



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
March 20, 2009 - 8:00 am
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Commission Room
3406 Cherry Avenue
Salem, OR 97303

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports

Staff: Craig Ely, Chip Dale, Chris Wheaton, Russ Stauff, Tony Nigro, Walt Markee, Roger Fuhrman

Fish, Wildlife and Habitats Adaptation Strategy for Climate Change

*Staff: Holly Michael, Conservation Strategy Leader for ODFW
Sara O'Brien, Defenders of Wildlife*

Sea Lion Management Briefing

Staff: Robin Brown, Marine Mammal Program Leader

Annual Reports for the North Umpqua Fish Passage

Staff: Russ Stauff, Acting Southwest Region Manager

Expenditure Report

Staff: Tom Ruddiman, Deputy Director for Administration

Adopt Temporary Rules

Staff: Roy Elicker, Director

Introduction of Mary Wagner, Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service

Staff: Roy Elicker, Director

Recognition of Fish Passage Task Force Members

*Staff: Chair Marla Rae
Roy Elicker, Director*

PUBLIC FORUM

Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda. Please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the Director at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the public forum. If you bring written summaries or other materials to the meeting please provide the Commission Assistant with 20 copies prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES

Approve February 20, 2009 Commission minutes.

Action: Approval

Exhibit B: FISH PASSAGE WAIVER REQUEST

The Commission will be asked to approve a waiver requested by the Oregon Department of Transportation for fish passage at Tuttle Creek on U.S. Highway 101 at Mile Post 359.10.

Staff: Greg Apke, Fish Passage Program Coordinator

Todd Confer, Supervising Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Gold Beach

Public Testimony

Action: Approval

Exhibit C: 2009 PRELIMINARY OPTIONS FOR OCEAN SALMON SEASON

The Commission will be briefed by staff who will seek input from the Commission on the range of options for sport and commercial salmon seasons in the Pacific Ocean, the Columbia River, tributaries, and coastal estuaries.

Staff: Ron Boyce, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager

Public Testimony

Action: Informational

Exhibit D: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVALS

The Commission will be asked to review and approve funding for eight projects recommended by the R&E Board.

Staff: Laura Tesler, Restoration and Enhancement Program Coordinator

Public Testimony

Action: Approval

Exhibit E: ACCESS AND HABITATS

The Commission will be asked to review and approve the Access and Habitat Board's January 2009 recommendations for project funding.

Staff: Matthew Keenan, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator

Public Testimony

Action: Approval

OTHER BUSINESS

Upland Artwork Selection

Staff: Brandon Reishus, Upland Game Bird and Water Fowl Assistant

Action: Informational

FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS

April 17, 2009 – Corvallis

- Wildlife Area Plan Adoption; Fern Ridge, Lower Deschutes, Riverside, and Bridge Creek Areas
- Annual Regulation Adoption for Sardine Fishery; consider changes to state permitting requirements and fishery practices
- 2009 Regulations for Groundfish, Halibut, and Ocean Salmon Fisheries; 2008 Nearshore Fishery Logbook Report

May 15, 2009 – ODFW HQ, Salem

- Diamond Lake Management Plan
- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approvals
- 2009 Regulations for Ocean Salmon Season

June 5, 2009 – ODFW HQ, Salem

- 2010 Big Game Regulations
- Big Game Raffle/Auction Tags
- Access and Habitat Projects
- Oregon Coastal Chinook Sport Regulation Setting for Terminal Fisheries
- Wildlife Area Planning Update; Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Plan

July 17, 2009 – Baker City

- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approvals
- 2010 Commission Schedule

August 7, 2009 – ODFW HQ, Salem

- 2009-2010 Oregon Game Bird Regulations

September 4, 2009 – Grants Pass

- Access and Habitat Projects

October 2, 2009 – ODFW HQ, Salem

- Wildlife Area Plan Adoption; Sauvie Island Wildlife Area
- 2010 Big Game Regulations
- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approvals

November 13, 2009 – Portland Airport

December 11, 2009 – ODFW HQ, Salem

- Access and Habitat Projects

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM, and proceed chronologically through the agenda. If you wish to receive written materials prepared for any of the agenda items, please contact the Director's Office in Salem at 503.947.6044 to request a packet for those items, which interest you or see the agency's website at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>.

A recess will be taken at 12:00 Noon, when the Commission will have lunch and may discuss matters of general interest. The public is welcome to attend, and an announcement will be made of the location of the lunch.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

If you wish to give testimony on any item scheduled on this agenda, please sign up on the sheets provided the day of the meeting. You will be called to testify by the Commission Chair. The Commission places great value on information received from the public, and wants to avoid arbitrary limits on the time or attention allocated to each witness. Therefore, persons desiring to testify or otherwise present information to the Commission are encouraged to:

- (1) Provide written summaries of information to the Commission twenty (20 sets);
- (2) Limit testimony to five (5) minutes, recognizing that substance, not length, determines the value of testimony or written information;
- (3) Endorse rather than repeat testimony of other witnesses; and
- (4) Groups or organizations wishing to testify should designate one spokesperson whenever possible.

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Thank you for taking the time to present your views.

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