



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Thursday, June 7, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Commission Room  
3406 Cherry Avenue  
Salem, Oregon 97303

Meeting:  
Friday, June 8, 2012 - 8:00 am  
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**The Commission reserves the right to continue an agenda item  
to Friday, June 8, 2012**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### Field Reports

*Bruce Eddy, Chip Dale, Larry Cooper, Chris Wheaton, Roger Fuhrman, Tony Nigro,  
Captain Jeff Samuels*

### Expenditure Report

*Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director for Administration*

### Adopt Temporary Rules

*Roy Elicker, Director*

#### **1. 635-042-0170**

##### **2012 Commercial Spring Fisheries for Tongue Point and South Channel Select Areas**

Adopted January 26, 2012: effective April 26, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Amended rules set seasons, area boundaries and catch restrictions for Chinook salmon and white sturgeon spring commercial fisheries for the Tongue Point/South Channel select areas of the Columbia River. Modifications are consistent with the action taken January 26, 2012 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

#### **2. 635-004-0019**

##### **Federal In-season Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries**

Adopted April 19, 2012: effective May 1, 2012 through October 27, 2012.

This amended rule implements in-season actions adopted by the federal government for 2012 Pacific ocean commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to: (a) Changes in the trawl rockfish conservation area (RCA); and (b) Changes to limited entry and open access sablefish DTL fishery trip limits.

#### **3. 635-004-0019**

##### **Federal In-season Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Sablefish Fisheries**

Adopted April 25, 2012: effective May 1, 2012 through October 27, 2012.

This amended rule implements in-season actions adopted by the federal government for 2012 Pacific Ocean commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to changes to limited entry and open access sablefish DTL fishery trip limits.

**4. 635-023-0125**

**Recreational Spring Chinook Season in the Columbia River Above Bonneville Dam Extended**

Adopted April 30, 2012: effective May 2, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

These rule modifications extend, by four fishing days, the 2012 Columbia River recreational spring Chinook season for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. Revisions are consistent with action taken April 30, 2012 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

**5. 635-023-0095**

**Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries Upstream of Bonneville Dam Modified**

Adopted April 30, 2012: effective May 20, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

This amended rule re-opens the Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River to the recreational harvest of white sturgeon for four days, June 15-16 and June 22-23, 2012. Modifications also close the John Day Pool to retention of white sturgeon effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 21, 2012. Modifications are consistent with action taken April 30, 2012 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

**6. 635-041-0045 and 635-041-0065**

**Zone 6 Treaty Indian Spring Commercial Fisheries Commence**

Adopted May 14, 2012: effective May 15, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Rule amendments commence the Treaty Indian spring commercial fisheries in the Columbia River from 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 15 until further notice. Modifications are in response to a Treaty Tribes request for authorized sales of fish caught in Tribal commercial spring fisheries both above and below Bonneville Dam. Modifications are consistent with action taken May 14, 2012 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

**7. 635-019-0090**

**Spring Chinook Fisheries in the Northeast Sport Fishing Zone**

Adopted May 14, 2012; effective May 23, 2012 through September 1, 2012.

This amended rule allows recreational anglers opportunities to harvest adipose fin-clipped adult and jack Chinook salmon, which are in excess of the Department's hatchery production needs in: 1) Catherine and Lookingglass creeks from May 26, 2012 until further notice; and 2) Imnaha and Wallowa rivers from Saturday, June 9, 2012 until further notice; and to harvest adult and jack Chinook in the John Day River, from a population of over 6,000 wild Chinook, from May 23 through June 3, 2012.

**8. 635-023-0125**

**Columbia River Recreational Sockeye Salmon Season Opens**

Adopted May 15, 2012: effective May 16, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

This amended rule allows retention of sockeye salmon during the period from May 16 – July 31, 2012 in the Columbia River. Revisions are consistent with action taken during the 2012 Pacific Fisheries Management Council (PFMC) and North of Falcon season setting process and announced May 15, 2012 by the State of Oregon.

**9. 635-023-0125**

**Two-day Recreational Spring Chinook Season in the Columbia River above Bonneville**

Adopted May 17, 2012: effective May 19, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

These rule modifications authorize a two-day Columbia River recreational spring Chinook season, on Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20, 2012 for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. Two adipose fin-clipped adult Chinook or adipose fin-clipped adult Steelhead or one of each may be retained per day. Revisions are consistent with action taken May 17, 2012 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

**10. 635-019-0090**

**Emergency Closure of the Umatilla River Spring Chinook Salmon Fishery**

Adopted May 21, 2012: effective May 24, 2012 through September 1, 2012.

Amended rule closes the Umatilla River spring Chinook salmon fishery, set in permanent rule to run through 11:59 p.m. June 12, 2012 in the area from the Highway 730 Bridge upstream to Three Mile Dam, and run through 11:59 p.m. June 30, 2012 in the area from Three Mile Dam upstream to reservation boundary located upstream from Highway 11 bridge at Pendleton. The 2012 Umatilla River spring Chinook return has not met pre-season estimates and catch rates have been higher than expected. Low River flows, high water temperatures and increased irrigation demands on river flows are also playing a role in this management decision. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) co-manage this fishery and operational plans for the species.

**11. 635-023-0125**

**Two-day Recreational Spring Chinook Season in the Columbia River below Beacon Rock Authorized**

Adopted May 22, 2012: effective May 26, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

These rule modifications authorize a two-day Columbia River recreational spring Chinook season, on Saturday May 26 and Sunday May 27, 2012 for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, sockeye salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. The daily bag limit includes up to two adult salmon or steelhead in combination, but only one may be a Chinook. Revisions are consistent with action taken May 22, 2012 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

**12. 635-042-0105**

**Experimental Gear Authorized for Use in Columbia River Shad Fisheries**

Adopted May 23, 2012: effective May 24, 2012 through November 19, 2012.

This amended rule authorizes use of experimental fishing gears in Columbia River shad fisheries when the fisher has been issued an experimental gears permit by the Department. All salmon, steelhead, walleye, and sturgeon taken in shad nets must be immediately returned unharmed to the water. Revisions are consistent with action taken on May 23, 2012 by the State of Oregon.

**13. 635-014-0090**

**Trask River and Three Rivers Angling Regulations Modified Effective June 1, 2012**

Adopted May 24, 2012: effective June 1, 2012 through October 31, 2012.

These rule modifications delay the spring Chinook fishery closure at the Trask River Hatchery Hole from June 1 until July 1, 2012 in order to allow anglers greater opportunity to harvest hatchery spring Chinook by extending the season 200 feet upstream and 900 feet downstream of the hatchery. Further modifications reduce the ability of anglers to employ illegitimate snagging methods in a segment of the Trask River and Three Rivers by imposing more restrictive gear regulations during the later portion of the spring Chinook angling season.

**14. 635-004-0033**

**Increased Cumulative Trip Limits for Black and Blue Rockfish Combined in Periods 3 and 4**

Adopted May 31, 2012: effective June 1, 2012 through November 27, 2012.

This amended rule increases the cumulative trip limits for black rockfish and blue rockfish combined by 400 pounds, from 1,400 to 1,800 pounds, in each of periods 3 and 4.

**15. 635-018-0090**

**2012 Recreational Spring Chinook Season on the Lower Deschutes River Closes**

Adopted June 1, 2012: effective June 4, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Amended rule closes the sport harvest of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook salmon in the Lower Deschutes River at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, June 7, 2012. The Deschutes River fishery open area extends from Sherars Falls downstream to the mouth of the river. All available data indicates the spring Chinook salmon run is not performing as expected. This closure will protect wild fish escapement and ensure that broodstock goals will be met at the basin's hatcheries even if the run continues its poor performance.

**Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the May 10, 2012 draft Commission minutes. The March 9 and April 20, 2012 draft minutes are deferred to the August meeting.*

**Exhibit B: OREGON BLACK BEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*The Commission will be asked to approve updates to the Oregon Black Bear Management Plan.*

*Tim Hiller, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator  
Public Testimony  
Approval*

**Exhibit C: 2012 BIG GAME REGULATIONS**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the 2012 controlled hunt tag numbers and concepts for the 2013 Big Game Regulations.*

*Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager  
Don Whittaker, Ungulate Coordinator  
Tim Hiller, Carnivore Coordinator  
Public Testimony  
Approval*

**Exhibit D: 2013 AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat Board and staff's recommendations for 2013 auction and raffle tag allocations.*

*Matt Keenan, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator*

*Don Whittaker, Ungulate Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit E: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECTS**

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

*Matt Keenan, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit F: HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP**

*The Commission will be asked to approve amendments to Division 095 – Habitat Conservation Stamp; Division 008 – Wildlife Area Parking Permit; and Division 010 – Wildlife Area Parking Permit and Habitat Conservation Stamp.*

*Art Martin, Interim Conservation Program Manager*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit G: 2012-2014 OREGON FURBEARER TRAPPING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the Furbearer Trapping and Hunting season regulations for 2012-2014.*

*Tim Hiller, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

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

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

### **August 3, 2012 – Salem**

- Land Exchange
- Marine Reserves
- 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation Development Update
- Johnson Creek Dam Fish Passage Waiver
- 2012-2013 Oregon Game Bird Regulations
- Sage Grouse Plan Update
- Mule Deer Initiative

### **September 7, 2012 – Hermiston (Congressional District 2)**

- Access and Habitat Projects
- Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation Development
- Access and Habitat Projects
- Clam Harvest Permits – Coquille Tribe
- Clam Harvest Permits – Siletz Tribe

### **October 5, 2012 – Salem**

- 2013 Big Game Regulations

### **November 2012 – No meeting scheduled**

### **December 7, 2012 – Portland (Congressional District 3)**

- Access and Habitat Projects
- Restoration and Enhancement Projects

## PLEASE NOTE

### **AGENDA**

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM on June 7, 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 June 7, 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.

### **PUBLIC FORUM is scheduled on Friday, June 8, 2012.**

If you wish to give testimony on any item not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda, please contact the Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 503.947.6044, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. You will be called to testify by the Commission Chair immediately following the Commissioner Items portion of the agenda. Please provide 20 sets of written summaries or other materials to the Commission Assistant prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.

### **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 bring written materials to the hearing, please provide twenty (20) copies. 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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### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES**

Reasonable accommodation, such as assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotape, will be provided as needed. In order to ensure availability, please contact the Director's Office at 503.947.6044 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to make your request. TTY users can reach ODFW by using the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service. Please dial 711 and ask to be connected to 503.947.6044.