



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:  
 August 8, 2008 8:00 a.m.  
 Oregon Department of Fish and  
 Wildlife - *Commission Room*  
 3406 Cherry Avenue NE  
 Salem, OR 97303

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 2           *Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the*  
 3   *Commission at its next meeting.*

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

7	Marla Rae, Chair	Roy Elicker, Director
	Zane Smith, Commissioner	Curt Melcher, Deputy Director
	Jon Englund, Commissioner	Tom Ruddiman, Deputy Director
	Skip Klarquist, Commissioner	Steve Sanders, Assistant Attorney General
	Carter Kerns, Commissioner	Teri Kucera, Executive Assistant
	Bobby Levy, Commissioner	

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 9 **MEETING**

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 11 On Friday, August 8, 2008 at 8:00 a.m., Chair Marla Rae called the Oregon Fish and  
 12 Wildlife Commission (the Commission) meeting to order. She presented a Certificate of  
 13 Recognition and belt buckle to Commissioner Carter Kerns for five years of service, and  
 14 a Certificate of Recognition for 15 years of service to Roy Elicker, Director of the  
 15 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Department (ODFW).

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 17 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

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 21 Northeast Region

22 Craig Ely, Region Manager, reported on Rocky Mountain Goat capture and transplant  
 23 efforts. Concerning wolf tracking, staff is using howling efforts to put radio tracking  
 24 collars on wolves on private property surrounded by national forest. Graduate students  
 25 are working on this project, which has caused a renewed interest in wolves in Oregon.

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 27 Commissioner Carter Kerns stated he went on a Land Conservation and Development  
 28 Department tour that week in Baker County. An Idaho Power line that might affect sage  
 29 grouse habitat was discussed. He requested a presentation by staff at a later time.

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 31 Craig Ely responded that staff has been assigned to participate in development of  
 32 environmental assessments (EIS) and could make a presentation on sage grouse.

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 34 High Desert Region

35 Chip Dale, Region Manager, reported that in July, The Dalles ODFW Office, hosted  
 36 the third annual Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Orientation. A total of 110 hunters

1 and staff attended. He reported that Deschutes River Summer Steelhead numbers on  
2 the Lower Deschutes River, at Bonneville and The Dalles Dam, more than doubled than  
3 the same period last year; considerably higher than the 10-year average for the period.  
4 He reported on the removal of a cougar sighted in the Juntura area.

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6 Northwest Region

7 Chris Wheaton, Region Manager, reported on bear encounters and captures in coastal  
8 areas and within the Hwy. 26 corridor from Sandy to Government Camp. He reported  
9 that staff is coordinating several volunteer high lakes fish stocking events. The Coast  
10 Guard assisted planting trout via helicopter, as part of its training exercises. He reported  
11 on results of the first round of estuary seining for juvenile coastal Chinook. He also  
12 reviewed the proposed agenda for the Commission's September 11 meeting in Forest  
13 Grove and tour of the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area.

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15 Southwest Region

16 Steve Denney, Region Manager, talked about golden shiners, a bait fish recently found  
17 at Diamond Lake during routine trap netting. Crews are electro-fishing nightly to disrupt  
18 their spawning season and hope to control the shiners with predacious rainbow trout  
19 planted last year and this summer. He reported that field biologists conducted upland  
20 bird counts over the last several weeks. Nesting conditions have been poor, but grass  
21 and bug populations are excellent. Southwest Oregon is on high alert for fire season,  
22 with helicopters and firefighters on stand-by.

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24 Bill Herber, Interim Program Manager, reported the Marine Resources Program (MRP)  
25 hosted 10 visiting Russian scientists and resource managers on July 10, as part of a  
26 three-week tour of Oregon hosted by the Worlds Affairs Council of Oregon. MRP staff  
27 talked to over 560 visitors at the annual Seafest on June 28 at the Hatfield Marine  
28 Science Center. He also said the Pacific whiting fleet delayed the start of the whiting  
29 fishery, and is making efforts to avoid an early closure again this year. He talked about  
30 investigating mandatory dockside inspection of crab reported by Michelle Longo at the  
31 Commission's June 6 meeting. Staff met with Longo with U.S. Coast Guard  
32 representatives. Staff will present findings at the Commission's November meeting.

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34 Information and Education

35 Roger Fuhrman, Division Administrator, reported that western painted and western  
36 pond turtles are threatened. ODFW issued news releases encouraging the public to  
37 leave these native turtles alone and report any sightings to ODFW. He reported that the  
38 Oregon State Fair booth will reach out to people who might not otherwise be reached.  
39 He stated that Shahab Farzanegan will join the I&E team as the new aquatic and  
40 angling education coordinator.

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42 Oregon State Police

43 Captain Walt Markee, Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division, reported that he  
44 Presented the "2007 Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year" award to Columbia County Deputy  
45 District Attorney Dale Anderson on July 31 at the annual ODAA Conference.

1 Roy Elicker asked Holly Michael to give her report in conjunction with Exhibit C: Oregon  
2 Conservation Strategy / Nearshore Strategy Two-Year Report.

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4 **MULE DEER ACTION PLAN**

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6 *Staff Presentation:*

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8 Roy Elicker reported that he and former Deputy Director Laurie Byerly traveled  
9 statewide to discuss proposed fee increases. Hunters said they favored the increases,  
10 but wanted to know what services they would receive in return. Their top concern is the  
11 decline of mule deer hunting opportunity in Eastern Oregon. ODFW must react to this  
12 concern. Ron Anglin and Elicker are putting together a Mule Deer Action Plan.

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14 Ron Anglin, Administrator of Wildlife Division, reported that the initial focus on this  
15 action plan will target six units: Steens, Warner, Heppner, Murders Creek, Keating, and  
16 Malheur County. All units have a combination of public and private land, and  
17 landowners who are willing to participate. Staff will review information submitted by  
18 these districts, to propose their next course of action.

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20 Chair Marla Rae asked what role private landowners would play in this project.

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22 Ron Anglin answered that private landowners, especially in Eastern Oregon, could play  
23 a significant role in trying things on private land that might not be possible on federal  
24 land.

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26 Roy Elicker talked about landowners in Eastern Oregon and their support of wildlife  
27 habitat on their lands. That is part of the decision making process, to identify those  
28 landowners who want to participate in the process.

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30 Commissioner Zane Smith stated he was pleased that the U.S. Forest Service and the  
31 Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are involved. He suggested that I&E staff think  
32 about the need to free up the U.S. Forest Service to do some of this work.

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34 Ron Anglin answered that the U.S. Forest Service recently signed a MOU to highlight  
35 mule deer on BLM land. He's talked to the Forest supervisors in John Day, and the  
36 Malheur Unit, who are interested in participating.

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38 Chair Marla Rae thanked Elicker and Anglin. She reminded the Commission this issue  
39 would be presented again at their October meeting.

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41 **EXPENDITURE REPORT**

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43 Tom Ruddiman, Deputy Director for Administration, gave a brief revenue and  
44 expenditure report for fiscal year 2008, ending June 30. He reported that revenues and  
45 expenditures are in line. He noted that fishing revenues are below the projected  
46 average for the biennium. Hunting and license revenues remain stable.

1 Commissioner Carter Kerns asked if staff could determine how many non-resident  
2 people buy warm water fishing licenses. In Eastern Oregon this would be helpful to  
3 identify those numbers. He asked if staff could determine where they are sold. Umatilla  
4 County was trying to track where the licenses were sold.

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6 Roy Elicker stated that Rhine Messmer could address that inquiry during his report on  
7 Exhibit E – 2009-2012 Sports Fishing Regulations. He added that staff could provide  
8 information on the licenses as well.

## 9 10 **INTERNET POINT OF SALE**

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12 Tom Ruddiman reported that ODFW worked with Outdoor Central, the vendor for the  
13 Point of Sale (POS) System. In 2007, the Legislature adopted HB 3099 which directed  
14 ODFW to provide a new Internet sales and mail-order system. This is a new opportunity  
15 for the public to purchase deer and elk tags. However, if they purchased these tags the  
16 night before the hunt, they would not be able to hunt because it takes 10-days to  
17 process. He discussed the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) E-  
18 Commerce Group. This has made the project more complex, however staff is working  
19 with DAS for a solution. Tom will propose a \$2 administrative fee to the Commission to  
20 cover costs, including fighting fraud. The Internet sales channel will be implemented  
21 between October 15 and the end of the year.

## 22 23 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

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25 Roy Elicker requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The six  
26 temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action  
27 authority.

### 28 29 **635-017-0090**

#### 30 **Pacific Lamprey**

31 Adopted July 21, 2008; effective July 29, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

32 This amended rule is needed to allow individuals with the required permit, two additional  
33 days for personal use harvest of Pacific Lamprey that may become stranded due to the  
34 scheduled installation of water flow devices at Willamette Falls.

### 35 36 **635-042-0031; 635-042-0145; 635-042-0160; 635-042-0170; and 635-042-0180**

#### 37 **Columbia River Commercial Salmon Seasons**

38 Adopted July 22, 2008; effective August 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

39 These amended rules are needed to set the 2008 fall commercial salmon seasons in  
40 Zones 1 thru 5 of the Columbia River and in the Columbia River Select Areas of:  
41 Youngs Bay; Blind and Knappa sloughs; Tongue Point/South Channel; and Deep River.  
42 Revisions are consistent with Joint State Action taken July 22, 2008 by the Columbia  
43 River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

### 44 45 **635-017-0095 and 635-023-0095**

#### 46 **Recreational Sturgeon Fishery**

47 Adopted July 24, 2008; effective June 25, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

1 These amended rules are needed to allow recreational retention of white sturgeon in the  
2 Columbia River from the Wauna power lines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville  
3 Dam and in the Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls (including Multnomah  
4 Channel) during a two month period (August and September) previously closed to  
5 retention. Modifications to the recreational sturgeon fishery in the Columbia River below  
6 the Wauna power lines are needed to rescind retention of white sturgeon previously  
7 authorized for July 27, 2008. Revisions are consistent with Joint State Action taken July  
8 24, 2008 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

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10 **635-041-0076**

11 **Treaty Indian Summer Salmon Fishery**

12 Adopted July 24, 2008; effective July 25, 2008 through August 31, 2008.

13 This amended rule is needed to extend the ongoing Treaty Indian commercial gillnet  
14 salmon fishery in the Columbia River and tributaries by an additional 84-hour fishing  
15 period, from 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 28 through 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 31, 2008.  
16 Revisions are consistent with action taken July 24, 2008 by the Columbia River  
17 Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington in concert with the Columbia River Inter-  
18 Tribal Fish Commission.

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20 **635-004-0019**

21 **In Season Actions by NOAA for Commercial Groundfish Fishery**

22 Adopted July 31, 2008; effective August 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

23 This amended rule is needed to adopt the in-season actions implemented by the  
24 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for commercial fisheries  
25 including adjustments to trip limits governing the limited entry non-whiting trawl fishery  
26 and the limited entry and open access daily trip limit sablefish fisheries

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28 **635-004-0016**

29 **Management Measures for 2008 Sardine Fishery**

30 Adopted August 5, 2008; effective August 6, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

31 Amended rule is needed to adopt management measures for the 2008 commercial  
32 sardine fishery that are consistent with federal regulations, as approved by the Pacific  
33 Fishery Management Council in November 2007. Modifications close to the commercial  
34 directed fishery for Pacific sardines until September 15, 2008.

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36 Chair Marla Rae noted that Commissioner Dan Edge was excused from the meeting.

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38 *Action:*

39 Commissioner Zane Smith moved to ratify the temporary rules. Commissioner Jon  
40 Englund seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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42 **PUBLIC FORUM**

43 *Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the*  
44 *agenda. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in*  
45 *this forum.*

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47 No public testimony was given.

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1 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

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3 The Commission considered approval of the July 18, 2008 Commission minutes.

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5 Commissioner Zane Smith noted on page 15, line 7, that the motion had not passed  
6 unanimously because Commissioner Carter Kerns opposed the motion.

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8 *Action:*

9 Commissioner Zane Smith moved to approve the July 18, 2008 minutes as amended.  
10 Commissioner Carter Kerns seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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12 Chair Marla Rae and the Commission took a break at 9:20 a.m. She announced that  
13 discussion of Exhibit D – Oregon Black-tailed Deer Management Plan had been moved  
14 to the Commission’s November meeting. She reconvened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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16 **Exhibit B: 2008-2009 OREGON GAME BIRD REGULATIONS**

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18 *Staff Presentation:*

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20 Dave Budeau, Upland Game Bird Program Coordinator, referred to Commissioner  
21 Carter Kerns’ question on the federal listing of sage grouse and stated that the U.S.  
22 Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is currently re-evaluating its decision to list sage  
23 grouse, which could come by the end of this year. Dave began his report and noted  
24 there was little change from last year’s season:

- 25 • For controlled fall turkey hunting, staff proposed adding 200 tags due to increasing  
26 turkey population in Northeast Oregon and adding two hunts.
- 27 • Modify the 2009-10 hunting season opening dates so pheasant season will open  
28 one week early concurrent with eastern Oregon chuckar and quail hunting to ease  
29 the burden of high fuel prices.
- 30 • Special pheasant hunts include 14 youth pheasant hunts, a Becoming an Outdoors  
31 Woman workshop hunt, and Western Oregon fee pheasant hunts at wildlife areas.

32 Dave reported on the launching of the Oregon Hunter Access Map on ODFW’s website.  
33 Hunters can select an icon to learn about the area they wish to hunt, and noted that all  
34 the properties are listed in alphabetical order.

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36 Chair Marla Rae asked if the website contained closures of private lands during fire  
37 danger.

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39 Dave Budeau answered that could be added, since the product was not finished.

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41 Brad Bales, Migratory Game Bird Program, talked about waterfowl season proposals,  
42 and reported that ODFW is taking a new path in flyway management with the recent  
43 adoption of the Western Mallard Model. He noted the Commission had three packets  
44 containing public comments that supported concurrent opening dates for ducks and  
45 scaup. The Klamath County Hunt received mixed public comments but supported the  
46 new daily bag limit of four of three white geese and only one Tule white-fronted goose  
47 due to concerns about impacts on the rare Tule geese. He asked the Commission to

1 make permanent a rule allowing the destruction of resident Goose nests and eggs  
2 where the birds are causing property damage or threatening public health or safety.  
3 The rules would bring Oregon in compliance with USFWS regulations adopted last year.  
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5 *Public Testimony:*

6 No public testimony was given.

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8 Chair Marla Rae stated there was no public testimony, and asked for a motion.

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10 *Action:*

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12 Commissioner Zane Smith moved to approve the Game Bird Season Regulations for  
13 2008-2009 and Permanent Rule related to resident Canada goose nests and eggs.  
14 Commissioner Bobby Levy seconded the motion and the motion was carried  
15 unanimously.  
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17 **Exhibit C: OREGON CONSERVATION STRATEGY / NEARSHORE STRATEGY**  
18 **TWO-YEAR REPORT**

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20 *Staff Presentation:*

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22 Michael Pope, Conservation Strategy Coordinator, introduced Ms. Cristen Don, the  
23 Two-year Nearshore Strategy Project Leader.  
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25 Ms. Don reported that the Conservation Strategy and Oregon Nearshore Strategy were  
26 part of a national effort led by Congress and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to  
27 encourage states to develop comprehensive wildlife conservation strategies. She  
28 highlighted major implementations in the last two years: 1) education and outreach by  
29 the Nearshore Advisory Committee; 2) research and monitoring through several  
30 collaborative research projects, and 3) management and policy – developing a  
31 Nearshore Fisheries Management Plan, and ongoing Shellfish and Estuary Work that  
32 will feed into that plan. She discussed several roadblocks to implementation. For  
33 instance, wave energy and marine reserves have redirected staff resources away from  
34 implementation strategies. Other emerging issues include offshore wind energy  
35 development, offshore aquaculture, and ocean zoning.  
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37 Michael Pope reported that the overarching goal is to ensure healthy habitats for fish,  
38 wildlife and people. He reported on five of the six goals of a Two Year Report to the  
39 Commission. 1) Meeting internal integration goals. 2) Roadblocks to Implementation.  
40 There is a need for internal data management systems, more staff and more funding.  
41 3) Progress in meeting statewide conservation strategy of goals. Results of Monitoring  
42 and Data Management Programs. 4) Adaptive Management from Data Results. 5)  
43 Fiscal and Administrative Changes are being addressed in a Policy Option Package.  
44 Michael discussed the next three years, which included continuing support for on-the-  
45 ground projects and for private landowner assistance, continuing to build long-term  
46 relationships with other agencies and organizations, and leveraging grant dollars.

1 Chair Marla Rae asked Holly Michael to give her Director's Report.

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3 Conservation Strategy

4 Holly Michael, Conservation Strategy Coordinator, discussed a successful grassland  
5 restoration project in the Willamette Valley. She also discussed climate change and  
6 noted that on August 5, a Climate Change Workshop was held at ODFW with  
7 discussion on actions to take in order to conserve Oregon species. Commissioner Edge  
8 sits on that Committee. Commissioner Bobby Levy also participated. The subcommittee  
9 will put together a report of recommended actions.

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11 Commissioner Zane Smith noted that the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture  
12 recently announced a joint initiative on invasive species. He wondered how that will  
13 reinforce Oregon's conservation strategy for invasive species efforts.

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15 Holly stated ODFW has extensive involvement with the Oregon Invasive Species  
16 Council. An invasive species summit was held in Oregon a couple of weeks ago. The  
17 issue that continually came up was funding. She discussed Policy Option Packages  
18 before the Governor that address invasive species management and control in Oregon.

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20 Chair Marla Rae stated that everything ODFW asked for in its 2009-11 Budget Request  
21 may not be received. Staff needs to be prepared to describe for legislators incremental  
22 implementations and how to put the implementations together.

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24 Holly agreed to include the Chair's perspectives in the message to legislators.

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26 Public Testimony:

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No public testimony was given.

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29 Chair Marla Rae announced that the report on Exhibit E: Preliminary Sport Fishing  
30 Regulations would be given immediately following lunch. She stated that the report on  
31 Exhibit D: Black-tailed Deer Management Plan would be moved and discussed at the  
32 Commission's November meeting.

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34 **EXHIBIT F: STEP ANNUAL REPORT**

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36 *Staff Presentation:*

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38 Tom Friesen, STEP (Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program) Coordinator, introduced  
39 Richard Heap, Chair of the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Advisory  
40 Committee (STAC).

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42 Richard Heap reported on STEP's 2006-07 accomplishments in four key areas:  
43 Education and outreach; inventory and monitoring; habitat enhancement, and fish  
44 culture. He summarized the program's successes due to its volunteers and noted that  
45 since 1981, STEP was involved in approximately 25,000 projects and had 280,000



1 volunteers for a total of 2.5 million in volunteer hours. He noted the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual STEP  
2 Conference is scheduled October 3-5 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

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4 Richard discussed the future of STEP and STAC's proposed recommendations: adding  
5 three STEP biologist positions; increase Mini-Grant funding to \$50,000 per biennium  
6 and raise the limit from \$750 to \$2,000; improve reporting of STEP volunteer activity;  
7 increase efforts in habitat and monitoring components; involve STEP in statewide trout  
8 production; and identify roles for STEP in ODFW 25-year Angling Enhancement Plan.

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10 Chair Marla Rae thanked Heap for his presentation and hoped the Commission could  
11 make progress toward all of STAC's recommendations.

### 12 **Shikar-Safari Award Presentation**

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14 Roy Elicker introduced Ms. Lynn Loacker, a member of the Shikar-Safari International  
15 Club, who explained that the annual award has been given out for 25 years to recognize  
16 outstanding game enforcement officers. Ms. Loacker presented the "*Shikar-Safari Club*  
17 *Wildlife Officer of the Year*" award to Oregon State Police Sergeant Todd Hoodenphyl,  
18 a 13-year veteran stationed in Tillamook. Sgt. Hoodenphyl was selected for his  
19 commitment to fish and wildlife enforcement and protection, and for his involvement with  
20 the community, relationships with private timberland owners and area public safety  
21 agencies, and his participation in the Portland Sportsman Show and "Wall of Shame".

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24 Chair Marla Rae and the Commission congratulated Sgt. Hoodenphyl for his  
25 achievements.

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27 The Commission took a lunch break and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

## 28 **EXHIBIT E: 2009-2012 OREGON SPORT FISHING ANGLING REGULATIONS**

### 29 *Staff Presentation:*

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32 Rhine Messmer, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager, reported that every four  
33 years there is a major review of the sport fishing angling regulations. Public input was  
34 solicited at statewide public meetings and extensive public correspondence had been  
35 received. He asked that the Commission to review and reclassify Category A proposals  
36 (recommended by staff) and Category C proposals (staff recommended denial), and  
37 preview Category B proposals in preparation for their September 19 meeting.

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40 He discussed Issue 1 with over 70 Category A proposals and 185 Category C proposals  
41 covering a variety of non-contentious issues statewide. Option 1 was to adopt all  
42 Category A and reject Category C proposals as presented in Attachment 3 of Exhibit 3  
43 that concurred with the results of the Review Board screening, public opinion, and staff  
44 recommendations. Option 2 adopted Category A and Category C proposals as  
45 recommended with changes (reclassify A or C proposals into B for further  
46 consideration). He described the three categories:

- 1 • Category A – acceptable to most
- 2 • Category B – mixed public support subject to further discussion
- 3 • Category C – unacceptable to most

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5 He gave the Commission an overview of Category A and Category C in preparation for  
6 final rule making decisions at their September 19 meeting. The Commission will  
7 consider reclassification of any Category A and/or C proposals into the B classification  
8 today and for rulemaking on September 19. Rhine gave detailed reports on Category A  
9 proposals in the Northwest, Southwest, Willamette, Central, Northeast, Southeast,  
10 Snake River, Columbia River, and Marine Zones.

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12 *Commissioner Jon Englund declared a potential conflict of interest because his*  
13 *company owns and produces fishing supplies.*

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15 *Public Testimony:*

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17 Allan Smith                      Mr. Smith distributed a letter supporting 5S, limiting the use  
18 Salem, OR                      of five crayfish for bait; and a second letter from the Pacific  
19    Northwest Native Freshwater Mussel Workgroup in support  
20    of 10S prohibiting freshwater mussel harvest.

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22 Rich Berry                              Mr. Berry distributed a letter supporting ODFW's opposition  
23 Portland, OR                            to proposed regulation 264P to turn Commonwealth Lake  
24    solely into angling restricted to youth age 17 year round.

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26 Russell Bassett                      Mr. Bassett distributed an email from Lance Kruzic of NOAA  
27 Molalla, OR                              Fisheries, and letters from the Native Fish Society and  
28    Michael Mottice from the U.S. Department of the Interior, all  
29    in support of 271P, which restricts use of bait May 15-July  
30    15, single barbless hooks for all species year round, and  
31    also catch and release for trout in the Molalla River.

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33 John Kellogg                            Mr. Kellogg asked the Commission to reject 131P requiring  
34 Portland, OR                            the release of all wild steelhead in all Oregon rivers. He  
35    discussed sustainability and the economic benefits and  
36    asked the Commission to consider the catch and release of  
37    all fish in order to enjoy the sport.

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39 Shane Stewart                        Mr. Stewart represented the Washington County FlyFishers,  
40 Hillsboro, OR                        and is a river steward for Native Fish Society and a lifetime  
41    member of Trout Unlimited. He had a 500 signature petition  
42    asking the Commission to reject 150P that restored limited  
43    angling for coastal cutthroat trout, and instead adopt the  
44    Native Fish Society 132P to protect coastal cutthroat trout.

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46 Tom McAllister                        Mr. McAllister, who saw the forest completely eliminated on

1	Portland, OR	the Molalla, supports lowering the deadline 6.5 miles from
2		Horse Creek downstream. He supported replenishing and
3		protecting the fish, the single barbless hook regulation, and
4		protection of the Sandy River from Revenue Bridge upriver.
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6	Tom Derry	Mr. Derry asked the Commission to support 271P, which
7	Molalla, OR	moves angling deadline downstream to Pine Creek Bridge.
8		He said organizations working in the Molalla River Basin
9		supported this proposal. The community has devoted
10		thousands of hours recovering the fish. He asked the
11		Commission to reject 131P and to reject 329P that changed
12		gear restrictions for steelhead.
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14		Chair Marla Rae noted that 271P would move forward to the
15		Commission's September meeting.
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17	Kyle Spinks	Mr. Spinks, a biologist, referred to a letter sent on May 28,
18	Beaverton, OR	and asked the Commission to reject 264P. Commonwealth
19		Pond is highly used for recreation and fishing by an
20		extensive diverse community. He asked the Commission to
21		reject 265P and 266P, reducing bass and crappie limits on
22		Commonwealth Pond.
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24	Keith Hansen	Dr. Hansen, a practicing physician and past president of Fly
25	Portland, OR	Fishers Club of Oregon, and a member of Native Fish
26		Society, and Oregon Trout Unlimited, asked the Commission
27		to reconsider 131P requiring the release of all wild steelhead
28		unharmd in all Oregon waters.
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30	Lisa Hansen	Ms. Hansen, a member of Fly Fishers Club of Oregon, talked
31	Portland, OR	about the joy of catching and releasing wild steelhead. She
32		believes it is time to consider the value of these fish to the
33		ecosystem. She asked the Commission to support 131P and
34		to reject 241P, which reinstates harvest of wild steelhead on
35		the Umpqua River.
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37	Brian Styskal	Mr. Styskal believes all wild steelhead should be released
38	Portland, OR	unharmd. He asked the Commission to adopt 131P.
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40	Whitney Gould	Ms. Gould asked the Commission to reconsider passing
41	Portland, OR	131P, release of wild steelhead in all Oregon rivers.
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43	Bill Bakke	Mr. Bakke represented the Native Fish Society and
44	Portland, OR	provided written testimony. He requested that 329P, 276P,
45		131P, 271P, and 132P be moved from Category B to
46		Category A. He also requested active management for bull
47		trout on the Metolius River and Lake Billy Chinook. He also

1		testified against 150P. He submitted to the staff, <i>Barb and Barbless Hooks and their effect on Juvenile and Adult Salmonid Mortality – A Literature Review</i> , and asked the Commission to review it.
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6	Doug Morgan	Mr. Morgan testified in support of 131P, which protects steelhead, and 132P which protects coastal cutthroat trout.
7	Portland, OR	He opposed 329P, and urged the Commission to rethink regulations that allow bait fishing on the John Day River.
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11	Mike Cooley	Mr. Cooley, immediate past president of the Middle Rogue Steelhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, supported 219P, increasing steelhead fishing on Illinois River, because there are no hatchery fish. He supported 194P, which would open the Applegate River to angling from a floatation device from January 1 through March 31.
12	Grants Pass, OR	
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18	Tom Wolf	Mr. Wolf, chair of Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited, supported rejecting 264P, 265P, and 266P. He supported 280P, not just no bait, but no fishing at all. He supported 289P, 290P and 292P, increased harvest of bull trout. Lastly, he opposed 150P and supported 132P.
19	Hillsboro, OR	
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24	Richard Emanuel	Mr. Emanuel from the Middle Rogue Steelheaders would like to fish the Applegate River but is unable to get in and out of a boat. He supports 194P, angling from a floating device.
25	Medford, OR	
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28	Joe Ferguson	Mr. Ferguson, president of Steamboaters, asked the Commission to retain regulations that prohibit harvest of wild steelhead along the Umpqua main stem and the North Umpqua River. He pointed out, there is no management plan on the Umpqua River.
29	Eugene, OR	
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34	Steve Evans	Mr. Evans, a member of Steamboaters, has fished the North Umpqua for 35 years. He wants to keep a healthy run of steelhead on the North Umpqua and not kill them.
35	Eugene, OR	
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38	Dick Bauer	Mr. Bauer, a member of Steamboaters, asked the Commission to reject 246P and 242 P, same as Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Evans.
39	Eugene, OR	
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42	Chris Ellis	Mr. Ellis opposed 241P, 248P and 251P. There are many other opportunities to kill steelhead to eat. He said nobody fishes on the Umpqua for sustenance.
43	Roseburg, OR	
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46	Burt Went	Mr. Went favored catch and release, so he opposed

1	Manzanita, OR	150P and favored 132P. A survey by Oregon Licensed
2		Angler, conducted for ODFW in 2006, concluded that, by a
3		ratio of 80/20, trout anglers felt comfortable with catch and
4		release. He suggested the Commission read the survey.
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6	Walt Weber	Mr. Weber, Conservation Director of The Rainland Fly
7	Chinook, WA	Casters in Astoria, distributed a letter and referred to a
8		seven-page letter in the Commission's packet. He requested
9		that the Commission reinstate 132P for consideration, and
10		oppose 150P that would restore limited trout fishing on north
11		coast streams in Northwest Zone.
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13	Don Abing	Mr. Abing represented the Federation of Fly Fishers and
14	Astoria, OR	asked the Commission to reject 150P, and reconsider 132P.
15		He is a certified fly casting instructor who works with young
16		people and the elderly. Cutthroat trout are unique to the
17		region, which deserve a break and should be protected.
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19	John Raines	Mr. Raines asked the Commission to reject 241P, 248P and
20	Myrtle Creek, OR	251P, which allow harvest of wild steelhead on the Main
21		Stem, North, and South Umpqua rivers.
22		
23	Scott Worsley	Mr. Worsley asked the Commission to oppose 241P, 248P
24	Sutherlin, OR	and 251P. This system is unique and should be maintained.
25		
26	Kody Kellom	Mr. Kellom also opposed 241P, 248P, and 251P. To
27	Roseburg, OR	reinstate harvesting would decimate the run. He wants it to
28		remain stable.
29		
30	Tony Wratney	Mr. Wratney has guided the North Umpqua River since
31	Bend, OR	1984. He reiterated, the Umpqua is a special place, and
32		there is no need to kill wild steelhead.
33		
34	Gary Lewis	Mr. Lewis opposed 241P, 248P and 258P and asked the
35	Roseburg, OR	Commission to retain the present laws on the Umpqua
36		system. He is a guide and his clients love to turn loose the
37		wild steelhead they catch. He also supported 131P.
38		
39	Dan Taylor	Mr. Taylor, a guide on the Umpqua River, asked the
40	Winchester, OR	Commission to reject 241P, 248P, and 251P. There are
41		many other places where people can catch fish to eat. He
42		would like his 11-year son to be able to fish and release
43		when he grows up.
44	Richard Youngers	Mr. Youngers, a guide on the north rivers, opposed 153P.
45	Salem, OR	He wants kids to catch fish. Most customers, especially
46		children, don't want to kill a fish, let alone touch one. People
47		want to connect with the rivers and experience the wildlife.

1 There is not enough scientific data to support this proposal.  
2 He supported 131P and 132P.  
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4 Don Ratliff Mr. Ratliff, aquatic biologist for PGE at Pelton Round Butte-  
5 Madras, OR Lake Billy Chinook, submitted a research packet,  
6 *Concerning Angling Regulation for Kokanee and Bull Trout*  
7 *at Lake Billy Chinook.* He said the loss of kokanee from Lake  
8 Billy Chinook is a crisis, and without timely action it will get  
9 worse. He asked the Commission to consider 292P for a slot  
10 limit of two medium-sized bull trout, and ESA clearance from  
11 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.  
12  
13 Rick Arnold Mr. Arnold runs Arnold Trophy Guide Services, and guides  
14 Bend, OR on Lake Billy Chinook. He supported 292P, putting in a slot  
15 limit for bull trout in Lake Billy Chinook. He was glad to see  
16 an emergency ruling on kokanee reduction from 25 to 5.  
17  
18 Connie Derry Ms. Derry lives on the banks of the Upper Molalla River. She  
19 Molalla, OR asked the Commission to adopt 271P, which would provide  
20 additional sanctuary habitat for steelhead and salmon on the  
21 Molalla River. She said that dead fish don't spawn.  
22  
23 Fran Taylor Ms. Taylor urged the Commission to support 271P. Those  
24 Molalla, OR fish, with the regulation changes, will bring new economic  
25 dollars to the town. She is a member of Molalla River Watch  
26 which has worked hard to increase law enforcement in the  
27 Molalla River Corridor. They are working to achieve  
28 recreation status for the river.  
29  
30 Roger King Mr. King distributed an information packet, and asked the  
31 Eagle Point, OR Commission to consider 230P, removes bait restrictions on  
32 Lower Rogue River, and 234P, removes restriction on bait in  
33 Upper Rogue River. He supported 236P that would allow  
34 fishing after 7:00 p.m. on the Rogue River at Cole Rivers  
35 Hatchery to the Hwy. 62 Bridge. Increasing the number of  
36 miles that can be fished will alleviate boat crowding.  
37  
38 John Billows Mr. Billows owns a bait and tackle shop on the Upper Rogue  
39 Trail, OR River. He distributed a letter supporting 236P. Shutting down  
40 fishing at 7:00 p.m. has hurt his business. He requested that  
41 the Review Board look at 236P again.  
42  
43 Rick Mori Mr. Mori testified in favor 230P, and opposed 234P. He  
44 Shady Cove, OR asked the Commission to reverse the ban from Gold Rey  
45 Dam to Shady Cove, from November 1 to December 31, and  
46 the Rogue River Canyon from September 1 to October 31.

1 Resources are stretched and littering and dumping violations  
2 are difficult to enforce.  
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4 Larry Baines Mr. Baines presented a handout of the *Act of Congress*  
5 Medford, OR *Admitting Oregon into the Union*. He claimed that limiting a  
6 river to fly fishing alone, may violate the Oregon Constitution.  
7 All citizens of the state have a common right to fish. He also  
8 said a tremendous amount of foreign trawlers are fishing  
9 illegally off the Oregon coast. Seals and sea lions are eating  
10 the fish, which also contributes to the shortage.  
11  
12 Chuck Lang Mr. Lang corrected an earlier statement by Rhine that the  
13 Prineville, OR bass proposal would change the length of fish from a  
14 minimum limit of 12 inches to a minimum of 15 inches. It is  
15 actually a *maximum* size of 15 inches. Lang supported 327P,  
16 a crappie size limit for Prineville. This proposal has 26  
17 signatures from residents who believe the crappie fishing is  
18 terrible and would love to see it improve.  
19  
20 Lonnie Johnson Mr. Johnson stated he sent Roy Elicker a letter regarding the  
21 Grants Pass, OR Oregon Black Bass Action Committee. He supported 344P  
22 that puts a limit of one bass per day in the Southeast Zone.  
23 The fishery deserves an opportunity to develop. He favored  
24 194P, fishing from a floating device. He also supported  
25 219P, a 1-in-5 wild steelhead take from the Illinois river.  
26  
27 Bill Egan Mr. Egan supported 136P which asks for a limit on channel  
28 Portland catfish. Currently there is no size limit. In the rest of state we  
29 have a limited channel cat fishery. We need to do something  
30 to protect these fish. He also discussed limits on crappie, the  
31 most popular fish in the state. People carry away buckets full  
32 of them. We have to protect them, or they will be wiped out.  
33  
34 Bob Judkins Mr. Judkins served on the Review Committee. He talked  
35 Portland, OR about crappies and asked who goes out and catches 50 fish.  
36 People take these crappies and sell them in their  
37 neighborhoods, which is illegal. If you put a limit on this  
38 sought after fish, maybe people won't do it as much. He is a  
39 catch and release guy.  
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41 Robin Wilson Ms. Wilson, owner of Idleyld Trading Post, spoke for her  
42 Idleyld Park, OR husband and business partner, Anthony Wilson, and other  
43 fishermen who favor opening the harvest of wild steelhead  
44 on the north fork of the Umpqua River. She sent the Chair  
45 and Director a 1,000 signature petition for starting a hatchery  
46 program on the North Umpqua River for winter steelhead.  
47 She talked about bank fishermen, who are also important to

1 revenues. She supported reinstatement of a short season  
2 with one per day, five per year harvest of wild fish. She  
3 opposed 241P, 246P and 251P and supported 248P.  
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5 Tony Brauner Mr. Brauner currently serves on the Fish Screening Task  
6 Grants Pass, OR Force for the State of Oregon. He opposed 194P, opening  
7 the Applegate River to boat fishing, and opposed bait on the  
8 river (water temperature is warm). He strongly supported  
9 131P, catch and release of wild steelhead.  
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11 George McKibbin Mr. McKibbin distributed written testimony and asked the  
12 Tillamook, OR Commission to support 150P, a bag limit of two trout per  
13 day. He talked about setting rules with compromise in place.  
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15 Bonita Blaser Ms. Blaser distributed written testimony in support of  
16 Tillamook, OR 150P. She wants the option of keeping two trout per day. If  
17 the fishery does not sustain this, then re-evaluate it.  
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19 Bill Blaser Mr. Blaser distributed written testimony in support of 150P.  
20 Tillamook, OR He would like to keep two trout per day. He talked about  
21 experiences fishing with grandchildren and explaining fish  
22 regulations to them. He asked the Commission to give each  
23 person the right to make a decision whether to keep fish.  
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25 Bill Hedlund Mr. Hedlund, Regional Director and N. Coast Chapter Vice  
26 Tillamook, OR President of Association of Northwest Steelheaders, spoke  
27 in support of the original version of 164P, regarding angling  
28 on the Kilchis River, and asked the Commission to change  
29 this proposal back to its original version, and adopt it.  
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31 Chair Marla Rae stated this could be changed at the  
32 Commission's September meeting. Mr. Hedlund noted he  
33 has jury duty that day.  
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35 Bill Lackner Mr. Lackner stated he was a proponent of resumption of a  
36 Newport, OR consumptive trout fishery on the North Coast. Surveys show  
37 a thriving population of cutthroat trout. Fish consumption is a  
38 big part of the economy.  
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40 Peter Tronquet Mr. Tronquet spoke in opposition to 219P, which would open  
41 Medford, OR the Illinois River to harvest of winter steelhead. He serves  
42 on the Rogue River Conservation Committee.  
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44 Bud Hartman Mr. Hartman is a founding member of Oregon Bass and Pan  
45 Portland, OR Fish Club, and has defended the rights of warm water fish  
46 for 50 years. He submitted three proposals for regulation  
47 changes this year, and all were recommended for rejection



1 by staff. He suggested staff read the early 1980s Five-year  
2 study of the predation factors of small mouth walleyes and  
3 channel catfish by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Fish  
4 management should be based on science and not emotions.  
5 He supports all warm water proposals that have come  
6 forward in the interest of conservation.  
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8 Madison Moskowitz  
9 Portland, OR

Ms. Moskowitz, age 12, supports 131P, catch and release of  
wild steelhead. She told of a fishing trip on the Deschutes  
River of catching and releasing her own fish. Killing fish does  
not make it any more enjoyable.

13 David Moskowitz  
14 Portland, OR

Mr. Moskowitz distributed written testimony and talked about  
the process. He submitted 312P regarding fishing from  
floating devices on the Deschutes; however, the Review  
Board rejected it. He asked that 312P be reconsidered and  
moved from Category C to Category B. He supported 131P  
and 329P, eliminating bait on the John Day. He opposed  
150P; if adopted, it should be limited to youth. He asked the  
Commission to be mindful of global warming and invasive  
species as they adopt these regulations.

23 Dennis Richey  
24 No address given

Mr. Richey lives and fishes on the Little North Fork. He  
talked about 48S, which proposes that you can fish on wild  
fish in the North Fork of the Santiam. ODFW has  
misclassified a run. His proposal, 297P, was to close the  
river because there are no more native fish; they are fished  
out by week-end fishermen. The proposal in B was to  
eliminate bait just during the trout season. That won't work.  
He urged the Commission to move 279P up to the B  
Category. All area owners, fishers, support closing the river.

33 Chair Marla Rae announced that three Commission members were unable to attend the  
34 September 11-12, 2008 Commission meeting; therefore, it had been moved to  
35 September 19, 2008.  
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37 Commission took a break at 4:19 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.  
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39 Chair Marla Rae announced that the Executive Session would be moved to the  
40 September 19, 2008 meeting, as well. She referred to staff's *Proposed Changes to*  
41 *2009 Angling Regulations* on page 19 in Exhibit E, and asked for discussion.  
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43 Rhine Messmer noted that all Category B proposals would be discussed at the  
44 September 19 meeting, and asked the Commission to focus on Categories A and C.  
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46 Skip Klarquist referred to Proposal (P) 131P on page 28 and asked Rhine to define  
47 "Request for Reclassification".

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2 Chair Marla Rae responded it was a public request for reclassification.

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4 Rhine Messmer noted that proposals are in Category C would go to Category B, and  
5 not directly to Category A.

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7 Commissioner Zane Smith asked if that notation meant that 131P would automatically  
8 go to Category B.

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10 Rhine Messmer stated he added the notation to indicate there had been a public  
11 request he received in writing. The Commission will take action today to determine  
12 whether those proposals should be reclassified.

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14 After a very lengthy discussion of each regulation on pages 19 through 132 (pages 109,  
15 113, 119 and 119 were blank), Chair Marla Rae concluded the Commission's inventory  
16 and summarized which proposals were removed from the list and which proposals  
17 would move forward for further discussion at the Commission's September 19 meeting.

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19 Going forward to the Commission's September 19 meeting are regulations found on  
20 pages 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53 (The  
21 Chair noted for the record 192P, open Applegate River to angling from a floatation  
22 device, goes forward to September 19, even though the recommendation is it be  
23 deferred), 54, 55, 56, 57, 68 (only 236P) 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84,  
24 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 94 (only 279P), 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 110, 111, 114, 115,  
25 116 (only 335P), 117 (only 343P), 121, 122, 123 and 127.

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27 Not moving forward to the September 19 Commission meeting are regulations found on  
28 pages 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63,  
29 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 (only 234P, 235P, and 237P), 69, 70, 71, 72, 91, 92 (only 268P), 95,  
30 96, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 112, 116 (only 336P, 337P and 338P), 124, 125, 126,  
31 128, 129, 130, 131 and 132.

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33 The seven proposals that the Commission agreed to move forward to their September  
34 19 meeting include:

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36 1. Page 68, 236P – Reduce angling restrictions in Section 3 of the Rogue River by  
37 allowing angling until 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Bobbie Levy asked to revisit  
38 extending fishing hours beyond 7:00 p.m.

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40 Chair Marla Rae noted this had been a contentious issue, both biological and social.  
41 She supported moving 236P forward to September 19, and asked Oregon State  
42 Police Lt. Dave Cleary and Sgt. Jeff Samuels to come back to discuss enforcement  
43 issues.

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45 2. Page 92, 269P Part 1 – extend angling boundary in new McKenzie River Section 2  
46 from Hayden Bridge upstream to Hendricks Bridge; and 269P Part 2 – extend

1 angling boundary in new McKenzie River Section 3 from Hendricks Bridge upstream  
2 to Leaburg Dam.

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4 3. Page 93, 270P – McKenzie River Section 2 trout restrictions, will move forward at  
5 the request of Commissioner Zane Smith. 271P – moving angling deadline  
6 downstream on Molalla River, will move forward at the request of Commissioners  
7 Bobbie Levy and Skip Klarquist.

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9 4. Page 94, 279P – close all fishing in Little North Fork Santiam River for 6-8 years.  
10 Commissioners Zane Smith and Skip Klarquist asked to move forward 279P.

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12 Chair Marla Rae asked Rhine Messmer to prepare an informational briefing on the  
13 health of the Little North Fork. She said the Commission would take this issue up  
14 again in September but in less restrictive ways instead of shutting down the whole  
15 river for the next decade.

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17 5. Page 102, 327P – increase the size of crappie available at Prineville Reservoir.  
18 Chair Marla Rae was interested in having further discussions about crappies and the  
19 concerns about the future of that species. She asked that the appropriate biologist  
20 report on crappies in Prineville and address the concerns about whether crappies  
21 are a fishery that the Commission needed to be more conservative about.

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23 6. Page 116, 335P – eliminate harvest of redband trout in Agency Lake, will move  
24 forward at the request of Commissioners Bobby Levy, Skip Klarquist and Zane  
25 Smith. The other proposals (336P, 337P and 338P) will not move forward.

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27 7. Page 117, 343P - eliminate harvest of redband trout in Williamson River Sections 1,  
28 2 and 3, would move forward at the request of Commissioner Skip Klarquist.

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30 Counsel Steve Sanders stated a motion was not needed by the Commission in order to  
31 move these items to September. He counted seven proposals to take forward to the  
32 September 19 Commission meeting, to change from Category C to Category B.

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34 Director Roy Elicker confirmed his count.

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36 Chair Marla thanked staff, especially Rhine Messmer and stated that the Commission  
37 had approved the appropriate information for the September 19 meeting. She asked for  
38 a report by Steve Williams on Exhibit G.

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40 **Exhibit G: PFMC Individual Trawl Quota Alternatives**

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42 Chair Marla Rae announced that Ms. Gway Kirchner, Marine Fisheries Section  
43 Manager, was unable to attend due to illness.

44 *Staff Presentation:*  
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1 Steve Williams, Deputy Fish Division Administrator, directed members to Attachment 2,  
2 *Pacific Council News*. He reported the key issues were in his attachment, so he would  
3 not go through it because of the late time. He discussed a timeline for the process,  
4 which began in November 2003. Implementation will possibly occur in 2011.

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6 *Public Testimony:*

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8 Craig Cochran Mr. Cochran has been in the fishing industry for about 50  
9 Newport, OR years. Discussed the allocation of harvest processors. Fuel  
10 has increased from 10% to 25% of costs on the boats and  
11 now there is talk about paying the processors 20%. These  
12 costs will put fishermen deeply into debt. Processor will get  
13 the fish whether it gets the 20% or not. It will also make  
14 negotiations with the processor more difficult.

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16 Tom Libby Mr. Libby represents the Point Adams Packing Co. and  
17 Astoria, OR Hallmark Fisheries. It makes sense for the processor to have  
18 a share, but it is right for the boats to have a larger share.  
19 Believes 80/20 is a good balance.

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21 Mark Cooper Mr. Cooper owns two trawlers out of Newport and Astoria.  
22 Toledo, OR Generally favors an individual quota system. Currently 30-  
23 40% of species comes off the top as wastage. This will help  
24 get some of those fish back rather than just write them off.  
25 He spoke against processor shares; taking a 20% hit off of  
26 income is pretty substantial. The method of allocating fish to  
27 the fishermen is a compromise of the industry. He discussed  
28 the buy-back program, which is close to 50%. A lot of good  
29 can come out of this program, but not giving 20% to the  
30 processors – which has never been done.

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32 Paul Kujala Mr. Kujala, a fisher owner of a trawl vessel, spoke in support  
33 Warrenton, OR of the program but is troubled by the processors getting  
34 20%. The harvesters are catching 100% and the processors  
35 are harvesting 100%, so there is no profitability in the  
36 harvesting side of fishing. Fuel costs have risen. If you take  
37 20% off of someone making nothing, that's a big hit. He  
38 requested more discussion on this issue.

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40 Chair Marla Rae said there would be future opportunities to  
41 talk more about this issue.

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43 Ralph Brown Mr. Brown has 50 years in the industry and served on the  
44 Brookings, OR served on the Pacific Fishers Management Council. He is  
45 pleased by the general direction, but is disturbed by the  
46 allocation of 20% to the processors. He doesn't understand  
47 why processors think they'll be put out of business without

1 this. You need a stable fishing fleet in order to have stable  
2 processing. He asked the Commission to consider that one  
3 of the fears of IQs is that big industry comes in and buys up  
4 all the fishery shares. This program has caps on ownership  
5 and prohibits grandfathering. He hopes they will keep those  
6 caps in place.  
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8 Heather Mann  
9 Siletz, OR

Ms. Mann, Deputy Director of the West Coast Seafood  
Processors Association, stated they support the preferred  
alternative identified by the Council in June. She echoed  
Paul Kujala's comments and offered to meet with  
Commission outside the public meeting process. She  
supported the benefits of the program and stated that  
processors want it to move forward.  
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16 Andrew Bornstein  
17 Astoria, OR

Mr. Bornstein of Bornstein Seafoods said the preferred  
alternative is not ideal, but it is a balanced approach. His  
family has been in ground fish processing for 75 years. It is a  
way for them to stay in the business and attract more talent  
with fish. It's not about taking 20% from the harvesters.  
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22 Steve Williams stated that the final preferred alternatives decision would go before the  
23 Commission in November. Public meetings will be held in October. In September, there  
24 will be a preliminary or draft environmental impact statement. He can come back with  
25 information from the October meetings. In November he will be in a position to take  
26 feedback.  
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28 After further discussion, Chair Marla Rae stated that the Commission would welcome  
29 more time to go through the proposed plan with Steve Williams. She asked him to give  
30 an update during the Director's Report at the Commission's October meeting.  
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32 Steve Williams agreed to schedule time with interested Commission members about the  
33 details of the plan.  
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35 Chair Marla Rae adjourned the Commission meeting at 6:20 p.m.  
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