



Eboard Meeting Minutes

September 15th, 2025

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 - 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: 5:30pm

Monthly meeting of the Washington State Guides Association to discuss ongoing initiatives and updates.

To discuss updates on various Washington State Guides Association initiatives and plan future activities.

Key Takeaways

- Cary successfully hosted a "Take Your Senator Fishing" day, building relationships with legislators
- Permanent coastal steelhead rules are being finalized, with mostly positive changes for guides
- The association is planning a broader "Take Your Legislator Fishing" initiative
- Discussions ongoing about potential Drano Lake steering committee participation

Agenda

Legislative Outreach

- Cary hosted 3 senators and their kids for a fishing trip on Aug 22
- Built relationships and discussed funding for Skagit River fishery
- Planning broader "Take Your Legislator Fishing" initiative
- Aim to coordinate trips for members across districts

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- Need to create WSGA "goodie bags" for legislators
- Mark Coleman has 3 legislators scheduled for Oct 7 trip

Coastal Steelhead Rules

- Permanent rules being finalized, mostly positive changes:
 - Seasons open until end of March
 - Bait allowed through December
 - Hatchery limit reduced to 2 fish
 - Most "no boat fishing" regulations removed
- Upper Hoh to close end of February instead of March
- Public testimony opportunity at upcoming commission meeting

Hatcher Wild Coexist Fundraiser

- Scheduled for December 5th
- WSGA considering sponsoring a table (~\$50-85/seat)
- Bob working on securing speakers and auction items

Drano Lake Steering Committee

- Marc Bush invited to participate by Skamania County commissioner
- Committee to address overcrowding/safety issues
- Marc weighing pros/cons of involvement as a guide representative

Sportsman's Show

- Considering WSGA booth, need to recruit volunteers
- Bob Kratzer confirmed he will have a booth

Next Steps

- Cary to send economic impact pamphlets to all board members
- Bob to get Hatcher Wild Coexist table sponsorship details/deadlines
- Plan WSGA swag items for legislator goodie bags
- Doug to email members about "Take Your Legislator Fishing" initiative
- Marc to list pros/cons of Drano Lake committee involvement for further discussion
- Explore options for WSGA booth at Sportsman's Show

Meeting End: 6:28 pm