to high winds (25-36 mph gusts)

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Hatchery Wild Coexist Fundraiser

- Event scheduled for December 6th at Ilani Casino
- Proposal to sponsor a table for \$1,500, including seats for WSGA members
- General agreement on the value of WSGA presence at the event
- Noted affiliation between Hatchery Wild and CCA (Coastal Conservation Association)

North of Falcon Compensation

- Discussion on potentially compensating Cary Hoffman for his extensive work on the 2026 North of Falcon process
- Acknowledgment of Hoffman's significant time commitment and expertise
- Consideration of various compensation models, including per diem and lost fishing day reimbursement
- Plan to revisit and potentially decide on compensation at the November meeting

Sports Show Booth

- Proposal to set up a WSGA booth at the upcoming sports show
- Discussion on creating new, easily transportable marketing materials (banners, pop-up tent)
- Estimated cost of \$600 for the booth, plus additional costs for new marketing materials
- Need for volunteers to man the booth during the show
- Plan to make a final decision at the November meeting

WSGA Elections

- Upcoming elections for VP, Treasurer, Advisory Member 1, 3, and 5 positions
- Request for current position holders to inform if not planning to run again
- Plan to reach out to membership for nominations

New Tax Guidance from WA Dept. of Revenue

- Greg Kain received email detailing new tax obligations for guided fishing and hunting services
- Key points:
 - Taxes to be collected based on launch location, not business office location
 - Sales tax due on all equipment used in providing guide services
 - Potential changes to what items are considered taxable (e.g., bait, lures)
- Concerns raised about the administrative burden and financial impact on guides

Meeting End: 5:55 pm