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Notice of this meeting had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Marla Rae, Chair
Skip Klarquist, Commissioner
Dan Edge, Vice-Chair
Carter Kerns, Commissioner
Zane Smith, Commissioner
Jon Englund, Commissioner
Bobby Levy, Commissioner
Virgil Moore, Director
Casaria Tuttle, Executive Assistant
Steve Sanders, Assistant Attorney General
Bill Cook, Assistant Attorney General

MEETING

On Friday, June 8, 2007 at 8:00 a.m., Chair Marla Rae called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) meeting to order.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Field Reports (Written report is part of the Commission’s official record.)

Northeast Region
Craig Ely, Northeast Region Manager, reported on one item: Second Annual Ladd Marsh Bird-A-Thon. Local birder staff in one station logged 62 species in just four hours. The stations were staffed until noon, when staff and participants returned to the registration area for lunch. After lunch participants were encouraged to continue enjoying the wildlife area for the rest of the day.

Craig Ely also updated the Commission on the condition of Bruce Johnson, ODFW staff, who recently was injured.

The Commissioners are circulating a card and will get that to Craig Ely to deliver to Bruce Johnson and his family.

High Desert Region
Chip Dale, High Desert Region Manager, reported on two items: John Day Bighorn Sheep and Davis Lake Bass.

Of the sheep counted, 326 were on the east side of the river and 95 on the west side.
Davis Lake is a fly-angling-only trophy trout fishery. In the mid 1990's largemouth bass were illegally introduced into the lake. During an electro-fishing May 7-8, 272 largemouth bass were caught and marked. A total of 700 bass were recaptured with the marked fish numbering less than 15. A total of 646 bass were transferred to water bodies throughout Oregon.

**Northwest Region**  
Chris Wheaton, Northwest Region Manager, reported on three items: Theft and Vandalism; Spring Chinook Run; Wildlife Damage.

Break-ins and thefts are becoming a real problem at some ODFW facilities. The most serious occurred the morning of May 24, when vandals broke into the NW Region maintenance facility and stole a half dozen large aluminum irrigation pipes along with 17 net charges from a magazine where pyrotechnics are stored.

Spring Chinook returns are slow throughout the region this year. It is anticipated that June targets may need to be incrementally reduced, in order to insure the presence of adequate summer and fall flows for mainstem Willamette water quality and Chinook spawning in the tributaries.

Wildlife damage complaints are on the rise. Staff have been dispatched to numerous wildlife damage calls.

**Southwest Region**  
Steve Denney, Southwest Region Manager, reported on two items: North Umpqua Hydro Mitigation and Bacon Rolling Party.

The North Umpqua Hydro Settlement signed in 2005 required a number of mitigation activities by PacifiCorp. A number of projects are underway for this summer.

The SW Region held its fifth annual bacon rolling party on May 16, utilizing both volunteers and department personnel to roll tetracycline bacon baits for the annual bear marking project. A total of 25 volunteers and nine department staff participated in the event. The group rolled 850 baits in less than three hours, which was the fastest completion time for this event.

**Marine Resource Program**  
Patty Burke, Marine Resource Program Manager, reported on three items: Update on Commercial Crab Pot Implementation and Pot/Permit Stacking; Port Orford “Fishermen’s Knowledge Exchange” Meeting; Scott Boley.

Staff has been meeting with two advisory groups since February to discuss the next step for Ocean Dungeness Crab fishery regulations. Staff will be going to the Commission with proposed adjustments covering: clarification of inoperable vessels, clarification of “legal gear”, a re-design of the information on the buoy tag, standard tag replacement timing, permit transfer requirements and mandatory logbooks.
The Port Orford Ocean Resources Team (POORT) is a local nearshore community action/education effort involving citizens, fishermen and elected officials of the Port Orford area.

Scott Boley, a friend and advisor to staff at ODFW, recently passed away. The staff expressed their sympathies to all of his friends and family.

**Oregon State Police**

Lieutenant Dave Cleary reported on one item: Inquisitive Troopers Discover Large Outdoor Marijuana Grow. Two OSP Fish and Wildlife Division troopers from The Dalles responded to a complaint of a hound hunter running dogs in the Upper Mill Creek area. As the troopers attempted to make contact, the two men turned and tried to elude the troopers on foot. Further observation of the area found what appeared to be several hundred marijuana plants with a sophisticated watering system. The lone suspect was arrested by OSP troopers and charged with numerous citations.

**Oregon Conservation Strategy**

Holly Michael, Conservation Strategy Leader, reported that funding options for the Conservation Strategy are continuing to be explored. Work continues on long term funding with Trust for Public Lands and The Nature Conservancy. Polling will begin soon. This work is funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, at no cost to ODFW. The strategy leadership team has constructed a draft budget for what it would take to fully implement the strategy.

**Adopt Temporary Rules**

Virgil Moore, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

635-023-0125

**Modified Sport Spring Chinook Salmon Seasons in the Columbia River**

Adopted May 15, 2007; effective May 16, 2007 through July 30, 2007
Amended rules modify recreational fishing seasons for spring Chinook salmon in the Columbia River. Revisions are consistent with the action taken May 15, 2007 by the Columbia River Compact.

635-019-0090

**Temporary Opening Lower Umatilla River to Angling for Spring Chinook Salmon Over Memorial Day Weekend**

Adopted May 23, 2007; effective May 26, 2007 through September 30, 2007
Amended rule implements a temporary re-opening of the Lower Umatilla River to angling for spring Chinook salmon over Memorial Day weekend. This fishery is co-managed with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.
635-039-0085
Ocean Sport Pacific Halibut Closure from Leadbetter Point, Washington to Cape Falcon, Oregon
Adopted May 25, 2007; effective May 26, 2007 through August 2, 2007
Amended rule closes the sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between Leadbetter Point, Washington and Cape Falcon, Oregon at 11:59 p.m. on May 26, 2007, when the quota of 14,264 pounds is projected to have been taken. This rule is consistent with regulations that have been implemented by the federal government and the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2007 Oregon recreational fishery for Pacific halibut.

635-021-0090
Thief Valley Reservoir Sport Game Fish Harvest Opportunity
Adopted May 25, 2007; effective May 26, 2007 through September 30, 2007
Amended rule authorizes expanded catch limits for sport harvest of game fish in Thief Valley Reservoir from Saturday, May 26, 2007 until the reservoir is drained of storage water sometime in late July 2007. This rule is necessary to provide anglers the opportunity to harvest many of the resident trout before they are lost due to draining of the reservoir.

635-023-0125
Modified Sport Spring Chinook Salmon Seasons in the Columbia River
Amended rule modifies recreational fishing seasons for spring Chinook salmon in the Columbia River from the Rocky Point-Tongue Point line upstream to the Interstate 5 Bridge to provide maximum fishing opportunity while remaining within ESA management guidelines. Revisions are consistent with the Joint State Action taken May 30, 2007 by the Columbia River Compact.

635-023-0095
Sturgeon Retention Prohibition in the Columbia River Between John Day and McNary Dams
Amended rule closed the sturgeon sport fishery in the Columbia River and tributaries between the John Day Dam and McNary Dam. The fishery has already exceeded preseason harvest guidelines. Revisions are consistent with Joint State Action taken May 30, 2007 by the Columbia River Compact.

635-023-0125
Modified Sport Spring Chinook Salmon Seasons in the Columbia River
Adopted June 5, 2007; effective June 6, 2007 through July 31, 2007
Amended rule modifies recreational fishing seasons for spring Chinook salmon in the Columbia River from the Interstate 5 Bridge upstream to McNary Dam in order to provide maximum fishing opportunity while remaining within ESA management guidelines. Revisions are consistent with Joint State Action taken June 5, 2007 by the Columbia River Compact.
Treaty Indian Commercial Trap Net Fishery for Shad in the Columbia River
Adopted June 5, 2007; effective June 6, 2007 through December 2, 2007
Amended rule implements a Treaty Indian commercial shad trap-net fishery at the outlet to The Dalles Dam fish ladder, on the Oregon shore, from June 6 though July 31, 2007. Revisions are consistent with tribal fishing regulations and Joint State Action taken June 5, 2007 by the Columbia River Compact.

Action:
Commissioner Englund moved to ratify the temporary rules. Commissioner Edge seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Expenditure Report:
Laurie Byerly, Deputy Director for Administration, presented the Expenditure and Revenue report for the month ended April 30, 2007.

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES
The Commission considered approval of the May 2007 Commission minutes.

Action:
Commissioner Edge moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRIDE AWARD AND DIRECTOR’S AWARD PRESENTATION
Every year, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees have the opportunity to nominate their coworkers who have exhibited exceptional levels of dedication and performance to this Agency and its Mission, Vision, and Principles.

A nine-member committee of peers from throughout the Agency then has the difficult job of selecting finalists from the many deserving individuals.

The purpose of the presentation is to recognize their accomplishments and contributions to this organization.

Director Moore presented the Pride Awards on behalf of ODFW and called the recipients forward to accept their award and then shared a few excerpts from their nominations.

There are 6 2006 Individual Pride Award Winners and one Individual Director’s Pride Winner who excel in the following areas:
- Dedication,
- Work performance,
- Positive attitude,
- Effective Outreach activities,
Safety,
Self improvement,
And Customer Service.

- Todd Alsbury, District Fisheries Biologist
- William (Bill) Barnes, Facilities Operations Specialist 1
- Rich Carmichael, Fish Research Program Director
- Mary Hanson, Fish Divisions ESA Coordinator
- Lori Anne (Peladeau) Parker, Marine Office Manager
- John Seabourne, Commercial Fish Information Specialist

Team Pride Awards are presented annually to recognize an integrated work unit that exhibits outstanding performance that includes:
- Professional values and ethics,
- Effective communication,
- Positive attitude,
- Effective outreach activities,
- Team accomplishments,
- And Problem solving.

**The Crab Pot Limit Team**
- Patty Burke, Program Manager for the Marine Resources Program
- Cyreis Schmitt, Policy Project Leader for the Marine Resources Program
- Mitch Vance, Shellfish Project Leader for the Marine Resources Program
- DeAnna Erickson, Manager for the Licensing Section

**2006 Director’s Award**
Dave Loomis, Umpqua Watershed Manager

**2006 Director’s Team Award**

**Diamond Lake Team**
- Alan Ritchey, Assistant Fish Biologist
- Dan Meyer, Manager of Rock Creek Hatchery
- Randy Robart, Manager of Cole Rivers Hatchery
- Mike Grover, Fish Liberation Coordinator
- Lee DeBerry, Maintenance Coordinator (NOT ABLE TO ATTEND)

**2006 Dave Liscia Volunteer Award**
In memory of Dave Liscia, a dedicated ODFW STEP biologist, ODFW employees submit the names of volunteers or volunteer groups who exemplify the values most important to Dave, volunteerism and salmonid enhancement. This year’s recipient of the 2006 Dave Liscia Volunteer Award is:

- Art Israelson
Exhibit B: 2007-2008 BIG GAME REGULATIONS

Staff Presentation:
Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager, Don Whittaker, Big Game Species Coordinator and Pete Test, Big Game Species Coordinator, asked the Commission to adopt administrative rules for controlled hunt tag numbers for the 2007 Oregon big game seasons. Staff also asked the Commission to approve, in concept, the proposed 2008 big game and western gray squirrel season dates, open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas and controlled hunts.

Chair Rae requested that Don Whittaker be prepared to discuss the enforcement of the proposed mandatory bear tooth return when the rule is brought before the Commission in October. The mandatory tooth return rule will be brought to the Commission because tooth returns have been at a less than 30 percent return for numerous years.

Public Testimony:

Wayne Endicott, V.P.
Oregon Bow Hunters
392 Q Street
541-746-9711
Mr. Endicott testified on the Paulina hunt area. He felt that change to the Paulina area would be a win win situation for ODFW and hunters by reducing it to 25 tags. He believes revenue would increase by initiating these changes.

Don Meier
14182 S. Canyon Ridge Cir.
Oregon City, OR 97045
Mr. Meier proposed a draw system for deer and elk that would enable all Oregon Resident Hunters to be assured they could hunt in a unit of their choice every other year. He feels it would benefit both ODFW and the Oregon hunter. Mr. Meier also proposed that hunters 70 years of age and older who have lived in Oregon 50 years or longer should be allowed to purchase a deer or elk tag in any unit of their choice every year.

Don Nordquist
13965 SE Rusk Rd.
Portland, OR 97222
Mr. Nordquist is the co creator of the proposal that Mr. Meir spoke on.

The High Desert #1 and the West Sylvies became new hunts this year and will not be new hunts next year.

Updated proposal received today replaces the proposal sent out in the original Commission packet.

Commissioner Kerns requested the Oregon Bow Hunters proposal go to vote. Tom Thornton would prefer not to take action today and further meet with the Oregon Bow Hunters.

Action:
Commissioner Edge moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071 and 073 as proposed by staff and approve in concept the staff proposals for
the 2008 general and controlled big game and western gray squirrel seasons including updated page 4 Division 069. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Rae moved to provide The Warm Springs Confederated Tribe with the two tags they requested in their letter addressed to the Commission: John Day Hunt 43A6 and Deschutes River Hunt 543B2. Commissioner Klarquist seconded the motion. Commissioner Kerns opposed the motion. Motion passed 6:1.

**Exhibit C: RAFFLE/AUCTION TAGS – A&H BIG GAME**

*Staff Presentation:*
Don Whittaker, Big Game Species Coordinator and Eric Rickerson, Wildlife Habitat Program Manager asked the Commission to review and adopt recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and ODFW staff for 2008 auction and raffle tag allocations.

Public Testimony:
None

*Action:*
Commissioner Edge moved to approve the 2008 auction and raffle big game tags allocation as proposed by staff. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Exhibit D: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECTS**

*Staff Presentation:*
Eric Rickerson, Wildlife Habitat Program Manager, asked the Commission to review and approve the Access and Habitat Boards April 24, 2007 recommendations for project funding.

Ward Armstrong of the A&H Board joined Eric in answering Commission questions about certain projects and the Board’s vote.

Public Testimony:
None

*Action:*
Commissioner Englund moved to approve the recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board for project funding. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
Exhibit E: BOW HUNTER EDUCATION (ITEM DEFERRED – DATE TO BE DETERMINED)

Exhibit F: YOUTH HUNTER MENTORING PROGRAM

Staff Presentation:
Roger Fuhrman, Information and Education Administrator, briefed the Commission on Youth Hunter Mentoring Program legislation.

Public Testimony:

None

Action:
No action, informational only.

Exhibit G: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS

Commissioner Edge declared a potential conflict of interest in that his students and program are involved in project(s) recommended for approval.

Staff Presentation:
Laura Tesler, R&E Program Coordinator, asked the Commission to review and approve the R&E projects recommended by the R&E Board at their April 6, 2007 meeting.

Public Testimony:

None

Action:
Commissioner Edge moved to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board without exception. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Exhibit H: COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY TEMPORARY RULES TO PERMANENT

Commissioner Englund declared a potential conflict of interest in that his business has dealings with both the sport and commercial crab fisheries.

Staff Presentation:
Cyreis Schmitt, Marine Resource Program, asked the Commission to adopt rules to regulate the commercial Dungeness crab fishery from shore to 200 miles off Oregon and to authorize the Director to issue replacement buoy tags.
None

The Commission recessed at 2:23 p.m. to discuss rule language with counsel. The Commission reconvened at 2:37 p.m.

The decision was made to renumber the rule to clarify which portions of the rule apply to which methods by which a tag holder would apply for replacement tags.

Starting on the reverse side of Attachment 4, OAR 635-005-0055, the top of the page begins with big C little i. Delete the little i so it would read just big C. Roman numerals I, II, III would be switched to one little i, two little I, three little i. What is currently big C two little i would be changed to subsection D and in that same line “upon receipt or declaration of subsection D would be changed to subsection E. In what is changed to subsection D “meets the criteria for replacement tag” under subsection C little i; delete the little i. Then in subsection iii; delete the iii and make that subsection a part of the rule ahead of it. What is shown as paragraph D which begins “permit holders must obtain” will be changed to subsection E.

This change shows that procedural requirements will pertain to all three methods in which tags may be replaced. No actual rule language was changed, only renumbered.

**Action:**
Commissioner Klarquist moved to adopt rules as amended to restrict the validity of crab permits to waters off Oregon and to replace lost crab buoy tags as proposed by staff as edited and recited by our Council. Commissioner Levy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**UN SCHEDULED TESTIMONY**

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<td>Tom Doman</td>
<td>Mr. Doman approached the Commission regarding his furbearer license. He stated the permit was due on April 15, which was a Sunday; he mailed it on April 16. The Commission cannot take action today. Tom Thornton explained that the Commission by rule cannot take action.</td>
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<td>Hugh Link, Interim Administrator Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission</td>
<td>Mr. Link testified that wave facilities are a threat to the fishermen and fishing of Oregon.</td>
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**2008 Draft Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Schedule**
The Commission reviewed a draft 2008 meeting schedule.

Chair Rae adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.