



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Special Meeting by Conference Call:
March 17, 2011 - 9:00 am
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
3406 Cherry Avenue
Salem, Oregon 97303

Thursday, March 17, 2011

This special meeting by conference call is scheduled due to cancellation of March 11, 2011 meeting in Florence, Oregon

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adopt Temporary Rules

Roy Elicker, Director

1. 635-018-0090

2011 Spring Chinook Season On the Deschutes River

Adopted February 3, 2011; effective April 15, 2011 through July 31, 2011.

Amended rule allows the sport harvest of spring Chinook salmon in the Lower Deschutes River from April 15 through July 31, 2011. The open area would extend from Sherars Falls downstream to the mouth of the river. During the open period, the proposed bag limit would be one adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day, and five adipose fin-clipped jack salmon per day. All unmarked Chinook salmon must be released unharmed and it will be unlawful to angle from Sherars Falls downstream to the upper railroad trestle after taking a daily bag limit of one adult Chinook salmon.

2. 635-041-0065

Treaty Indian Winter Fisheries In Bonneville Pool Continue Seven Days a Week

Adopted February 8, 2011; effective February 10, 2011 through April 1, 2011.

Amended rule expands the ongoing Treaty winter gillnet fishery in the Bonneville Pool from four to seven days per week. The fishery is set to run through March 21, 2011. Allowable sales include: Chinook salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp. White sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches in fork length, caught in the Bonneville Pool, may also be sold.

3. 635-023-0095

Columbia River Mainstem Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries Modified

Adopted February 8, 2011; effective February 11, 2011 through July 31, 2011.

Amended rule modifies recreational sturgeon seasons and regulations in the Columbia River mainstem from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to The Dalles Dam effective February 11, 2011. Further rule modifications close a known sturgeon concentration area (below Bonneville Dam) to angling for all species in-order-to protect the resource and to provide regulations concurrent with the State of Washington.

4. 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, and 635-042-0180

2011 Commercial Winter-Summer Fisheries for Columbia River Select Areas

Adopted February 8, 2011; effective February 13, 2011 through July 29, 2011.

Amended rules to set seasons, area boundaries and catch restrictions for Chinook salmon and sturgeon winter, spring and summer commercial fisheries in the Columbia River Select Areas. Modifications are consistent with the action taken February 8, 2011 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

5. 635-023-0125

2011 Recreational Spring Chinook Seasons In the Columbia River

Adopted February 8, 2011; effective February 14, 2011 through June 15, 2011.

Amended rule to set the 2011 Columbia River spring Chinook season regulations with a description of areas, dates, and bag limits for recreational harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. Revisions are consistent with action taken February 8, 2011 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

6. 635-017-0095

Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries In the Willamette River Downstream of Willamette Falls Re-Open

Adopted February 8, 2011; effective February 17, 2011 through June 29, 2011.

Amended rule re-opens the recreational white sturgeon fishery in the lower Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River. Revisions are consistent with action taken February 8, 2011 by the State of Oregon.

7. 635-018-0090

Hood River Spring Chinook Sport Fishery

Adopted February 16, 2011; effective April 15, 2011 through July 31, 2011.

Amended rule allows the sport harvest of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook salmon in the Hood River from April 15 through July 31, 2011. The catch limit is two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon per day, and five adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook salmon per day. All salmon and steelhead that have not been adipose fin-clipped must be released unharmed.

8. 635-004-0017

Directed Commercial Sardine Fishery First Allocation Period Closes March 5, 2011

Adopted March 2, 2011; effective March 4, 2011 through June 30, 2011.

Amended rule closes the first allocation period of the directed commercial sardine fishery effective 12:01 a.m. March 5 through June 30, 2011. This modification conforms to federal rule changes announced March 1, 2011 to be published in the Federal Register on March 4, 2011.

9. 635-004-0019

Federal In-season Actions: Adjustments to Fishery Management Measures for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

Adopted March 3, 2011; effective March 3, 2011 through August 29, 2011.

Amended rule adopts in-season management measures adopted by the federal government for Pacific ocean commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to: (a) changes in cumulative trip limits and RCA boundaries for commercial fixed gear fisheries; and (b) the annual tier limits for the limited entry fixed gear sablefish primary fishery north of 36 degrees N. Latitude.

10. 635-005-0055

Emergency Commercial Crab Pot Retrieval Regulations for Natural Disasters

Adopted March 14, 2011; effective March 15, 2011 through April 15, 2011.

Amended rule allows the retrieval of derelict commercial crab pot gear that was lost or unable to be retrieved, due to the recent natural disaster (tsunami) on the Oregon coast, by fishermen other than the owners as required by permanent rule, for up to one month from the effective date of the rule.

11. 635-017-0095

Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries Close In the Willamette River Downstream of Willamette Falls

Adopted March 15, 2011; effective March 17, 2011 through June 29, 2011.

Amended rule closes the recreational white sturgeon fishery in the lower Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River, effective March 17, 2011. Revisions are consistent with action taken March 15, 2011 by the State of Oregon.

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, or please sign up on the sheets provided the day of the special meeting at one of the Listening Post Locations. If you bring written summaries or other materials to the meeting please provide the Contact Person with 10 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 *deferred to April 2011 meeting.*

Exhibit B: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECTS

The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat (A&H) Board's January 2011 recommendations for project funding.

Matt Keenan, A&H Program Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit C: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN FIVE-YEAR REVIEW PERIOD *deferred to April 2011 meeting.*

Exhibit D: AUTHORITY TO TAKE OR HARASS WILDLIFE *deferred to April 2011 meeting.*

Exhibit E: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

The Commission will be asked to approve the Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board's February 2011 recommendations for project funding.

Josie Thompson, R&E Program Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit F: 2011 REGULATIONS FOR SARDINE AND PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES

The Commission will be asked to approve the 2011 regulations for commercial and recreational Pacific sardine and halibut fisheries.

Gway Kirchner, Marine Fisheries Section Manager

Public Testimony

Rulemaking

Exhibit G: 2011 REGULATIONS FOR COLUMBIA AND LOWER WILLAMETTE RIVER FISHERIES

The Commission will be asked to approve the rules to: 1) establish recreational white sturgeon fishery regulations for the mainstem Columbia and/or Willamette Rivers; 2) adopt commercial regulations for the Columbia River and Select Areas; and 3) amend regulations for Treaty fisheries.

*John North, Columbia River Fishery Manager, Ocean Salmon/Columbia River Program
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

Exhibit H: 2011 PRELIMINARY OPTIONS FOR OCEAN SALMON SEASONS *deferred to April 2011 meeting.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION *deferred to April 2011 meeting.*

ADJOURN

FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS

April 22, 2011 - ODFW Headquarters, Salem

- 2011 Ocean Salmon Regulations for Nearshore Waters
- Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon Conservation Plan - Review
- Wildlife Management Plan Five-Year Review Period
- Authority to Take or Harass Wildlife
- Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon

May - No meeting scheduled

June 3, 2011 - ODFW Headquarters, Salem

- 2012 Big Game Regulations
- Raffle/Auction Tags – Access and Habitat/Big Game
- Rehabilitation Rules
- Hunting Dog and Falconry Training Rules
- Access and Habitat Projects
- Public Process for Angling Regulations Development - Overview
- Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon Conservation Plan – Approval
- Commercial Fishery Permit Board Appointments
- Restoration and Enhancement Projects

July – No meeting scheduled

August 5, 2011 – ODFW Headquarters, Salem

- 2011-2012 Oregon Game Bird Regulations
- 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations
- Revised Public Process for Angling Regulations Development - Approval

September 1, 2011 (Thursday) – Seaside (Congressional District 1)

- Access and Habitat Projects

October 7, 2011 – Pendleton (Congressional District 2)

- 2012 Big Game Regulations

November – No meeting scheduled

December 2, 2011 – Portland Area (Congressional Dist. 3)

- Access and Habitat Projects
- Bear Management Plan

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission's special meeting by conference call will begin at 9:00 A.M. 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/>.

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Building 16 Conference Room
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Clackamas, Oregon 97015
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High Desert Region Office
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Bend, Oregon 97702
Contact: Chip Dale, (541) 388-6363

Northeast Region Office
107- 20th Street
La Grande, Oregon 97850
Contact: Bruce Eddy, (541) 963-2138

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4192 N Umpqua Hwy
Roseburg, Oregon 97470
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PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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- (1) Provide written summaries of information to the Commission ten (10) 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.

Materials delivered to the Director's Office sufficiently in advance of the meeting can be copied and distributed to the Commission. If you have questions regarding this Agenda, please contact the Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3406 Cherry Avenue NE, Salem, OR 97303, 503.947.6044.

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