



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Friday, February 3, 2012 - 8:00 am
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
River View Room
204 West Marine Drive
Astoria, Oregon 97103

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports - *Will be distributed in written form.*

Reinstatement of Preference Points
Eric Rickerson, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

Expenditure Report
Roy Elicker, Director

Adopt Temporary Rules
Roy Elicker, Director

1. **635-004-0027**

Set the 2012 Harvest Quota for the Commercial Roe Herring Fishery in Yaquina Bay

Adopted January 9, 2012: effective January 9, 2012 through April 15, 2012.

Amended rule sets the 2012 harvest quota for the Yaquina Bay commercial roe herring fishery for the period January 1 through April 15, 2012 at 23 tons. The yearly harvest quota for the Yaquina Bay commercial roe herring fishery shall not exceed 20% of the available spawning biomass as established in the *Yaquina River Basin Fish Management Operating Principles and Objectives* described in OAR 635-500-0665(2). Only fishers with a limited entry permit issued pursuant to ORS 508.765 may participate in this fishery.

2. **635-042-0135**

Columbia River Commercial Sturgeon Seasons below Bonneville Dam Set for January and February 2012

Adopted January 26, 2012: effective January 30, 2012 through February 29, 2012.

This amended rule implements winter commercial white sturgeon seasons in the Columbia River below Bonneville using gill nets. The fishing periods authorized are:

6:00 p.m., Monday, January 30 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2012 (24 hours);

6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 1 through 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 2, 2012 (24 hours); and

6:00 p.m., Monday, February 6 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012 (24 hours).

3. **635-041-0045 and 635-041-0065**

Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Fisheries in the Columbia River

Adopted January 26, 2012: effective February 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012.

These amended rules clarify allowable sales of fish caught in Treaty winter commercial

fisheries in the Columbia River above Bonneville Dam and for Treaty fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam allowed under state agreements. Allowable sales include: salmon; steelhead; shad; carp; catfish; walleye; bass and yellow perch. Only white sturgeon caught above Bonneville Dam may be retained. White sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches in fork length caught in the Bonneville Pool and white sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches in fork length caught in The Dalles and John Day pools may also be sold.

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.

Rod Moore
West Coast Seafood

Sardine Landing Limits

Mike Okonieswski
Pacific Seafoods

Sardine Landing Limits

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The January 6, 2012 draft Commission minutes have been deferred to March 2012.

Exhibit B: SCHEDULE OF DAMAGES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS IN 2012

The Commission will be asked to approve the schedule of damages used in assessing commercial fishing violations in 2012.

Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit C: 2012 COLUMBIA RIVER RECREATIONAL STURGEON FISHERIES

The Commission will be asked to approve the administrative rules to establish recreational white sturgeon fishery regulations for the Mainstem Columbia River.

John North, Columbia River Fishery Manager; Ocean Salmon/Columbia River Program

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit D: HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP

The Commission will be asked to approve the administrative rule for the Habitat Conservation Stamp.

Eric Rickerson, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

Public Testimony

Approval

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FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS

March 9, 2012 – Corvallis (Congressional District 4)

- Wildlife Control Operators
- Bald Eagles State Delisting
- Access and Habitat Project Approval
- 2012 Angling Regulations Corrections: Sandy and Hood Rivers
- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approval
- Commercial Fishery Regulations – Informational Briefing
- Pacific Fishery Management Council 2012 Preliminary Options for Ocean Salmon Seasons
- Upland Artwork Selection

April 20, 2012 – Salem

- 2012 Regulations for Sardine and Pacific Halibut Fisheries
- 2012 Ocean Salmon Seasons in State Waters
- Commercial Dungeness Crab Regulations
- Bear Management Plan - Informational Briefing
- Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Management Plan
- Amendments to Division 008 (Wildlife Area Parking Permit) and Division 010 (Habitat Conservation Stamp)

May 2012 – No meeting scheduled

June 7-8, 2012 – Salem

- 2012 Big Game Regulations
- Bear Management Plan
- 2012-2014 Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations
- 2013 Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations
- Access and Habitat Project Approval
- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approval
- Commercial Fishery Regulations

July 13, 2012 – No meeting scheduled; but please reserve this date

August 3, 2012 – Salem

- 2012-2013 Oregon Game Bird Regulations
- Access and Habitat Project Approval

September 7, 2012 – Hermiston (Congressional District 2)

- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approval

October 5, 2012 – Salem

- 2013 Big Game Regulations

November 2012 – No meeting scheduled

December 7, 2012 – Portland (Congressional District 3)

- Access and Habitat Project Approval
- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approval

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM on February 3, 2012. 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/>.

On February 3, a recess will be taken at 12:00 Noon, when the Commission will have 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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