



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Thursday, September 2, 2010 - 8:00 am  
Washington County Fair Complex  
*Cloverleaf Building*  
873 N.E. 34th  
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

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## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Field Reports

*Craig Ely, Bob Hooten, Russ Stauff, Chris Wheaton, Roger Fuhrman, Tony Nigro,  
Captain Jeff Samuels*

### Adopt Temporary Rules

*Curt Melcher, Deputy Director*

#### **1. 635-039-0085**

#### **Ocean Sport Pacific Halibut All-Depth Closure from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain, Oregon**

Adopted August 12, 2010; effective August 13, 2010 through October 31, 2010.

This amended rule closes the all-depth sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain, Oregon at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 13, 2010 when the all-depth quota of 141,265 pounds is projected to have been taken. This rule is consistent with regulations that have been implemented by the federal government and the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2010 Oregon recreational fishery for Pacific halibut.

#### **2. 635-023-0134**

#### **Open Fall Chinook Sport Fishery On the Snake River Below Hells Canyon Dam**

Adopted August 16, 2010; effective September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

This amended rule implements a fall Chinook fishery on the Snake River from the Oregon-Washington border upstream to the deadline below Hells Canyon Dam beginning on September 1, 2010 to coincide with the State of Idaho's regulations for this fishery.

#### **3. 635-042-0031**

#### **Fall Commercial Drift Gill Net Seasons Set for August In Columbia River Mainstem**

Adopted August 17, 2010; effective August 19, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

This amended rule implements fall commercial salmon drift gill net seasons in the Columbia River mainstem in zones 4 and 5. Three commercial drift gill net fishing periods were adopted. The fishing periods are: 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19 to 6:00 a.m. Friday, August 20, 2010 (10 hours); 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 22 to 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 23, 2010 (9 hours); and 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24 to 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 25, 2010 (9 hours).

**4. 635-041-0075**

**Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gill Net Fishery In Columbia River Above Bonneville Dam Implemented**

Adopted August 17, 2010; effective August 24, 2010 through October 31, 2010.

Amended rule allows the commercial sales of fish caught during the Treaty Indian fall commercial gill net fishery in the Columbia River above Bonneville Dam (Zone 6). The fall commercial gill net Chinook and steelhead fishery begins at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 24, 2010 and runs through 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 10, 2010. Rule modifications are consistent with action taken August 17, 2010 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

**5. 635-017-0090**

**Coho Seasons Extended In the Santiam Basin**

Adopted August 23, 2010; effective September 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

Amended rule allows for expanded coho seasons in the mainstem Santiam River (months of September and October added); North Fork Santiam River (Stayton to Scio Bridge season expanded into September and October); and South Fork Santiam River (season expanded to include months of September and October) in the reach from mouth up to the Grant Street Bridge in Lebanon. These modifications will allow sport anglers opportunities to harvest returns of naturally produced coho salmon found upstream of Willamette Falls in the Santiam Basin. Willamette Falls historically restricted access to fall returning salmon prior to development of a fish ladder that provided access year round to all fish species.

**6. 635-004-0019**

**Inseason Actions Implemented by the Federal Government for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries**

Adopted August 25, 2010; effective August 25, 2010 through November 30, 2010.

This amended rule adopts in-season actions implemented by the federal government for Pacific ocean commercial groundfish fisheries, including changes to cumulative trip limits for fixed gear fisheries and changes to lingcod retention allowances for vessels fishing in the salmon troll fishery.

Shikar Safari International Award

*Curt Melcher, Deputy Director*

*Captain Jeff Samuels, Oregon State Police, Fish and Wildlife Division*

**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 June 4, 2010 Commission meeting minutes. The July 16 and August 6, 2010 minutes have been deferred to the September 30-October 1 meeting in Bend, Oregon.*

**Exhibit B: SALMON AND TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT**

*The Commission will be given an informational briefing on the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) activities for 2009.*

*Tod Jones, STAC Chair*

*Kevin Herkamp, STEP Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Informational*

**Exhibit C: CLACKAMAS RIVER BULL TROUT**

*The Commission will be asked to review and amend the Clackamas Subbasin Fish Management rules to be consistent with current knowledge of the status of Bull Trout in this basin, and approve authorization to reintroduce this species to the upper Clackamas River.*

*Todd Alsbury, District Fisheries Manager, North Willamette Watershed*

*Chris Allen, Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office*

*Public Testimony*

*Rulemaking*

**Exhibit D: BASS TOURNAMENT RULES**

*The Commission will be asked to approve development of the "grandfather" rights for Bass Tournament sponsors with long standing tournament participation.*

*Rhine Messmer, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager*

*Terry Shrader, Eastern Oregon Warm Water Fish Biologist*

*Public Testimony*

*Rulemaking*

**Exhibit E: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVALS**

*The Commission will be asked to review and approve the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board's August 13, 2010 recommendations for project funding.*

*Laura Tesler, R&E Program Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit F: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECTS**

*The Commission will be asked to review and approve the Access and Habitat (A&H) Board's July 2010 recommendations for project funding.*

*Matt Keenan, A&H Program Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit G: AGENCY REPRESENTATION BY AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FOR CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS**

*The Commission will be asked to review and adopt a new rule that allows an authorized officer or employee of the Department to represent the Department in contested case hearings.*

*Deanna Erickson, License Services Manager*

*Public Testimony*

*Rulemaking*

**Exhibit H: SAUVIE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA PLAN**

*The Commission will be asked to review and adopt the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan.*

*Nancy Breuner, Wildlife Area Operations Coordinator*

*Mark Nebeker, Wildlife Area Manager*

*Public Testimony*

*Rulemaking*

**Exhibit I: OREGON WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

*The Commission will be briefed on the upcoming proposed revisions relating to the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.*

*Craig Ely, Northeast Region Manager*

*Russ Morgan, Wolf Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Informational*

**Exhibit J: PROPOSED FURBEARER TRAPPING AND HUNTING REGULATION CHANGES**

*The Commission will be asked to review and approve minor housekeeping modifications and adopt proposed rule changes to the 2010-2012 Furbearer Trapping and Hunting regulations regarding furtakers that miss April 15 deadline for reporting harvest during previous season.*

*Tim Hiller, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Rulemaking*

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## **FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS**

### **September 30 - October 1, 2010 – Bend (Congressional Dist. 2)**

- Top Hunter Education Awards
- 2011 Big Game Regulations
- Hunter Orange
- Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon Update
- Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan
- Surplus Eggs and Fish in ODFW Hatchery Programs

### **November – No meeting scheduled**

### **December 3, 2010 – Portland Area (Congressional Dist. 3)**

- 2011 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations; 2009 Nearshore Logbook Report
- Bycatch Reduction Devices for Pink Shrimp Fishery
- Access and Habitat Projects
- Wildlife Taxonomy and Wildlife Integrity Rules
- Dog Training Rules
- Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon Rulemaking
- Wildlife Area Parking Permit

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.

## **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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