
Regular Business Meeting ~

The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission/SCC) met virtually on January 20, 2022. Chairman Daryl Williams called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Note: All meeting materials can be found on our [meetings webpage](#). You will find the meeting packet with background information, presentations and past meeting information.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Daryl Williams, Chairman, *Governor Appointee*
Larry Cochran, Vice-Chairman, *elected eastern region rep.*
Sarah Spaeth, *Governor Appointee*
Dean Longrie, *elected west region rep.*
Harold Crose, *elected central region rep.*
Perry Beale, *Department of Agriculture*
Terra Rentz, *Department of Natural Resources*
Jeanette Dorner, *Washington Association of Conservation Districts*
Jim Kropf, *Washington State University*
David Giglio, *Department of Ecology*

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT

Kirk Robinson, *Interim Executive Director*
Mike Baden, *Northeast Regional Manager*
Brian Cochrane, *Habitat & Monitoring Coordinator*
Jean Fike, *Northwest Regional Manager*
Alicia McClendon, *Administrative Assistant*
Lori Gonzalez, *Executive Assistant*
Josh Giuntoli, *Southwest Regional Manager*
Sarah Groth, *Fiscal Manager*
Alison Halpern, *Scientific Policy Advisor*
Laura Meyer, *Communications Director*
Shana Joy, *District Operations Manager*
Levi Keesecker, *Natural Resources Scientist*
Ron Shultz, *Policy Director*
Bill Eller, *Voluntary Stewardship Coordinator*
Jon Culp, *Water Resources Program Manager*
Cody Makiva, *IT Planning & Policy Manager*

PARTNERS REPRESENTED

Nicholas Peak, *US Environmental Protection Agency Region 10*
Tom Salzer, *WA Association of Conservation Districts*
Ryan Baye, *WA Association of Conservation Districts*
Roylene Comes At Night, *USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service*
Michael Kuttel, Jr., *WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife*
Angela Reseland, *WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife*
Doug Rushton, *National Association of Conservation Districts*

GUESTS ATTENDED

Please see “**Attachment A**” for full list of attendees.

Consent Agenda (*Action*)

Draft December 2, 2021 Business meeting minutes and draft December 21, 2021 Special meeting minutes

Motion by Commissioner Cochran to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Crose. Motion carries.

Policy and Programs (*Action*)

Irrigation Efficiency Grants Program Policy (IEGP) Recommendation

Motion by Commissioner Crose to approve the Irrigation Efficiency Grants Program policy recommendations as presented on [pages 24-26](#) of the January 20, 2022 meeting packet. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie. Motion carries.

Salmon Recovery Bill

Motion by Commissioner Dorner for the Commission to acknowledge the importance of salmon and salmon recovery, and further acknowledges the need for riparian habitat protection and restoration. The Commission is neutral on HB 1838. The Commission is committed to continuing to engage in the discussion and offer ideas on how voluntary, incentive-based approaches can meet the objectives of improving riparian areas and salmon populations. Commission staff may engage with legislators, the Governor's Office, and other agencies to offer how voluntary conservation and incentives can contribute to accelerated riparian habitat protection and restoration. Seconded by Commissioner Longrie. Motion carries. Commissioner Giglio representing the Department of Ecology abstains.

District Operations (*Action*)

2022 Conservation Accountability and Performance Program (CAPP) guidelines

Motion by Commissioner Cochran to approve the Conservation Accountability and Performance Program as presented on [pages 11-22](#) of the January 20, 2022 meeting packet, for implementation in 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Spaeth. Motion carries.

Cowlitz Conservation District Mid-term Supervisor Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to appoint Joe Gardner to the Cowlitz Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Seconded by Commissioner Beale. Motion carries.

Commission Operations (*Action*)

State Conservation Commission Executive Director Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Longrie to appoint Christopher Pettit as the next Executive Director of the Washington State Conservation Commission. Chris will start March 1, 2022 with a salary set to \$136,000.00 / annually, as allowed by the Office of Financial Management. Interim Director Kirk Robinson shall remain on staff until March 15, 2022 to allow for a smooth and informative transition between Directors. Seconded by Commissioner Cochran. Motion carries.

Chairman adjourned at 2:03 p.m.