

Wildlife Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary

Friday, January 18, 2019

Start time: 9:00 A.M.

Whatcom County Public Works

Maintenance & Operations Central Shop

901 W. Smith Road

Bellingham, WA



QUORUM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Members Present		Public Present
Frank Bob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anya Gedrath-Smith
Caanan Cowles		Gabe Epperson
Joan Drinkwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Staff Present
Greg Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Elder
Robert Waddell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Dearborn
Joel Ingram	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Vikki Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Chris Kazimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steven Nyman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Shannon Crossen		
VACANT		

Chair Greg Green called the meeting to order at approximately 9:09 am

No Public Comment

No Announcements

Approval of minutes: postponed till next meeting

Committee discussed and recommended including work plan in agenda document. Committee also highlighted the importance of getting the meeting minutes out as soon as possible for committee review. There was a proposal to shift secretarial duties to a different committee member each meeting. Request to add work plan review to next WAC meeting.

Greg presented his follow-up to the initial bat presentation focusing more specifically on Whatcom County bat populations. Possible habitats of local importance include large snags (primarily cottonwood & Douglas fir), caves/mines, and maternal colonies. Possible species of local importance include the Townsend's Big-eared bat.

Greg presented two proposals to research bat species and populations in Whatcom County to be considered in more depth at a later date.

Robert introduced his topic of carnivores and ungulates within the Mammalia class. Committee discussed whether a candidate or species of concern are currently covered under the CAO. It was

determined that since generally there are no management recommendations for these species that candidate species or species of concern are not typically address under the CAO. Only threatened and endangered species are covered.

Committee discussed that the black bear may be important for consideration as a species of local importance as it is an 'umbrella' species.

Elk is currently very significant as a cultural resource and should be considered for locally important designation.

After talking about the diversity of mammal species, it was noted that a focus on corridor mapping could be highly valuable to support protection of many important mammal species, in addition to other species.

Committee members highlighted the importance of top level carnivores.

Robert did not complete his presentation and will continue at February's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

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