

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda



Meeting:
Friday, December 6, 2013 - 8:00 a.m.
Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
Mt. Saint Helens Room A&B
8235 Northeast Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220-7624

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports

Kevin Blakely, Chip Dale, Bruce McIntosh, Russ Stauff, Roger Fuhrman, Tom Rien, Captain Jeff Samuels

Habitat Conservation Stamp and Upland Game Bird Artwork Contests

Andrea Hanson, Conservation Strategy Coordinator

Expenditure and Budget Report

Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director for Administration

Adopt Temporary Rules

Roy Elicker, Director

1. 635-019-0090

Morgan Lake in the NE Zone Closed to All Angling November 1

Adopted October 8, 2013: effective November 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
Amended rule closes Morgan Lake, in the NE Zone near La Grande, to all angling from November 1 through December 31, 2013. Closing the lake during this period will assist the City of La Grande, owner and operator of the lake, to resolve issues posed by the inadvertent removal of *Special Regulations* for Morgan Lake from 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

2. 635-041-0045 and 635-041-0075

Columbia River Mainstem and Tributary Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Fisheries Amended

Adopted October 7, 2013: effective October 9, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
Amended rules close the Columbia River mainstem Treaty Indian fall commercial platform hook-and-line fisheries in Zone 6 and below Bonneville Dam, with the exception of Yakama Nation tributary fisheries in the Klickitat River, effective at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2013. Modifications are consistent with action taken October 7, 2013 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the states of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

3. 635-042-0060

Late Fall Commercial Drift Gill Net Seasons for the Mainstem Columbia River

Adopted October 15, 2013: effective October 16, 2013 through October 31, 2013.
Amended rule authorizes fishing periods for the 2013 late fall commercial salmon drift gill net fishery in the Columbia River mainstem. The first fishery authorizes three 12 hour night time fishing periods in Zones 1 through 3, the first fishing period beginning at 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 16, 2013. The second fishery authorizes four night fishing periods in

Zones 4 and 5, the first authorized fishing period beginning at 7 p.m., October 17, 2013. Modifications are consistent with action taken October 15, 2013 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington.

4. 635-042-0060

Late Fall Commercial Drift Gill Net Seasons for the Mainstem Columbia River

Adopted October 22, 2013: effective October 23, 2013 through November 1, 2013. Amended rule authorizes five additional fishing periods for 2013 late fall commercial salmon drift gill net fishery in Columbia River mainstem. Two additional 12-hour fishing periods were authorized for Zones 1 through 3 fisheries. Three additional fishing periods were authorized for mainstem fishery in Zones 4 and 5. The first additional fishing period begins at 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2013. Modifications are consistent with action taken October 22, 2013 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the states of Oregon and Washington.

5. 635-016-0090

Modifications to Southwest Zone Sport Chinook Salmon Regulations for the Chetco and Winchuck Rivers

Adopted October 29, 2013: effective November 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Amended rule restricts harvest of naturally-produced fall Chinook in the Chetco and Winchuck Rivers to 1 per day, 10 per season in order to prevent overharvest of naturally-produced fall Chinook. Rule modifications allow opportunity for harvest of both naturally and hatchery-produced fall Chinook in the Chetco and Winchuck Rivers while ensuring adequate spawning escapement.

6. 635-023-0095

Recreational Sturgeon Fishery in The Dalles Pool Closes for Remainder of 2013

Adopted October 31, 2013: effective November 12, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Amended rule closes the recreational white sturgeon fishery in The Dalles Pool of the Columbia River effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2013 due to the anticipated attainment of the 2013 harvest guideline. Modifications were made consistent with Joint State Action taken October 31, 2013 by Columbia River Compact agencies of the states of Oregon and Washington.

7. 635-070-0020

Amend Rules to Change Dates of the Wendling Elk Hunt #219D

Adopted November 1, 2013: effective November 1, 2013 through February 15, 2014. OAR Chapter 070 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for western Oregon elk seasons set out in the document entitled "2013 Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. For the 2013 hunting season the dates for the "Wendling" (219D) elk hunt were intended to include weekend days (Saturdays and Sundays) from December 28-29, 2013 through February 1-2, 2014. However, the 2013 Big Game Regulations mistakenly lists January 13 and 14, which are Monday and Tuesday, rather than the correct dates of January 11 and 12 (Saturday and Sunday). This amendment is necessary to liberalize the season dates for hunt 219D to include Saturday and Sunday, January 11-12, 2014.

8. 635-071-0010

Amend Rules to Change Dates of the Maury-Hampton Butte Hunt #236A

Adopted November 5, 2013: effective November 5, 2013 through December 1, 2013.
OAR chapter 071 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for Central Oregon elk seasons set out in the document entitled "2013 Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. The following rule amendment is to correct an error in the 2013 Big Game Regulations: The 2013 Big Game Regulations mistakenly lists November 10, 2013 as the end date for the Maury-Hampton Butte" (236A) elk hunt. However, for the 2013 hunting season the dates for the "Maury-Hampton Butte" (236A) elk hunt should continue through November 15, 2013. This amendment is necessary to correct the season dates for hunt 236A to include the additional five days.

9. 635-011-0104

Non-Resident Uniformed Services Personnel May Purchase Licenses, Tags and Permits at Resident Rates

Adopted November 15, 2013: effective December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
Amended rule authorizes non-resident members of the uniformed services, as defined by ORS 497.006, to purchase licenses, tags, or permits at Oregon resident rates with the exception of controlled hunt tags. Revisions are required by House Bill 2252 (2013). Affected licenses, tags and permits go on sale December 1, 2013 and these rule modifications are scheduled for consideration as permanent amendments at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, December 6, 2013.

10. 635-005-0465

Season Opening for the Ocean Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Delayed

Adopted November 25, 2013: effective December 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
Amended rule delays the opening of the 2013 commercial ocean Dungeness crab fishing season from December 1 until December 16, 2013 in accordance with the Tri-State Memorandum-Of-Understanding and Preseason Testing Protocol.

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

The Commission will be asked to approve the draft August 2 and September 6, 2013 minutes.

Exhibit B: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECTS

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

Matthew Keenan, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit C: COUGAR MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Commission will be given an overview of the 2006 Oregon Cougar Management Plan and a summary of actions that have been implemented.

Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

Public Testimony

Informational

Exhibit D: 2014 COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH, RECREATIONAL GROUND FISH, AND FISH DEALER RECORDS, AND REPORTS REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve the 2014 regulations for groundfish fisheries and review the 2012 annual commercial Nearshore logbook report.

Brett Rodomsky, Nearshore Resources Assistant Project Leader

Public Testimony

Rulemaking

Exhibit E: NON-RESIDENT UNIFORMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ANGLING LICENSES

The Commission will be asked to approve issuing angling licenses to non-resident members of the uniformed services at the resident rates.

Michael Gauvin, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager

Public Testimony

Rulemaking

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FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS

January 10, 2014 – Salem Headquarters (Congressional District #5)

- Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- Warm Springs Dam Hydroelectric Fish Screening Exemption and Fish Passage Waiver
- Mason Dam Hydroelectric Fish Screening Exemption and Fish Passage Waiver
- Columbia River Fish Reform Implementation Update
- Fish Screening Task Force Member Appointments
- Schedule of Damages for Commercial Fishing Violations
- Permitless Take of Wolves
- Use of Crossbows

February 7, 2014 – Salem Headquarters

- Youngs Bay Control Zone
- Falconry Rules

March 7, 2014 – Tigard (Congressional District #1)

- Access and Habitat Projects

April 25, 2014 – North Bend (Congressional District #4)

- Restoration and Enhancement Projects

May 16, 2014 – only if needed

June 5-6, 2014 – Salem Headquarters

- Access and Habitat Auction; Raffle Tags
- Access and Habitat Projects
- Furbearer and Unprotected Mammal Regulations
- 2014 Big Game Regulations

July 11, 2014 – only if needed

August 1, 2014 – Salem Headquarters

- Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- 2014-2015 Oregon Game Bird Regulations

September 5, 2014 – Wallowa County (Congressional District 2)

- Access and Habitat Projects

October 1-2-3, 2014 – Medford

- 2015 Big Game Regulations

November 2014 – No meeting scheduled

December 5, 2014 – Clackamas (Congressional District 3)

- Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- Access and Habitat Projects

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM on December 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 December 6, 2013, 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, Oregon 97302, 503.947.6044.

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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.