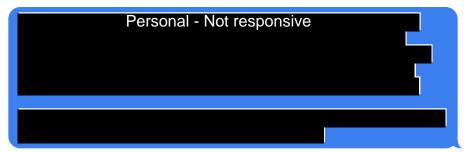
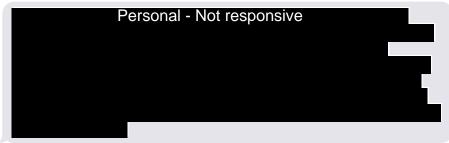
iMessage 5/26/22, 8:40 AM





5/30/22, 5:27 PM

Two questions about the June FWC meeting schedule for my planning.

1. Will my committee meetings be in the AM? That is, will I need to come over Wednesday for AM Thursday committee meetings? 2. What time Saturday do you think we will we be finished? Lots on the agenda and a talkative group. Ok if we go long but trying to decide if I go to a sorting clinic Sunday. Thanks. Hope your house boat work is going well.

5/30/22, 6:36 PM

Habitat is at 10:30am, Big Tent is at 3:00. If you left early on Thursday, you could make it here for your committee. Wildlife begins at 8 AM. Not sure whether you want to be there for that or not.

And we will end early enough on Saturday for you to make it home that evening. Scheduled currently to go till 12:30. Even if we get all caught up and work until 2:30 or 3:00, you could still drive home.

That said, if you want to come early or stay late, we will pay for a hotel room for you.

5/31/22, 6:41 AM

Thanks.

6/1/22, 10:08 AM

Address?

6/1/22, 11:45 AM

# Personal - Not responsive 6/5/22, 9:06 AM Personal - Not responsive Personal - Not responsive Personal - Not responsive 6/7/22, 9:23 AM Personal - Not responsive Personal - Not responsive A FWC question. The webpage shows the upcoming meetings in various towns, but the "year at a glance" list has all meetings in Oly? We are working through that now. The staff is uncertain regarding their ability to pull off the hybrid meetings around the state. They have asked to finish out the balance of this year in Olympia. Molly has other ideas. We will resolve that on Friday morning before the conference call. Personal - Not responsive Personal - Not responsive

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6/7/22, 12:15 PM

Sound great.

6/10/22, 2:46 PM

Re public comment at general commission meetings. I'm not in favor of longer comment periods, like two hours, to accommodate both in person and remote public. We could spend hours on some topics.

6/12/22, 8:53 AM

Is there a time today that we can talk by phone?

Yes. Either this AM between 9:30-10:30 of after 4 PM.

6/12/22, 11:24 AM



Just in from Lorna

6/23/22, 6:05 PM

Would you please give me a call this evening when it is convenient to you. It will be short.

6/23/22, 7:10 PM

Never mind – I talked to Laura and she will relay my message later when she talks to you. Call me if you have any questions at all, please.

And thanks again for the beautiful phone holster.

6/24/22, 6:39 PM

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7/2/22, 2:11 PM

Can we talk briefly sometime before the wolf vote this coming week? No rush. Let me know when it's convenient for you. Mid- morning or after 4 pm are best times for me. Also have a question about new policies.

7/2/22, 8:38 PM

Would love to talk to you, John. Mid morning either Sunday or Monday is great for me. I can also do most evenings although Monday evening is out. Just give me a time that works for you and we'll connect.

7/3/22, 7:23 AM

How about Monday at 9 or 9:30?

Just fine

Split the difference - 9:15

7/3/22, 9:38 AM

I just got the opportunity to do something fun tomorrow morning. How about today - basically anytime? Or afternoon tomorrow. Or, just call me when you're ready to talk. I'll always pick up if I can.

7/8/22, 12:17 PM

Interesting vote on wolves, but predictable. Outcome is Ok with me. Seems like an awful waste of time and money over two years to remain w the status quo, however. I guess that's is what the Gov asked for in the way of process. I wonder what he'll say about no rule? I'm sure the animal welfare folks are preparing a new campaign. Anyway, just an observation. No need to call or reply.

7/12/22, 4:22 PM

https://conservationnw.org/washingtons-wildlife-future-depends-on-a-big-tent-coalition/

Hi John – Mitch Friedman, who authored this piece, has asked for your contact info. I don't give out anybody's telephone numbers without asking them. So please consider this that question.

I disagree with Mitch on lots of things but absolutely agree with him on this opinion piece.

Thanks. I'll contact him.

Yes, good editorial. We'll put these ideas to the test this Friday, eh?

I've been working on the "we're all in the tent" message for awhile. Pickup is slow, but nice to know others are on the same wavelength. Not sure if Friday's meeting will help or hurt. Que sara.

7/13/22, 10:39 AM

In re-reading, he is pretty hard on our newest and most vocal commissioners. I am not sure I agree with that part of it. But all the rest – yes.

Yes, hard on them unnamed. Something to work on.

7/15/22. 8:51 PM

I've just about recovered my equilibrium from the meeting. I managed to piss off people on both sides of the hunting spectrum. Can I get reimbursed for a mental health counselor? Just kidding. I took a hike in the woods w dogs. I'll manage. Have a good weekend. Cheers.

7/16/22, 7:25 AM

This made me smile. It always takes me at least the rest of the day to recover from those meetings. As to pissing people off, it has taken a while but at this point I just do the best I can and don't really care about other's opinions of me. I admire them for their passion, take what I can use, and disregard the rest.

## Personal - Not responsive

8/5/22, 8:06 AM

Like the plaid pants!

8/5/22, 9:15 AM

Hah! My classic Zoom faux pas. I saw several people smiling when I came back so figured out the mistake. Glad to insert some levity in the meeting.

:) It was cute. And levity will be in short supply in this meeting. It will be brutal. Thanks

8/7/22, 7:48 AM

Another rollicking Commission meeting. I was surprised and pleased how the exec session was resolved despite the acrimony. Wow, Molly can get worked up! Who'd have thought. You handled the meeting well. Good final session where we could have an actual conversation. I reflected later that it was all public but don't think I said anything inappropriate. Anyway, somehow things need to be discussed or I'm mum w suppressed thoughts. I appreciate Lorna's passion and hard work but don't like being lectured by her of all people for talking too much, or her email after the cougar vote telling me what I know and don't know and how I voted wrong. My shell gets harder as I learn to navigate the Commission. Cheers on what should be a nice day!

#### 8/7/22, 10:31 AM

I'm always surprised how weirdly resilient commissioners are. One minute it's full on tantrum - next all congenial.

Lorna has attracted the ire of many. She did the same to me re: the wolf vote. I guess I don't care enough to get worked up.

Personal - Not responsive

## Personal - Not responsive

8/10/22, 3:48 PM

I read blue sheets need to be approved by the full Commission. Is that don't at a regular open meeting? I have two drafted. Do you want to see them before I submit them to Nikki to see if they are an appropriate topic for blue sheets. That is, avoid any controversy? Shouldn't be controversial but I'm a rookie about process. Are you working in AK on Commission business?

## Personal - Not responsive

I'm happy to review your blue sheets if you like. Generally they're brief (3-4 paragraphs). The real work is with the staff explaining precisely what you are looking for in terms of the briefing and the result. P

### Personal - Not responsive

I'll email you the blue sheets. Better you review for faux pas etc to avoid any controversy. Less than 2 pages each. Cheers!

8/26/22, 6:03 PM

My post meeting synopsis. Another stimulating provocative Commission meeting. A lesson on Blue Sheet brevity from the man who cannot speak for less than 5 minutes on a topic. I got what I wanted more or less after a struggle but it shouldn't have been so hard. Too many dead-end detours during the discussion. Not encouraging for blue sheets. Still a good discussion despite the length. Have a good weekend! Cheers!

These meetings have never been this hard. I believe that we are now insisting on a level of information and accountability that the agency is not used to. And, people in the public are lining up in their bunkers, getting prepared to go on the offense. We are doing the same. This may be just what we have to go through to get the results that we are looking for. But hardliners in the commission don't make it easier. We saw both ends of that bell curve today.

My experience is that, given a couple of days, I can put all this in perspective and not worry about it so much. Hope you can do the same. We are doing really, really good important work right now. I'm tempted to launch into a cheerleading session, but will restrain myself. But I seriously believe that you are the best commission appointment that has been made in some time. Stick it out with us, OK?

We used to be a lazy, rubberstamping commission. Then, I longed for progress and not being the sole outlier on every 8-1 vote. So I weirdly embrace this. But it's getting ready to get harder. Not only are the county commissioners coalescing, but the hunters are as well. 20 groups have now formed a major coalition. Probably Marie Neumiller in a moderating capacity. And of course we have all the enviros and dogooders on the other side. Here we go...

I'm not quitting for sure. Frustrating sometimes. We'll keep at it. FYI Anderson and I, and I think Ragen, are going on a Blue Mt elk field trip Sept 14 w staff and county Commissioner group. Meeting next Friday via Zoom w Amy and staff to talk about best available science policy. Eventually I'd like it to come to the Commission for policy consideration. We'll see how the staff interaction works. Amy's idea.

9/20/22. 3:10 PM

Remind me about in-person meeting dress code. Ties on Friday but Thursday and Saturday business casual?

Thursday business casual, Friday tie, Saturday jeans and decent shirt. Looking forward to seeing you.

Thanks.

9/24/22, 3:52 PM

Thank you for being my support system during this meeting. It helps.

You said you were going to send me two things:

One. The list of things you would like to get into the system for commission consideration. I'll do what I can to help with that.

Two. Your current thoughts on the spring bear question. Feel free not to send this if you're not ready but I'll be interested in your approach when you are.

9/25/22, 6:48 AM

Glad to help! No worries on the list. I talked w Don after the meeting. I was confused that he and Amy always spoke and rarely others. So, if Lorna is not speaking, then I wonder if others speaking is out of order? Not out of order according to Don. Meeting fatigue? Anyway, I'll bring some up next time or inquire w staff.

I've drafted a bear policy that works for me and maybe some of the others on both sides. Wanted to get my thoughts on paper. I can email to you via DFW mail or otherwise if you desire. Lorna and Tim and Molly have seen it. No reactions. Except Molly said it sounded promising as a compromise when we talked while driving to R3 awards ceremony.

Good meeting, Chair. I only wanted to kill myself a couple times to ease the pain of discussion that skidded off the road into the ditch and weeds. Hah! My highlight to chuckle at: Tim "briefly" explaining Willapa Alt 4 in a way I could not comprehend. I was looking for 2-3 sentences. Love the guy, though. Get out and kayak today!

9/25/22, 8:45 AM

## Personal - Not responsive

Send all mail to my personal WDFW email account: bbakerwdfw@gmail.com. Work computer hit and miss...

9/26/22. 12:37 PM

I emailed my bear thoughts. In postscript, not my final decision.

9/27/22, 1:05 PM

Message received and read.

Molly and I had a long talk about this today. Is there a time in the next few days that you and I could discuss?

Yes. Next few days have no hard appointments. PM after 4 or AM about 9 ok too. Thus PM open if you want.

Today is a no, but I am available tomorrow at around 9 AM. If that still works, shall I call you?

Ok 9 tomorrow. Give me a call.

10/7/22, 5:10 PM

I talked w my Commission caucus (LS,MR, TR) yesterday about various things. It is clear to me that there are still many opinions about spring bear hunt. They seemed lukewarm or negative to my approach. Given nine different opinions on the issue, I give up trying to make a compromise vs just vote no. I doubt staff are enthused as Eric's comments were typical. I'll not spend time on this until the formal discussion, whatever it may be, unless you ask me to. Seriously aggravating!

Seriously, we need to learn something from this chaotic process about how not to make decisions. We need some smart person like David Trimbach to do a post-mortem after the decision, if we make one. In fact, it might be a good idea to have some management consultant tell us how to run the commission more effectively. Maybe the incessant smoke here is getting me down, negative. Well, have a good weekend!

10/7/22, 8:05 PM

Good to know you all have formed a "caucus." Seriously – always good to have some people to run things by. Not really a luxury I have a present.

And, I am so sorry that you came on at the height of this ridiculous issue. As far as I'm concerned, it is only posturing. But the result is by far the worst thing that could have happened to a reasonably functional commission. I guess it's important to get through, and just hope that we can do so thoroughly and conclusively.

There will be additional, better and much more interesting issues to tackle in the future.

Please do not spend your time feeling negative. Nothing good comes of that. Just follow your own heart and instincts . My goal is to set aside a day and get past this one. The world will open up once that's done. We are doing good work.

Thanks. I'm guessing I'm a part-time member of the group. Right, this will pass. I'm finding my stride, I guess. If this smoke goes away and I can get back on my horse more, then might be better. I see you and Molly are guests of Amy's upcoming weekly chat. I might watch and learn. Cheers.

10/18/22, 5:47 PM

If you and Molly want to have the extra Saturday meeting and dinner about the wolves, then I can drive separately. No worries. I'd enjoy traveling with you two, but go for it if it's important for you.

Nope. We're all good.

10/31/22, 10:33 AM

Is that Nov 18 meeting firm for Oly? We had talked about other venues but always steered back to Oly. I'm hoping to organize some Oly friends for a triple birthday dinner if we meet Oly. Cheers!

10/31/22, 2:34 PM

It's in olympia. Personal - Not responsive

Ok. Thanks!

11/3/22, 5:46 PM

I hope you and staff have a good plan for structuring a constructive bear workshop vs the usual free-for-all. I'm hearing from my "caucus" and as expected they are pretty set.

Is this special meeting a coat and tie affair?

Cheers. Hope you are having some fun!

11/4/22, 7:54 AM

More....I see dueling motions a recipe for endless debate. A negotiated outcome using a structured process would be useful. I hope that is the plan. These are just my musings. No need for you to reply. I'll just wait until the meeting to find out. But, I guess I should have a statement and motion prepared.

I am also concerned. And plan to focus my energy on avoiding that outcome. Have given Amy until today to figure out staff's role in this, but am reminded clearly (and often) that as chair the ultimate decision is mine. But no pressure. :(

### Personal - Not responsive

Personalities compound problem. Kim has formally accused me of being a hostile bully and wants the exec committee to "discuss." She's a tough one to figure out.

Got your hands full, I see. Happy to talk. Bully, eh? I don't understand it.

11/10/22, 3:13 PM

Just want you to know I did my promised part after Colville re Kelly's evaluation. I have heard nothing from Kim who is supposed to chair that hoc committee. She never seems to follow through on work unless it is her advocacy. Given the lack of progress and interest I recommend you and Molly make decision on how to proceed or force the exec committee to make a division if possible w Kim and Don (yikes). Or just drop the whole idea as no one seems interested. See you next week.

Yep – I'm working on the retroactive part. We will discuss the prospective part when the commission gets together. I'm in Alaska now. I appreciate you sending me the template.

Thanks for thinking about this. Now... And put it out of your mind and go have some fun.

11/15/22, 8:49 PM

Barbara I heard Don talked with you. He asked if I would go first Friday and I said okay if that's what the group wants. I don't care really. Whatever works for the group. So don't think that that's what I want to do. I'm ok w the format you posted. See you there!

Don is, as usual, trying to choreograph things. I don't mind that – actually sort of admire it. However, I need to work it out the way at best works for the commission. Is it OK with you if we talk tomorrow? He attributed some things to you that I'm not sure are completely accurate.

Ok. Best time to call mid AM or 4 PM or later.

### Personal - Not responsive

| I'll try to call you late morning – around 11? If that doesn't work, let's get in touch late in the afternoon. Don't want this to be more uncomfortable than it needs to be. None of us want to spend the day going through the exercise but that's what we agreed to do. I'm just resigned. My feeling is that spring bear has done more to divide our commission than any other issue. It's time to get past it. So if I have to spend the day working through their process, I am happy to do so. Others – not so much...

11/16/22, 10:48 AM

Just tried to call. No answer. I'll be around for a while so please just call me back when it's convenient for you.

11/16/22, 2:26 PM

What is the dress code for the meeting on Friday

**Business casual** 

11/18/22, 4:05 PM

We came out on top but I'm very disappointed by the 5-4 vote. So much for compromise. A lesson in there for me if I can figure it out. Will be interesting to see what staff does if anything other than blame us for "eliminating" the SBH. Not sure if or who to be mad at. No need to reply. Just so you know.

No need to be mad. We are tired. And, this issue is poison. I believe things will improve greatly for us over the next year or so. Your sincerity and conviction are obvious. Just don't read anything for a few days. It's Thanksgiving!!!

11/18/22, 5:14 PM

Definitely not reading any sportsman's rags. Cheers! Wonderful what a few beers does to the attitude.

11/18/22, 7:26 PM

I see the press release accurately wrote about our intent.

Well, I edited it. They run them all by me for approval. But it wasn't bad to begin with.

### Personal - Not responsive

The Walgamott article isn't too bad.

Attitude improving.

Cheers!

11/19/22, 3:28 PM

We'll, you said Walgamott article not too bad. Against my better judgement I read it. Not too bad but very aggravating nevertheless. Hunters that feel entitled and Neumiller wanting to yet again testify. It all stems from the poor staff work laying out the issues and science that we never got. On future decisions like this I feel like rejecting sub-par staff work and demanding decent work. David's decision support would work but staff should know what good work is. I'm going to prod Amy to finish a draft of science development and use "policy". Ok. That's it. I'll go feed my horses etc. Just venting frustration. No need to reply.

11/19/22, 5:22 PM

I agree 100%. Guess you heard that Don is not reapplying to the commission. I don't think the governor will re-appoint Kim. Hopefully, the new people will be open minded and also have high standards regarding the science we use.

Personal - Not responsive

Hadn't heard about Don. I'll miss him in a perverse way. Won't miss Kim.

Personal - Not responsive

12/1/22, 5:55 PM

FYI. Margaret O'Connell called me last night about being a Commissioner. I've known her a long time. She just retired as biology / environmental science professor at EWU. Lives in Cheney. Terrific scientist, ecologist. People have encouraged her to apply but she has not yet. She'd be good. Easy going but smart. Not sure how much you are involved in appointments but just letting you know.

You've talked w Molly about picking you up next week for Clarkston?

12/7/22, 12:35 PM

Best Western Plus, The Inn at Hells Canyon. 1395 Bridge St, Clarkston. On right about a quarter mile after entering town.

12/16/22, 11:17 AM

Can we talk about the executive meeting on the 30th? I volunteered to lead the discussion about Kelly's future performance elements. I'm thinking for this web discussion it might be better if Kelly and Commissioners sent me their proposed 2023 objectives for each goal/ element and I'll compile and share on screen to whittle down to a workable number. It would be easy to do in person on a white board but not so easy in Zoom. I'd have Nikki send out my message but wonder if there is an OPMA issue having them all respond to me? Maybe they could send to Nikki to compile but that would insert her into Kelly's process. Give me a call sometime before mid next week.

12/26/22, 6:52 PM

Hey John – let's talk tomorrow morning. I am in Alaska and babysitting for my two grandkids. So it will be hit and miss but I will be here in the morning and if nothing else, I can plug them in for a few minutes to the TV.

Considering getting up, breakfast and all of that, and the fact that we are an hour earlier than you, can we shoot for about 10 AM? 11:00 your time. That will give you time to do your outside chores. Let me know if that works. If not, I'll be here all day so we can figure out a time to talk. As a matter fact, I look forward to it – been spending a lot of my time with toddlers lately.

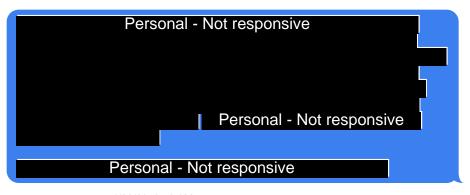
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1/27/23, 6:01 PM

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1/28/23, 9:49 AM

I think is micro managing the SEPA process is unwarranted. Staff are the experts.

Wasting time.

I agree.

Trying to manage

1/28/23, 1:26 PM

Good job! We can do science policy in April if you want to focus on the conservation policy. Have a great vacation in the sun!

I've always believed that these issues become better understood the more touch points there are. For that reason, what I'm thinking about right now is to re-introduce the science/policy interface in the March meeting and spend a half hour or so discussing the history and the reasons and then surface the current draft. Then have a fuller discussion in April.

That would leave an hour and a half for the conservation policy. Hard to predict but I'm pretty sure we could fill that time up.

What do you think of that plan?

Sounds good.

1/31/23, 9:30 AM

Personal - Not responsive ! Are you doing Commission emails etc or is it pure vacation? You said you'd do a few zoom calls. Nothing urgent on my part except I might have an op-Ed on spring bear hunting for you and Molly to review in maybe two weeks. My personal opinion but trying to write neutral. Cheers!

At airport. Working this month. Just a change of scenery. Love to read draft op ed. Long day of travel ahead. Available tomorrow and ahead.

2/3/23, 8:51 AM

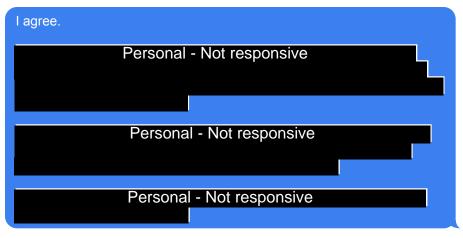
Talked to Molly this morning. Looking forward to reading your op ed. Kelly and I are doing one on biodiversity. We ran it through the exec committee - a loose agreement made not to edit, but to give heads up in response to some of Kim's submissions. Hope you don't mind doing the same.

Things seem busy there - especially involving legislature. Hope all is well with you. Let me know if you'd like to talk. Not a problem at all.

I'm working on op Ed. Maybe next week I'll send to you and Molly for head nod or otherwise per agreement. Positive for Covid yesterday. So far like a light case of flu. Wife has it too. Have fun.

2/8/23, 5:14 PM

I thought that was a useful call Personal - Not responsive



2/15/23, 9:43 AM

FYI. I sent you a DFW email yesterday about Director performance doc. If you are not available before Friday meeting then I can talk w Kelly. I suppose the doc needs to be posted on the agenda too before the meeting?

2/16/23, 10:24 AM

I'm done w Kelly if you want a call at 10:30.

Good. I'll call in 5 minutes.

Ok

2/17/23, 10:59 AM

https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2023/feb/16/john-lehmkuhl-wildlife-management-principles-infor/

Nice job getting this published. Are there comments to op eds? If so, can we see them?

2/17/23, 12:22 PM

I'd guess there are comments you can see online on newspaper website. I'll look.

I didn't see a way for online readers to comment. I suppose Walgamot and others will find a way to comment.

I looked, too. Just wondering..

2/25/23, 9:36 AM

So, we have to pay fed taxes on the stipend (whatever it's called) we receive from DFW? Not the per diem I assume, which should not be included in the w2 form. If yes, I'll have to increase tax withholding. I don't recall anyone asking me declare how much to withhold. I suppose Nikki can help direct me.

Back home in time for the Big Chill?

3/6/23, 4:03 PM

Our Big Tent committee is down to the very best now! Hah! Hope you are happy with new Commission appointees. Will they be here in Wenatchee? Hope you've adjusted to the gloom after your sun drenched holiday.

3/6/23, 7:11 PM

Yes to all. Real happy with appointments and they will be in Wenatchee.

Except not adjusted to cold. I timed my trip to come home to spring!

3/7/23, 5:22 PM

I noticed public input is 1.5 hours on Friday and 1 hour on Saturday. Is Commissioner discussion built into that allocation? That is, I hope we don't have 1.5 hours of public input then tack on 15-30 minutes of Commissioners'. response?

Hadn't thought about it, but let's just say yes. We will check out demand and, if possible, get it all in the 90 minutes.

Parks dedicated a whole day to input. 

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You'd have lead me out of the room in a straight jacket after a whole day of testimony from our public

I think our new commissioners are going to make your life a whole lot more tolerable. Kindred spirits, and all that...

And the governor did good work.

Distressed to hear about lawsuit re Lorna. Not sure how to react. Rage or indifference. I asked Joe P to tell us the AGO treats lawsuits against individual Commissions. Do I need to get my own personal liability insurance? He said AGO will defend in the current case

Don't worry about it. She's tough. And targeted. And she understands that. A kind word probably wouldn't go amiss, however. She doesn't hear many.

I see Molly is attending her senate hearing in person. I was planning to do video. Is it worth me trekking over there for an in person hearing? Mine is next Monday.

I don't think so. Molly has her own reasons for attending the hearing in person. They don't apply to you. You'll be fine.

Great, thanks.

3/8/23, 4:12 PM

The conservation policy from the agenda is good, concise, straight forward. I didn't read anything that hunters would object to nor non-hunters. (Have to find a better label). Won't be surprised if they do find some slight, though. Seems you trimmed quite a bit. And no animal rights text that MR wanted?

Thanks, John. I took out all the extra words and repetitive paragraphs. MR didn't push back on animal rights, but did add 5 paragraphs on biodiversity which I also did not take. Agree with her concerns, but we already said it and don't need to convince anybody with this document. We just need to get it done.

See you next week.

3/13/23, 2:59 PM

Hope I didn't put feet in mouth!

Tremendous. You answered all their questions before they had a chance to ask them!

Thanks. I listened to the previous session w Molly etc.

3/14/23, 7:03 AM

Will you allow discussion by non- committee commissioners at the Big Tent committee? Tim's already sent me comments on the science draft. Since we are just two on the committee it seems like a good idea. How committees function is a prime topic for our retreat.

Of course. I've never restricted. Just prioritize members.

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Great.

3/24/23, 12:13 PM

Ok to cancel BT meeting.