



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Friday, January 10, 2014 - 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 – in written form only

Expenditure and Budget Report

Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director for Administration

Adopt Temporary Rules

Roy Elicker, Director

1. 635-011-0100

Radio-Tagged Hatchery Winter Steelhead May Be Retained in Northwest Zone Streams

Adopted December 2, 2013: effective December 10, 2013 through June 8, 2014.

This amended rule adds radio-tagged hatchery steelhead in Northwest Zone streams to the existing exception to non-retention of radio-tagged fish (Item 17, page 10 of **2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** and page 11 of **2014 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**). Rule modifications allow retention of radio-tagged fish in conjunction with a planned radio telemetry study in the North Fork Nehalem River. This amended rule encompasses the entire Northwest Zone due to the possibility that some radio-tagged hatchery winter steelhead may stray into adjacent basins.

2. 635-004-0275

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

Adopted December 3, 2013: effective December 9, 2013 through June 7, 2014.

This amended rule implements in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2013 and 2014 Pacific Ocean commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to changes in limited entry and open access fixed gear sablefish trip limits.

3. 635-005-0705

Prior Year 5,000 Pound Landing Requirement Temporarily Removed from Brine Shrimp Permit Renewal Rule

Adopted December 5, 2013: effective December 9, 2013 through June 6, 2014.

This amended rule allows the renewal of Brine Shrimp permits without the previously required 5,000 pound landing from the previous year. Due to low water in Lake Abert, in 2013 harvesters were unable to use their boats and harvest enough Brine Shrimp to satisfy the 5,000 pounds in landings required for permit renewal.

4. 635-004-0505

2014 Harvest Quota for Commercial Roe Herring Fishery in Yaquina Bay Set

Adopted December 10, 2013: effective January 1, 2014 through April 15, 2014.

This amended rule sets the 2014 harvest quota for the Yaquina Bay commercial roe herring fishery for the period from January 1 through April 15, 2014 at 43.4 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.

5. 635-023-0095

Recreational Sturgeon Fishery in the Bonneville Pool Begins January 1, 2014

Adopted December 11, 2013: effective January 1, 2014 through January 31, 2014.

This amended rule opens a recreational white sturgeon fishery in the Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River, including adjacent tributaries, effective at 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, January 1, 2014. White Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length may be retained. Modifications were made consistent with Joint State Action taken December 11, 2013 by Columbia River Compact agencies of the states of Oregon and Washington.

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.

Bob Rees
NW Guides and Anglers Association

Columbia River White Sturgeon

Jim Myron
The Native Fish Society

**Independent Scientific Review of draft
Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and
Management Plan**

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve the draft October 4, 2013 Commission minutes, and reapprove the approved June 7, 2013 Commission minutes. The draft December 6, 2013 Commission minutes have been deferred to February.

Exhibit B: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

The Commission will be asked to approve the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board's recommendations for project funding.

*Kevin Herkamp, STEP and Restoration and Enhancement Program Coordinator
Public Testimony
Approval*

Exhibit C: WARMSPRINGS DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FISH SCREENING EXEMPTION AND FISH PASSAGE WAIVER

The Commission will be asked to approve a fish screening exemption and a fish passage waiver to the Warm Springs Irrigation District at the Warm Springs Hydroelectric Project.

Elizabeth Moats, Northeast Region Hydropower Coordinator

Rick Kepler, Water Quality and Quantity Program Manager

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit D: MASON DAM HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FISH SCREENING EXEMPTION AND FISH PASSAGE WAIVER

The Commission will be asked to approve a fish screening exemption and a fish passage waiver to Baker County at the Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project.

Elizabeth Moats, Northeast Region Hydropower Coordinator

Rick Kepler, Water Quality and Quantity Program Manager

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit E: PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COLUMBIA RIVER FISH MANAGEMENT AND REFORM RULES

The Commission will be briefed on the 2013 Columbia River fisheries and plans for 2014.

Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator

Tony Nigro, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager

Public Testimony

Informational

Exhibit F: FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

The Commission will be asked to appoint a Public-at-Large representative and a Fishing/Fish Conservation representative on the Fish Screening Task Force.

Pete Baki, Statewide Fish Screening Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit G: SCHEDULE OF DAMAGES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve the Schedule of Damages for Commercial Fishing Violations contained in OAR 635-006-0232.

Aaron Jenkins, Economist

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit H: WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Commission will be asked to approve the amended administrative rules and the plan addendum.

Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator

Public Testimony

Approval

Exhibit I: USE OF CROSSBOWS

The Commission will be briefed on the use of crossbows.

Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

Public Testimony

Informational

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Session

The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(h) which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

ADJOURN

FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS

February 7, 2014 – Salem Headquarters

- Youngs Bay Control Zone
- Falconry Rules

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

- Access and Habitat Projects
- Wildlife Integrity Rules
- 2013 Oregon Wolf Management Report

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 9-10, 2014 – Medford

- October 9: Joint Workshop with California Fish and Game Commission
- October 10: Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Public Meeting
- 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 January 10, 2014. 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 January 10, 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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