



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Friday, September 6, 2013 - 8:00 am  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Commission Room  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.  
Salem, Oregon 97302

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### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### Field Reports

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

#### Adopt Temporary Rules

*Roy Elicker, Director*

#### 1. 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170 and 635-042-0180

##### **2013 Fall Commercial Seasons Set for Columbia River Select Area Fisheries**

Adopted July 25, 2013: effective August 26, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

The amended rules set the 2013 fall commercial gill net salmon seasons for three Columbia River Select Areas including: Blind and Knappa sloughs, Tongue Point/South Channel and Deep River.

#### 2. 635-039-0085

##### **Pacific Halibut Summer All-Depth Sport Season Closes from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain**

Adopted August 8, 2013: effective August 8, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

The amended rule closes the summer all-depth sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain, Oregon at 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2013. The pre-season quota of total all-depth quota of 168,942 pounds has been attained. This rule is consistent with regulations previously implemented by the federal government and the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2013 Oregon sport fishery for Pacific halibut.

#### 3. 635-042-0145

##### **Youngs Bay Salmon Season**

Adopted August 8, 2013: effective August 9, 2013 through October 31, 2013.

This amended rule modifies previously adopted gear regulations for the fall Youngs Bay Select area commercial fishery to allow the use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline in the lower Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge to the powerlines upstream of Barrett Slough and in the lower Walluski River from Fastabend's Dock upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge.

#### 4. 635-041-0045 and 635-041-0175

##### **2013 Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Fisheries**

Adopted August 8, 2013: effective August 12, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

These amended rules allow commercial sales of fish caught during the Treaty Indian Fall salmon platform and hook-and-line fisheries in the Columbia River and its Washington

tributaries. The fall platform and hook-and-line fisheries begin at 6:00 a.m. August 12, 2013. Implementation is consistent with action taken August 8, 2013 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

**5. 635-041-0075**

**Columbia River Treaty Indian Commercial Gill Net Salmon Seasons Set**

Adopted August 13, 2013: effective August 19, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Amended rule allows commercial sales of fish caught during the Treaty Indian commercial fall salmon gill net fishery in the Columbia River and its Washington tributaries. The first period (2.5 days) of the fall gill net fishery is scheduled to begin at 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 19, 2013. Modifications are consistent with action taken August 13, 2013 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the states of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

**6. 635-004-0275**

**Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Fixed-gear Groundfish Fisheries**

Adopted August 13, 2013: effective September 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

This amended rule implements in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2013 Pacific ocean commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to changes in limited entry and open access fixed gear groundfish and limited entry fixed-gear short spine thornyhead trip limits.

**7. 635-004-0375**

**Directed Commercial Sardine Fishery Second Allocation Period Closes August 22, 2013**

Adopted August 20, 2013: effective August 22, 2013 through September 14, 2013.

This amended rule closes the Second Allocation Period of the directed commercial sardine fishery effective 12:01a.m. Thursday, August 22 through September 14, 2013. These modifications conform state regulations to federal rule changes posted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for public inspection August 16, 2013 with intent to publish these changes in the Federal Register.

**8. 635-023-0130**

**2013 Buoy 10 Fall Recreational Seasons Modified**

Adopted August 20, 2013: effective August 23, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

This amended rule modifies the 2013 fall recreational Chinook salmon and steelhead season regulations for the Buoy 10 area of the Columbia River to allow the retention of only adipose fin-clipped or left ventral fin marked Chinook, effective Friday, August 23, 2013. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the states of Oregon and Washington on August 20, 2013.

**9. 635-023-0134**

**2013 Snake River Fall Chinook Sport Fishery Below Hells Canyon Dam Opens September 1**

Adopted August 21, 2013: effective September 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013.

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 September 1

through November 17, 2013, to coincide with State of Idaho regulations for this concurrent fishery.

**10. 635-021-0090**

**Thief Valley Reservoir Sport Game Fish Harvest Opportunity**

Adopted August 22, 2013: effective August 24, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Amend rule authorizes liberal catch limits and methods of take in Thief Valley Reservoir beginning August 24. Due to low water storage levels, the reservoir will be drained of storage water sometime in early September. Fish will then be trapped in isolated pools and stressed by warm and turbid water. This rule provides anglers an opportunity to harvest many of these trout before they are lost.

**11. 635-042-0031**

**Additional Early Fall Commercial Drift Gill Net Season Set for the Mainstem Columbia River**

Adopted August 23, 2013: effective August 25, 2013 through August 31, 2013.

Amended rule authorizes an additional 9-hour fishing period for the ongoing 2013 fall commercial salmon drift gill net season for the Columbia River mainstem in Zones 4 and 5. This additional fishing period begins at 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 25, 2013. Authorized sales include salmon and white sturgeon.

**12. 635-042-0031**

**Additional Early Fall Commercial Drift Gill Net Season Set for the Mainstem Columbia River**

Adopted August 27, 2013: effective August 28, 2013 through August 31, 2013.

Amended rule authorizes an additional 5-hour fishing period for the ongoing 2013 fall commercial salmon drift gill net season for the Columbia River mainstem in Zones 4 and 5. This additional fishing period begins at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Authorized sales include salmon and white sturgeon.

**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.*

Royal Johnson  
N/A

Drawings for Big Game in Eastern Oregon

David Walp  
Springfield, Oregon

Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Action Plan

**Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the draft July 12, 2013 Commission minutes.*

**Exhibit B: PROPOSED WATER EXCHANGE AT OXBOW HATCHERY IN CASCADE LOCKS**

*The Commission will be briefed on the project and hear invited testimony only.*

*Chris Wheaton, Northwest Region Manager; and Rick Kepler, Water and Program Manager*

*Phil Ward, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department*

*City of Cascade Locks and Port of Cascade Locks*

*Alex Brown, Executive Director of BARK; Julia DeGraw, Northwest Organizer for Food and Water Watch; and Courtney Johnson, Crag Law Center*

*Dave Palais, Nestle Waters North America*

**Exhibit C: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the Restoration and Enhancement projects recommended for funding by the Restoration and Enhancement Board.*

*Josie Thompson, Restoration and Enhancement Program Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit D: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT APPROVALS**

*The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat projects recommended for funding by the Access and Habitat Board.*

*Matthew Keenan, Access and Habitat Project Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Approval*

**Exhibit E: COUGAR MANAGEMENT PLAN**

*The Commission will be briefed on implementation of the Cougar Management Plan.*

*Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager*

*Public Testimony*

*Informational*

**Exhibit F: OREGON STATE POLICE ANNUAL REVIEW**

*The Commission will be given an annual review by the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division.*

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

*Public Testimony*

*Informational*

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

### **October 3-4, 2013 – Newport**

- October 3 – Marine Resources Program Tour
- 2014 Big Game Regulations
- Commercial Crab Season Delay Criteria
- Commercial Fisheries Permit Board
- Columbia River Basin Endorsement
- Rooke-Higgins Boat Ramp Acquisition

### **November 2013 – No meeting scheduled**

### **December 6, 2013 – 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 September 6, 2013. 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 September 6, 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.**

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, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E., Salem, OR 97302, 503.947.6044.

### **PARKING**

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### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES**

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