



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Workshop:  
June 5, 2008 1:00 p.m.  
Oregon Department of Fish  
and Wildlife  
3406 Cherry Ave. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97303

Meeting:  
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Commission at its next meeting.*

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

Marla Rae, Chair	Bobby Levy, Commissioner
Dan Edge, Vice-Chair	Roy Elicker, Director
Zane Smith, Commissioner	Curt Melcher, Deputy Director
Jon Englund, Commissioner	Laurie Byerly, Deputy Director
Skip Klarquist, Commissioner	Bill Cook, Assistant Attorney General
Carter Kerns, Commissioner	Liz Bueffel, Administrative Support Manager

## MEETING

On Friday, June 6, 2008, at 8:00 a.m., Chair Marla Rae called the Oregon Fish and  
Wildlife Commission (Commission) meeting to order.

Roy Elicker, Director, introduced Teri Kucera, the new Supervising Executive Assistant  
for the Director's Office. Teri gave a brief background on her work experience. Chair  
Rae welcomed her to the department.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

#### Northeast Region

Craig Ely, Northeast Region Manager, briefed the Commission on greater and lesser  
sandhill cranes that use Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area. He also updated the Commission on  
the Russian Olive removal at the Irrigon and Power City Wildlife Areas.

#### High Desert Region

Chip Dale, High Desert Region Manager, reported on the reintroduction plan on  
anadromous fish in the Deschutes Basin, the Leslie Gulch guzzler project and the mule  
deer ecology research study. Chip also gave an update on the tour sites for the July  
Commission meeting in the High Desert Region.

#### Northwest Region

Chris Wheaton, Northwest Region Manager, reported on public use on Sauvie Island,  
including a SOLV clean-up event on April 19. Chris also reported on increased flows in  
the Willamette, McKenzie and Clackamas rivers due to snow melt.

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Southwest Region

Steve Denney, Southwest Region Manager, gave an update on the Morgan Creek Hatchery. He also reported on the Diamond Lake opening weekend for fishing.

Marine Resource Program

Bill Herber, Interim Marine Resource Program Manager, gave the Commission a brief background on his work history and provided an update on the status of the pink shrimp fishery.

Oregon State Police

Walt Markee, Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division Captain, reported on the Northern Pikeminnow Sport Reward Fishery Program. He also reported that two bicycles were purchased for bike patrols on the upper McKenzie River and Deschutes River.

Information and Education

Roger Fuhrman, Information and Education Administrator, updated the Commission on I&E's efforts to promote fishing in Oregon. He also briefed the Commission on outdoor skills clinics and outreach efforts to the public regarding leaving wildlife in the wild. He also updated the Commission on the economic survey.

Director Elicker acknowledged I&E's efforts on promoting these opportunities and the success of these campaigns.

Conservation Strategy

Holly Michael, Conservation Strategy and Special Projects Coordinator, reported on ODFW's participation in the new Global Warming Commission's Natural Resource Committee. She also reported that the department continues to work with OSU Extension and Oregon Department of Forestry on developing a Master Naturalist Program for Oregon. She gave her thanks for the Commission's and Director's support on the energy workshop held yesterday.

Director Elicker and Chair Rae expressed their thanks for Holly's work on the Commission's energy workshop held yesterday.

**Angling Regulations Process Update**

Rhine Messmer, Recreation Fishery Program Manager, updated the Commission on the progress of the development of the 2009 Sport Fishing Regulations. Staff proposals have been completed and distributed for comments. Public hearings have also been held around the state to receive public comments on the proposals. The final proposals will go before the Commission at the August Commission meeting. The regulations will be distributed to the license agents by December 1, 2008.

Commissioner Kerns would like to see the Information and Education staff spread the word in the future to specialty shops in eastern Oregon that the process is going on. He suggested having some displays or graphics to show where people could submit comments. No comments were received from the eastern region. He felt that the

1 promotion could even be expanded into western Idaho for those fishermen who come  
2 over the border to fish.

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4 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

5 Roy Elicker, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.  
6 The temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency  
7 action authority.

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9 **635-016-0090**

10 **Southwest Zone- Inclusions and Modifications**

11 Adopted May 28, 2008; effective June 1 through July 31, 2008

12 Amended rule prohibits the retention of non-adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook and  
13 reduces the annual bag limit to maximize the spawning escapement of naturally-  
14 produced spring Chinook, while continuing to allow opportunities for harvest of  
15 hatchery-produced spring Chinook in the Rogue River.

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17 **635-017-0090**

18 **Willamette Zone- Inclusions and Modifications**

19 Adopted May 29, 2008; effective June 2 through October 31, 2008

20 Amended rule closed the entire Willamette River and its tributaries, including the  
21 Multnomah Channel, to the retention of spring Chinook salmon, with the exception of  
22 the Clackamas River up to North Fork Dam and the Molalla River which will remain  
23 open with a bag limit of two adult salmon per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.

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25 **635-019-0090**

26 **Northeast Zone- Inclusions and Modifications**

27 Adopted May 30, 2008; effective May 31 through June 30, 2008

28 Amended rule implements a re-opening of the lower Umatilla River to sport angling for  
29 excess returning hatchery spring Chinook salmon in an area from the Highway 730  
30 Bridge upstream to Three Mile Dam during a period from 12:01 a.m. Saturday, May 31  
31 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2008. Re-opening the lower Umatilla River sport  
32 fishery was made possible because harvest rates have been very low and harvest  
33 allocations remain available from this year's Umatilla River spring Chinook run. This re-  
34 opening should not affect the upriver sport fishery in the area from Three Mile Dam  
35 upstream to the Umatilla Indian Reservation boundary (just upstream of the Highway 11  
36 Bridge at Pendleton). In addition, broodstock and natural production needs are being  
37 met through collection periods. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian  
38 Reservation (CTUIR) co-manage this fishery and operational plans for the species.

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40 **635-021-0090**

41 **Southeast Zone- Inclusions and Modifications**

42 Adopted May 16, 2008; effective May 31 through September 1, 2008

43 Amended rule allows the sport fishing public to harvest spring Chinook salmon  
44 transported by Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife staff from the collection trap at  
45 Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River and released into the Powder River specifically  
46 for that purpose. Salmon returning to Hells Canyon Dam are predominantly the result of  
47 smolt releases intended to provide fisheries on the Snake River. Salmon trapped on the  
48 Snake River and then transported to the Powder River are in excess of the number  
49 needed to provide sport fisheries on the Snake River. The fishery is expected to run

1 from Saturday, May 31 through Monday, September 1, 2008.

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3 **635-023-0125**

4 **Spring Sport Fishery**

5 Adopted May 12, 2008; effective May 13 through June 15, 2008

6 Amended rule closed the recreational salmonid fishery (including spring Chinook, jack  
7 salmon and steelhead) in the mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to the I-  
8 5 Bridge through 11:59 p.m. June 15, 2008. Revisions are consistent with Joint State  
9 action taken May 12, 2008 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and  
10 Washington.

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12 **635-023-0125**

13 **Spring Sport Fishery**

14 Adopted May 29, 2008; effective June 1 through July 31, 2008

15 Amended rule closed the sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between Leadbetter  
16 Point, Washington and Cape Falcon, Oregon, at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2008  
17 when the quota of 13,133 pounds is projected to have been taken. This rule is  
18 consistent with regulations that have been implemented by the federal government and  
19 the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2008 Oregon recreational fishery for  
20 Pacific halibut.

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22 **635-041-0076**

23 **Spring-Summer Salmon Season**

24 Adopted May 9, 2008; effective May 11 through July 31, 2008

25 Amended rule prohibits sales of fish from the treaty tribal platform and hook-and-line  
26 fisheries in the Columbia River mainstem caught after 6:00 p.m. Sunday, May 11, 2008.

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28 **635-042-0145; 635-042-0160; 635-042-0170; and 635-042-0180**

29 **Columbia River Commercial Fishery Below Bonneville Dam**

30 Adopted May 12, 2008; effective May 12 through August 28, 2008

31 Amended rules rescind fishing periods previously authorized for the period between  
32 May 12 and May 18, 2008 in the current commercial fishing seasons in the Columbia  
33 River Select Area fisheries. Modifications are consistent with action taken May 12, 2008  
34 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

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37 **635-042-0145; 635-042-0160; 635-042-0170; and 635-042-0180**

38 **Columbia River Commercial Fishery Below Bonneville Dam**

39 Adopted June 3, 2008; effective June 4 through August 31, 2008

40 Amended rules closed the Youngs Bay; Blind and Knappa sloughs; Tongue Point Basin  
41 and South Channel; and Deep River Select Areas of the Columbia River to retention of  
42 White Sturgeon during the ongoing commercial salmon fisheries. Modifications are  
43 consistent with action taken June 3, 2008 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of  
44 Oregon and Washington.

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46 **635-056-0070 and 635-056-0075**

47 **Expansion of the Wildlife Integrity Controlled Species List**

48 Adopted May 28, 2008; effective May 28, 2008, through September 9, 2008

49 Amended rule expanded the list of controlled species. The wildlife integrity rules  
50 establish controls necessary to regulate nonnative wildlife, to protect native wildlife while

1 allowing flexibility for private ownership of potentially harmful nonnative species. This  
2 amendment would legalize (under specified conditions) the production of tilapia,  
3 Malaysian prawns and Pacific white shrimp.  
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5 **635-060-0008**

6 **Application Deadline Dates**

7 Adopted May 14, 2008; effective May 14, 2008, though May 20, 2008

8 Amended rule changed the application deadline date for pronghorn antelope, bighorn  
9 sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, deer and elk from May 15 to May 19, 2008. The new  
10 iPOS system has had intermittent periods of slow-down which did not allow ODFW  
11 customers to purchase applications in a timely manner.  
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13 Commissioner Edge inquired if the expansion of the wildlife integrity controlled list was  
14 specific to one producer.  
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16 Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator, informed the Commission that the temporary  
17 rule was not specific to one individual and that it was for tilapia in general. Any permit  
18 conditions would be imposed by the Fish Division.  
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20 Steve Williams, Fish Division Deputy, added that tilapia, Malaysian prawns and Pacific  
21 white shrimp were put into the controlled category. The Fish Division will issue the  
22 permits and conditions.  
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24 Commissioner Kerns inquired about the current season for the Umatilla River.  
25 Kevin Blakely, John Day Watershed Manager, provided the Commission with the  
26 current regulations.  
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28 *Action:*

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30 Commissioner Edge moved to ratify the temporary rules. Commissioner Smith  
31 seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.  
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33 **PUBLIC FORUM**

34 *Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the*  
35 *agenda. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in*  
36 *this forum.*  
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Michele Longo Eder  
Newport, OR

Ms. Eder came to discuss four points to the Commission in regards to the management of the Dungeness crab fishery: prevention, training, safety and insurance. She would like to improve safety, reduce mortality and increase the likelihood of successful search and rescue efforts.

She provided a copy of a letter from the US Coast Guard in which they replied to her letter suggesting requiring proof of a dockside safety examination before a license is issued. It stated that they support her suggestion of the dockside

examination. Ms. Eder also provided a copy of administrative rules from Alaska regarding their requirement for a dockside inspection.

She believes that the fishery needs to be managed by individual fishing quotas. Statistics have shown fatalities have decreased in fisheries with this type of quota. She feels the industry is aware of the need to increase training and safety.

Director Elicker reported that a Dungeness crab briefing will be heard at the November Commission meeting. He directed staff to work with Ms. Eder and the Coast Guard to take a look at the safety issues. A briefing will be given to the Commission in August on what the Pacific Fishery Management Council is doing in regards to individual trawl quotas. He directed Curt Melcher to work with members of the marine program and possibly one or two members of the Commission to take a look at the safety issues and see if there is something more the department or Commission would like to do.

Chair Rae would also like Director Elicker, Ms. Eder and Steve Sanders to look at ideas on the Commission's authority on these issues. A status report will be provided at the November Commission meeting.

Commissioner Edge suggested also engaging the OSU Extension in the safety discussions. They have done safety vessel training for many years.

Commissioner Smith also suggested to include Alaska state and/or Alaska fishermen in the discussions as well.

Les Helgeson  
Beaver, OR

Mr. Helgeson spoke on behalf of the Native Fish Society regarding concerns about the angling regulation process. He has concern with the authority being delegated to staff. He feels that the proposals were not judged with the 13 criteria that were to be used for judging. He asked that criteria be provided as to how the review board members are selected. He suggested establishing one day per region to review the proposals. This will provide adequate time to review them all. He felt staff was giving the notion of a preconceived agenda and it appears that staff want more fished killed.

Mr. Helgeson felt there was discrimination against the conservation people who attended the Clackamas meeting. Chair Rae reminded Mr. Helgeson that the Commission

retains the decision making authority and they have no discrimination towards anyone or any group.

Mr. Helgeson also suggested that a facilitator be used for future public meetings.

Dr. Eileen Caplan  
Portland, OR

Dr. Caplan spoke to the Commission about co-management and fishermen's involvement in the regulatory process. She felt that fishermen often feel they don't have a serious role in the regulatory process and that their expertise needs to be better utilized. Joint efforts are important to the success of management and to reduce efforts of mistrust. She has found that the fishermen in Oregon are vocal and very involved in the regulatory process.

Dr. Caplan discussed key points in the letter she submitted to the Commission regarding the importance of co-management during the regulatory development and implementation process.

MarylN Schafer  
Gold Beach, OR

Ms. Schafer is a Curry County Commissioner. She came before the Commission with concerns on economic development in her county. She has concern over the ground fishing. She said the commercial fishermen and guides in her area are suffering tremendously. They are trying to get the message out that there is still fishing in their area. She suggested that when the regulations are set, that they are not for a specific day (i.e. Friday, Saturday and Sunday) but to have a limit instead.

Chair Rae stated she is very interested in teaming with who we can on outreach opportunities. She referred Ms. Shafer to Rick Hargrave, Information Services Section Manager, for future opportunities.

Director Elicker directed her to department staff for her other concerns.

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2 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**  
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4 The Commission considered approval of the May 2008 Commission minutes.  
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6 *Action:*

7 Commissioner Kerns moved to approve of the minutes. Commissioner Levy seconded  
8 the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.  
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1 **Exhibit B: 2009-2011 AGENCY REQUEST BUDGET**

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3 *Staff Presentation:*

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5 Commissioner Edge declared a potential conflict of interest. The Department of  
6 Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University has a number of collaborative  
7 research projects with the department as well as salaries for some faculty members that  
8 are in the proposed budget.

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10 Laurie Byerly, Deputy Director of Administration, presented the financial report for the  
11 accounting month ended April 30, 2008. Department wide, the revenue and  
12 expenditures are within budgeted projections.

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14 Laurie Byerly and Roy Elicker asked the Commission to review and approve the 2009-  
15 2011 Agency Request Budget (ARB) for submission to the Governor and the Oregon  
16 Department of Administrative Services.

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18 Director Elicker reported that the general feeling they received from the public meetings  
19 is that people are willing to pay more if they get more. Juvenile participation is critical to  
20 the future of the agency. It is currently decreasing, which is a real issue. Anything the  
21 department can do to promote participation is critical. He also reported that people feel  
22 our regulations are complex. Another strong message they heard at the meetings was  
23 that people want more law enforcement in the field.

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25 Director Elicker thanked the External Budget Advisory Committee for their participation.  
26 This process would not have been as successful without them.

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28 Laurie Byerly corrected the Access and Habitat surcharge proposal amount shown on  
29 page 2 in Attachment 3. The surcharge is proposed to change from two dollars to four  
30 dollars. The suggested fee column should read 100 percent, not 50 percent.

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32 *Public Testimony:*

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Paul Askew  
Oregon City, OR

Mr. Askew is concerned that the department fees continue to increase while services continue to decline. One factor is the declining numbers of hunters and fisherman. Declining hunter numbers are due to the decline in hunting opportunity and poor success ratios. The department needs to be in compliance with the wildlife policy and there would be no shortage of huntable animals and no need to increase fees. Public testimony at the town hall meetings do not support any fee increase and the department must fulfill their obligation to the people and wildlife by controlling the debilitating effect that cougar predation has had on our big game herds. He requested that staff start removing cougars so the deer and elk herds will rebound and hunter recruitment will increase which will in turn increase overall wildlife management



revenue which will mean the department will not have to increase their fees. He does not want to see all the cougars killed but just wants to experience a better hunting opportunity for his hunting dollars. He also noted that Washington sells a nonresident juvenile license for \$23 and would like the department to consider something similar.

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Chad Gooch  
Lafayette, OR

Mr. Gooch commended what the wildlife biologists do on the ground on a daily basis. He reported that with the agent bill that was passed last year, the department should be out there getting cougars back to a moderate level. He does not want all the cougars removed but there needs to be a balance. Mr. Gooch also talked about the I&E program for hunter recruitment. Youth participation is down and he feels the word is not getting out on opportunities available. He felt there needs to be positive stories on outdoor activities out there and the public tend to remember the negative stories.

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Al Elkins/Joe Ricker  
Wilsonville/Salem, OR

Mr. Elkins and Mr. Ricker thanked Director Elicker for meeting with them last month at Oregon Hunter's Association Board meeting. Mr. Ricker reported that the five points Director Elicker covered in the briefing is what OHA agrees with. They support the proposed increases as their letter states. They would like to see the budget go forward as a total package. Mr. Ricker also reported that they would like to see commercial fees pay for their programs.

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Mike Morris  
Bend, OR

Mr. Morris provided a copy of his written comments on the budget proposal. His opinion is that the department is reaching a point of disaster on big game populations. He felt the problem is the budget model the department is working under has no chance in providing the dollars to change that dynamic. He reluctantly supports the budget proposal because there isn't time to do anything else. He proposed that a task force be created to build historical models of what has happened with the populations. There is nothing in the proposed budget that will turn the deer herds around. He felt if the number of animals continue to decrease and the number of tags and license sales continue to decrease the department will be in worse shape six years from now. The department needs to start at the basics and find out why they are where they are. He felt this is a very serious problem and the department needs to take strong action. He reported that there is wide spread belief within the hunting community that the actions of the staff and the Commission are motivated by money. His personal opinion is that the task force needs to be hunter generated and not staff generated. He felt that if it was

	done by staff that it would be seen as one more attempt to get more money.
Phil Donovan Tualatin, OR	Mr. Donovan was not able to attend the public testimony portion of the meeting. He submitted a letter on behalf of the Association of NW Steelheaders for the record.
Bruce Taylor West Linn, OR	Mr. Taylor represented Defenders of Wildlife. They support the general fund package for the Conservation and Nearshore strategies. There is a need for more active investment from the department on the strategies. It has been almost three years since the adoption of the Conservation Plan and the legislature has invested only \$200,000 for implementation. It will be a challenge to get general fund dollars of the magnitude proposed but they will help the department to get these funds. He reported that they have a minor concern on the climate change package. They are happy to see the department stepping up but it is a lottery funds source. They are supportive of the package but would like to see general fund dollars used.
Nan Evans Portland, OR	Ms. Evans acknowledged and appreciated the work that Laurie Bylerly has done. She felt the department has received pitiful amounts of general fund dollars in the past. The Nature Conservancy supports funding to help the department evaluate marine protected areas. They are also very supportive of the department's capacity to deal with the new energy sources, particularly wind and wave energy. They support the invasive species package, particularly the Guagga mussels. The department can count on them to be their partner with the Legislature. She asked the department to help them make that argument by helping them talk about the difference it will make to have those positions on the ground. Ms. Evans reported that the Conservancy is supportive of the involvement of the department with the impacts of climate change.
Tom Wolf	Mr. Wolf represented Trout Unlimited. They have had discussions on the fee increase and have not come up with an opinion yet. He reported they support the general fund priority list. They support funds for the Conservation Strategy, invasive species funds to create border check points and would like to see the water program capacity to continue to expand activities within water quality and quantity.

1 Chair Rae reminded everyone that this is not the final budget proposal. There are some  
2 actions that need to be taken. The department still needs to go through the process of  
3 putting priorities on packages and some numbers need to be further refined.  
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5 In lieu of time, Director Elicker will email the Commission what he sees for the coming  
6 months in regards to the budget process.  
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8 Commissioner Levy reported on her concerns with the proposals. She does not want to  
9 see elimination of hatchery programs. She also would not like to see the eliminations of  
10 the Geographic Information System position supporting the mapping for the Oregon  
11 Conservation Strategy and asked if federal funds were available. Commission Levy also  
12 did not want to see the water quality and quantity program elimination since that is the  
13 Governor's big push right now. She also reported that she would not like to see the  
14 elimination of seven Oregon State Police positions.  
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16 Chair Rae reminded the Commissioners that the exercise was one the department is  
17 required to put together to identify what 10 percent cut packages would look like.  
18 Hatcheries will always be on the general fund cut list because that is what most of the  
19 general funds go towards.  
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21 Laurie Byerly added that the department needs to show the 10 percent cuts within each  
22 fund type. The department has tried to apply this across all programs. A similar list was  
23 used last time. If reductions were put into the budget it would be discussed in greater  
24 detail.  
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26 Commissioner Smith reported he was impressed with the budget. He felt that the  
27 parking fee is good one to increase revenue. There might be some value in  
28 collaborating with other agencies and the private sector on the fees. He likes the idea of  
29 indexing so the department is not faced with doing this every year or two. He sees the  
30 fishing guides as being commercial and would like to see them under some kind of a  
31 permit system in the future.  
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33 Commissioner Smith commented on the two rod proposal. He felt the poles need to  
34 come up once the individual limit is caught or at least pass the pole to someone who  
35 hasn't reached their limit. In the past, he has observed that all poles are out until  
36 everyone catches their limit.  
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38 Director Elicker reported that the department has had discussions with State Parks  
39 before in regards to the wildlife access fee. It is difficult to determine who gets what  
40 revenue and why the person is buying the access fee sticker.  
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42 Marla Rae discussed the fishing guide licensing issue. It was determined that at this  
43 time it is not within the Commissions jurisdiction. This issue may be discussed further at  
44 a later date.  
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46 Commissioner Englund reported that he didn't have a real issue one way or another  
47 regarding the two rod issue. He questioned what it would mean in terms of adding

1 confusion to the regulations booklet, what it would do in terms of the amount of revenue  
2 it would raise and would it create some enforcement issues.

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4 Laurie Byerly reported that fees generated from the two rod proposal were part of fee  
5 package. It was assumed that there would be a 10 percent annual participation level  
6 which projected around 1.3 millions dollars in a biennium. However, the numbers are  
7 uncertain.

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9 Walt Markee, Oregon State Police, reported that currently the enforcement is easy. If a  
10 person has two poles then they will be checked. If two poles are allowed in the future, it  
11 would be more difficult. It would need to be determined who has the two poles if there is  
12 more than one person there. He reported that it is doable but will take a little more work.

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14 Chair Rae stated that department needs to be positioned for the future and feels this  
15 proposal will do that. There is tenuous support for a fee increase. She reported she is  
16 prepared to support the proposal and realizes it will look different. The Director needs to  
17 be given the resources to do all that is asked of the State.

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19 *Action:*

20 Commissioner Englund moved to approve the department's 2009-2001 Agency  
21 Request Budget for submission to the Governor's office by September 1, 2008.  
22 Commissioner Edge seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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24 **PRIDE AWARD RECOGNITION**

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26 Director Elicker presented the Pride Awards on behalf of ODFW and called the  
27 recipients forward to accept their award and then shared a few excerpts from their  
28 nominations. This year a panel of seven ODFW staff members met in April to review the  
29 Individual Pride, Team Pride and Dave Liscia Award nominees.

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31 Individual Pride Award recipients are nominated by their co-workers and chosen  
32 because they exhibit outstanding performance based on the following criteria:  
33 Dedication; Work Performance; Positive Attitude; Outreach Activities; Safety; Self-  
34 Improvement; and Customer Service. Employees are nominated by their co-workers for  
35 an Individual Pride Award.

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37 The Individual Pride Award Recipients for 2007 are (in alphabetical order):

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39 Susan Barnes, Wildlife Diversity Biologist, NW Region  
40 Jerry Frampton, Construction Inspector, HQ  
41 Rebecca Fuller, Office Coordinator, SW Region  
42 Michele Long, Watershed Council Liaison, NW Region  
43 Cathy Perard, Accounting Technician, HQ  
44 Brian Ratliff, Assistant District Biologist, NE Region  
45 Terry Shrader, Warm Water Fish Biologist, HD Region  
46 Patty Snow, Land and Water Use Coordinator, HQ  
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1 Team Pride Awards are awarded to recognize a group of employees whose  
2 accomplishments exceed the assigned tasks and responsibilities. A team is generally  
3 defined as two or more employees who are assigned as an integrated work unit. The  
4 criteria involved in choosing a Team Pride Award recipient is: Professional Values and  
5 Ethics; Effective Communication; Positive Attitude; Effective Outreach Activities; Team  
6 Accomplishments; and Problem Solving. Teams are nominated by their co-workers for  
7 the Team Pride Award.  
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9 The Team Pride Award Recipients for 2007 are:

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11 *Cervid Rule Advisory Group*

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13 Bruce Eddy, NE Region  
14 Michelle Dennehy, HQ  
15 Colin Gillin, NW Region  
16 Jon Paustian, NE Region  
17 Tim Walters, HD Region  
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19 *Information and Education Team*

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21 Michael D. Arthur, HQ  
22 Karen Hans, NW  
23 Meg Kenagy, HQ  
24 Myrna Britton, HQ  
25 David Lane, HQ  
26 Michelle Dennehy, HQ  
27 Mary Hoverson, NE  
28 Brandon Ford, Marine  
29 Christopher A. Willard, HQ  
30 Stephanie J. Byrd, HQ  
31 Meghan D. Collins, SW  
32 Kathy Munsel, HQ  
33 Jason Bader, HQ  
34 Darlene M. Sprecher, HQ  
35 Richard Hargrave, HQ  
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37 The Director's Individual Award is awarded to an individual whom exhibits outstanding  
38 performance. The criteria involved in choosing a Director's Individual Award recipient is:  
39 Exceptional effort and/or accomplishments in fulfilling the responsibilities of the job or  
40 work unit; Outstanding accomplishment in terms of public service or outreach;  
41 Quantifiable results in savings or productivity; and Outstanding contribution to employee  
42 welfare and morale. Employees are nominated by their co-workers for an Individual  
43 Pride Award; the Director may determine the recipients for the award based on the  
44 criteria.  
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46 The Director's Individual Award Recipient for 2007 is:  
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1 Jeff Boechler, North Willamette Watershed Manager, NW Region

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3 The Director's Team Award recognizes a group of employees whose accomplishments  
4 exceed the assigned tasks and responsibilities. A team is generally defined as two or  
5 more employees who are assigned as an integrated work unit. The criteria involved in  
6 choosing a Director's Team Award recipient is: Exemplary performance. Teams are  
7 nominated by their co-workers for the Team Pride Award; the Pride Award Selection  
8 Committee recommended one or more teams of employees to the Director.

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10 The Director's Team Award Recipients for 2007 are:

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12 *Commercial Shrimp Sustainable Fishery Team*

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14 Bob Hannah, Marine  
15 Steve Jones, Marine

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17 The Dave Liscia Award honors Dave Liscia's memory and recognize an outstanding  
18 volunteer or volunteer group. Volunteers are nominated by ODFW employees.

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20 The Dave Liscia Award Recipient for 2007 is:

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22 Jim Welter

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24 **Exhibit C: 2008 BIG GAME REGULATIONS**

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26 *Staff Presentation:*

27 Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager, Don Whittaker, Species Coordinator and Pete  
28 Test, Deer and Elk Coordinator, asked the Commission to adopt Oregon Administrative  
29 Rules for controlled hunt tag numbers for 2008 Oregon big game seasons and to  
30 approve, in concept, the proposed 2009 big game and western gray squirrel season  
31 dates, open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas, and  
32 controlled hunts.

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34 Public Testimony:

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AL Elkins  
Wilsonville, OR

Mr. Elkins thanked the department for the public meetings on the big game regulation proposals. He represented the Oregon Hunter's Association. He supported more predator control and reported this issue was brought up repeatedly at the public meetings. He requested to extend the cougar season on the eastside to match the westside, which would change the season from a 10 month to a 12 month season. He would like this to be done on a trial basis for the next three hunting seasons and be evaluated at the end of those three years to see if it should continue.

Mike Morris  
Bend, OR

Mr. Morris would like to see the trend data available at least a week ahead of the big game hearing so he can provide some valid testimony on specific units and numbers. He made an offer last winter to help accumulate the statistics.

Rance Kastor  
Central Point, OR

Mr. Kastor reported that in the Maury unit, they lost 100 animals yet there were no reductions in tags. If this continues there will not be any deer. The pressure is heavy and the deer are moving out. He feels that the Ochoco and Maury units are being over hunted.

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2 Tom Thornton reported on the Ochoco and Maury units. Overall, the total population is  
3 down. The buck ratios have held up fairly well. He sees the problem as a recruitment  
4 issue.  
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6 Chair Smith inquired about the staff's response on Mr. Elkins request for a change in  
7 the cougar seasons.  
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9 Don Whittaker reported that the request is something that can be considered. During  
10 June and July there is not a lot of harvest of cougars. However, it would be hard to  
11 predict the impact.  
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13 Director Elicker reported that there is a legislative committee hearing on the Cougar  
14 Plan in September and he would prefer not to make any changes to the cougar season,  
15 tags or quota numbers at this time. He suggested finishing the third year of the pilot  
16 program and taking a look at the results and going from there.  
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18 Chair Rae recommended that the Umatilla and Warm Springs tag recommendations be  
19 granted. She also recommended that when the department has these government to  
20 government requests that the Commission does not have the tribes come back year  
21 after year unless there is a change in tags.  
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23 Commissioner Kerns disagreed with Chair Rae's proposal and felt there needs to be the  
24 communication between the department and the tribes.  
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26 Chair Rae reminded the Commission the tribes have a relationship with staff at the  
27 district level regularly.  
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29 Commissioner Kerns stated that he did not think the Commission should pass a  
30 resolution in regards to Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Reservation (CTUIR). He felt  
31 it would impinge on their treaty.  
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33 Chair Rae agreed with Commissioner Kerns concerns over the CTUIR. It was  
34 determined that the Confederated Tribe of the Warm Springs Reservation does not  
35 need to come back year after year unless there is a change to the request.  
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1 *Action:*  
2 Commissioner Edge moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 060, 067, 068, 069,  
3 070, 071 and 073 as proposed by staff; and approve, in concept, the staff proposals for  
4 the 2009 general and controlled big game and western gray squirrel seasons.  
5 Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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7 **Exhibit G: 2008 COASTAL FALL CHINOOK SALMON REGULATIONS**

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9 *Staff Presentation:*

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11 Ron Boyce, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager, asked the  
12 Commission to adopt, in concept, the proposed Oregon Administrative rules for the  
13 2008 Coastal Fall Chinook Salmon Regulations.

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15 Bill Cook gave an overview on the rulemaking process for this exhibit. A temporary rule  
16 will be filed in the future.

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

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21 *Public Testimony:*

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MaryIn Schafer  
Gold Beach, OR

Ms. Schafer presented the Commission with a letter signed by the Curry County Commissioners. They are very concerned with the need to further regulate spring and fall chinook in Curry County. They support the regional staff recommendation.

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Loren Schwartz  
Nehalem, OR

Mr. Schwartz discussed proposals that were sent to staff for consideration in regards to the Nehalem River. He suggested reducing the bag limit to one fish a day and no more than ten fish a year. He discussed his Nehalem River Bar proposal.

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Stan Steele  
Corvallis, OR

Mr. Steele supported the one fish a day and five fish a year proposal.

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John Krauthoefer  
Tillamook, OR

Mr. Krauthoefer spoke about the Tillamook Basin proposals. He suggested separating out the basins. If there is a biological reason for the proposal then he would support the staff recommendation of a one fish limit. However, he would like to see the Tillamook Basin go to a daily limit of two fish on a temporary basis.

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Jeff Folkema  
Garibaldi, OR

Mr. Folkema agreed with most of the staff recommendations. He discussed the Tillamook Bay terminal fishery on the sport side. He disagreed with the bag limit. He would like to see a



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	two fish a day bag limit.
Darus Peake Garibaldi, OR	Mr. Peake spoke on the Tillamook Bay and the Nestucca River. He would like to see economic gain in the coastal towns. Mr. Peake would like to see the commercial limit be brought up to 750, a 28 inch limit, with a 25 fish per boat per week. On the recreational side he supported the two fish daily limit.
Bob Spelbrink Siletz, OR	Mr. Spelbrink supported the staff proposals. He requested that this issue be briefly revisited in September and make a change if necessary.
John Ward North Bend, OR	Mr. Ward proposed an alternative recommendation to the staff recommendation that he feels will protect more fish. The Commission has received his proposal with their packets and he would like the Commission to support it.
Reese Bender Coos Bay, OR	Mr. Bender felt his proposal is neutral relative to the conservation issue and with the current proposal by staff. He felt it would protect as many wild fish and possibly more than the current proposal by closing some upper areas of tide water.
Tom Ritchey Salem, OR	Mr. Richey spoke about the fish on the Siletz River because he was concerned about the run. He has proposed in the past that between milepost 15 and 25 should be closed because there are people harvesting fish that should not have been harvested. He proposed a one and five limit and the rod must be retired when your daily limit has been reached. He also proposed that milepost 25 to the source be closed for this year.

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2 Ron Boyce and department district staff responded to each proposal from the public  
3 testimony.  
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5 Director Elicker reminded the Commission that the department will be issuing a  
6 temporary rule for the proposals for the 2008 season only. The state is under  
7 international treaty obligations and the department has to look for way to make  
8 reductions to its fishery. There is also a Governor's Executive Order that says state  
9 agencies should do whatever they can to help salmon fishing and economic issues on  
10 the coast. During the public meetings, the department heard strong public support to  
11 make some reductions. A final temporary rule will be issued in the next few weeks and  
12 will be available for those interested.  
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14 *Action:* No Commission action needed at this time.

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2 **Exhibit D: 2009 AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATION**  
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4 *Staff Presentation:*

5 Don Whittaker, Species Coordinator and Matt Keenan, Access and Habitat (A&H)  
6 Coordinator, asked the Commission to review and adopt the recommendations of the  
7 A&H Board and ODFW staff for the 2009 auction and raffle tag allocations.  
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9 *Public Testimony:*  

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10 No public testimony  

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11 *Action:*

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14 Commissioner Kerns moved to approve the 2009 auction and raffle big game tags  
15 allocation as proposed by the A&H Board and ODFW staff. Commissioner Smith  
16 seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.  
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18 **Exhibit E: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING APPROVAL**  
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20 *Staff Presentation:*

21 Matt Keenan, Access and Habitat (A&H) Coordinator, asked the Commission to review  
22 and approve the A&H Board's April 22, 2008, recommendations for project funding.  
23 Tally Patton, A&H Chair, was present to answer any questions. The JWTR Law  
24 Enforcement Project applicant withdrew their proposal because they wanted funding for  
25 more than one year. They will come back in the future with another proposal.  
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27 *Public Testimony:*  

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28 No public testimony  

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30 Commissioner Smith inquired if there is a general rule of thumb for the cost per acre for  
31 access.  
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33 Tally Patton reported that there is not a set price. The Board has tried to keep it  
34 consistent through locations. They are currently trying to find a method to make it more  
35 consistent.  
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37 Commissioner Smith asked Tally why she voted no on the Jordan access project.  
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39 Tally Patton responded that there is an easement on the property and it was hard to get  
40 answers on what the easement included. She felt the project was a good project and  
41 her vote should not reflect badly towards the project.  
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43 Chip Dale reported that the JWTR (JELD-WEN Timber Resources) would still have  
44 participated in the project proposal this year but they asked for the full funding for all the  
45 improvements they had asked for including fencing.

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2 Commissioner Kerns felt the JWTR should pay for their own expenses for the project  
3 and public money should not be used.

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5 *Action:*

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7 Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendations of the A&H Board for  
8 project funding excluding project #4, JWTR Law Enforcement Project. Commissioner  
9 Edge seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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11 Commissioner Kerns was excused from the vote as he was outside of the room when  
12 the vote occurred.

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14 **Exhibit F: STATUS OF BULL TROUT IN THE CLACKAMAS RIVER BASIN**

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16 *Staff Presentation:*

17 Jeff Boechler, North Willamette Watershed Manager, gave an informational briefing on  
18 the status of bull trout in the Clackamas basin. He also reported on the recently  
19 completed assessment of the feasibility of the reintroduction of bull trout to the  
20 Clackamas Basin. Chris Allen, USFWS and Dan Shively, USFS, Mt Hood NF, were also  
21 present.

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23 *Public Testimony:*  
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No public testimony

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26 Commissioner Smith stated that one of potential reasons of disappearance of bull trout  
27 was habitat and water quality and it was mitigated by the Mt Hood Resource Plan. He  
28 asked if there were any difference in the new plan compared to the old plan.

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30 Dan Shively reported that there was a difference between the plans. There was a period  
31 when bull trout were thought to be extirpated from the Clackamas in the 60's and 70's.  
32 Timber harvest was taking place at that time and there was also a lot of erosion. There  
33 have been two plans passed in the past. The Mt Hood Forest Plan set in place very  
34 stringent standards on timber harvest and road building practices. After that there was a  
35 NW Forest Plan which established the aquatic conservation strategy and riparian  
36 reserves.

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38 *Action:*

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40 No action. Informational briefing only.

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42 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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44 The draft 2009 Commission meeting schedule was presented to the Commission. Chair  
45 Rae asked the Commissioners to review the schedule and come back with any  
46 concerns.

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>COMMISSION MEETING DATE/LOCATION</b>
January	01/09/2009 Salem (Dist. 5)
February	02/20/2009 Astoria (Dist. 1)
March	03/20/2009 Salem
April	04/17/2009 OHRC/Corvallis (Dist. 4)
May	05/15/2009 Salem
June	06/05/2009 Salem
July	07/17/2009 Baker City (Dist. 2)
August	08/07/2009 Salem
September	09/04/2009 Grants Pass
October	10/02/2009 Salem
November	11/13/2009 Portland Airport
December	12/11/2009 Salem

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4 Chair Rae entered the Commission into Executive Session at 5:22 p.m.

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6 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7 The Commission held an executive session to be briefed on several potential real estate  
8 transactions per ORS 192.660(2)(e).

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10 The Commission reentered the public session at 6:05 p.m.

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12 **ADJOURMENT**

13 Chair Marla Rae adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.