



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Thursday, June 5, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97302

Meeting:
Friday, June 6, 2014 - 8:00 am
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Thursday, June 5, 2014, and Friday, June 6, 2014

The Commission may continue a Thursday, June 5, 2014, agenda item on Friday, June 6, 2014.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only

Expenditure Report

Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director for Administration

Adopt Temporary Rules

Roy Elicker, Director

1. 635-003-0003 and 635-013-0003

Salmon Seasons Commercial and Sport Fisheries in the Pacific Ocean

Adopted May 1, 2014: effective May 8, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

These amended rules incorporate, by reference, the annual ocean commercial (OAR 635-003-0003) troll salmon and annual ocean sport (OAR 635-013-0003) salmon specifications and management measures as adopted by the Pacific Fishery Management Council at its annual Ocean Salmon Management Measures and Impacts meeting, as finalized in April 2014.

2. 635-041-0045 and 635-041-0065

Columbia River Mainstem and Tributary Treaty Indian Commercial Fisheries Amended

Adopted May 6, 2014: effective May 6, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

These amended rules set a platform and hook-and-line fishery in all of Zone 6 from 6:00 p.m., May 6 through 11:59 p.m., July 31, 2014. Modifications clarify that sales of fish landed in Treaty fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam, allowed under agreements with the State of Oregon, are allowed any time fishing is permitted under Treaty regulations. Modifications are consistent with action taken May 6, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

3. 635-042-0022

Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for the Mainstem Columbia River

Adopted May 6, 2014: effective May 7, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule sets a non-Indian commercial spring Chinook fishery for the mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1 through 5 to commence on May 7, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (9 hours). Modifications were made consistent with Joint State Action taken May 6, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

4. 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, and 635-042-0170

Commercial Spring Fisheries Amended for Columbia River Select Areas

Adopted May 6, 2014: effective May 8, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

These amended rules amend seasons and area boundaries for spring commercial fisheries in the Columbia River Select Areas. Modifications are consistent with the action taken May 6, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

5. 635-023-0125

Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook, Steelhead and Shad Seasons Amended

Adopted May 6, 2014: effective May 9, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

This amended rule modifies regulations for the 2014 Columbia River spring recreational fisheries with descriptions of the areas, dates, and bag limits for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad. Revisions are consistent with action taken May 6, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

6. 635-019-0090

Spring Chinook Fisheries in the Northeast Sport Fishing Zone

Adopted May 9, 2014: effective May 17, 2014 through June 1, 2014.

This amended rule allows recreational anglers the opportunity to harvest wild spring Chinook salmon in the upper mainstem of the John Day River from May 17, 2014 to June 1, 2014.

7. 635-023-0125

Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook, Steelhead and Shad Seasons Amended

Adopted May 13, 2014: effective May 15, 2014 through June 15, 2014.

This amended rule modifies regulations for the 2014 Columbia River spring recreational fisheries with descriptions of the areas, dates, and bag limits for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad. Revisions are consistent with action taken May 13, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

8. 635-042-0022

Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for the Mainstem Columbia River

Adopted May 13, 2014: effective May 20, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule sets a non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net fishery for the mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1 through 5 to commence from 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 20 to 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2014 (10 hours). Modifications were made consistent with Joint State Action taken May 13, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

9. 635-042-0145

Commercial Spring Fishery Modified for the Youngs Bay Select Area

Adopted May 13, 2014: effective May 20, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule modifies harvest regulations for a spring commercial fishery previously adopted for the Youngs Bay Select Area of the Columbia River. Modifications are consistent with the action taken May 13, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

10. 635-041-0065

Columbia River Zone 6 Treaty Indian Commercial Gill Net Fishery Authorized

Adopted May 19, 2014: effective May 20, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule authorizes the sales of fish caught in a Treaty tribal commercial gill net fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20 through 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 2014. Modifications are consistent with action taken May 19, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

11. 635-019-0090

Spring Sport Chinook Fishery on Lookingglass Creek

Adopted May 21, 2014: effective May 31, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule allows recreational anglers opportunity to harvest adipose fin-clipped adult and jack Chinook salmon, which are in excess of the Department's hatchery production needs, in Lookingglass Creek. This fishery is scheduled for the period from Saturday, May 3, 2014 until further notice.

12. 635-011-0104

Requirement to Purchase a Columbia River Basin Endorsement Suspended for Free Fishing Weekend

Adopted May 23, 2014: effective June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

This amended rule allows anglers to participate in fisheries within the Columbia River Basin without the need to purchase the Columbia River Basin Endorsement during free fishing weekend on June 7-8, 2014. Rule modifications forego the need to possess a Columbia River Basin Endorsement during Free Fishing Weekend by considering all anglers to have the endorsement for that period.

13. 635-041-0065

Columbia River Zone 6 Treaty Indian Commercial Gill Net Fishery Authorized

Adopted May 27, 2014: effective May 28, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule authorizes the sales of fish caught in a Treaty tribal commercial gill net fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 28 through 6:00 p.m., Saturday, May 31, 2014. Modifications are consistent with action taken May 27, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

14. 635-042-0022

Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for the Mainstem Columbia River

Adopted May 27, 2014: effective May 8, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule sets a non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net fishery for the mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1 through 5 to commence from 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 28 to 6:00 a.m., Thursday, May 29, 2014 (12 hours). Modifications were made consistent with Joint State Action taken May 27, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

15. 635-042-0145

Commercial Spring Fishery Modified for the Youngs Bay Select Area

Adopted May 27, 2014: effective May 28, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule modifies harvest regulations for a spring commercial fishery previously adopted for the Youngs Bay Select Area of the Columbia River. Modifications are consistent with the action taken May 27, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

16. 635-023-0125

Columbia River Recreational Fishery Above Bonneville Dam Authorized

Adopted May 27, 2014: effective May 31, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

This amended rule modifies regulations for the 2014 Columbia River spring recreational fisheries above Bonneville Dam in all of Zone 6. Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids may be retained per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook may also be kept. All sockeye must be released. Revisions are consistent with action taken May 27, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

17. 635-019-0090

Spring Chinook Fishery in the John Day River Extended

Adopted May 28, 2014: effective June 1, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule allows recreational anglers an extended opportunity to harvest wild spring Chinook salmon in the upper mainstem of the John Day River until June 15, 2014. The fishery was originally authorized from May 17 through June 1 but adverse weather conditions hampered the fishers' success. This extension of the fishery should allow anglers to recover their lost opportunity.

18. 635-041-0065

Columbia River Zone 6 Treaty Indian Commercial Gill Net Fishery Authorized

Adopted June 2, 2014: effective June 3, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

This amended rule authorizes the sales of fish caught in a Treaty tribal commercial gill net fishery in all of Zone 6 of the Columbia River from 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 3 through 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2014. Modifications are consistent with action taken June 2, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes.

19. 635-042-0022 and 635-042-0145

Columbia River and Youngs Bay Commercial Spring Chinook Fisheries Modified

Adopted June 3, 2014: effective June 4, 2014 through July 31, 2014.

These amended rules set a non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net fishery for the mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1 through 5 to commence from 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4 through to 6:00 a.m., Thursday, June 5, 2014 (12 hours); and modify harvest regulations for a spring commercial fishery previously adopted for the Youngs Bay Select Area of the Columbia River. Modifications were made consistent with Joint State Action taken June 3, 2014 by the Columbia River Compact agencies of the States of Oregon and Washington.

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The draft April 25, 2014 and May 16, 2014 Commission minutes are deferred to August.

Exhibit B: 2014-2015 BIG GAME REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve the 2014 controlled hunt tag numbers and concepts for the 2015 Big Game Regulations.

*Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager
Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

Exhibit C: FURBEARER AND UNPROTECTED MAMMAL REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve amendments to the Furbearer and Unprotected Mammal Regulations.

*Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

Exhibit D: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING

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

*Matthew Keenan, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator
Public Testimony
Approval*

Exhibit E: 2015 ACCESS AND HABITAT AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve the recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and Department staff for 2015 auction and raffle tag allocations.

*Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator
Matthew Keenan, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator
Public Testimony
Approval*

Exhibit F: HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP

The Commission will be asked to approve amended rules relating to the Habitat Conservation Stamp Program.

*Andrea Hanson, Conservation Strategy Coordinator
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

Exhibit G: 2015-2017 PROPOSED AGENCY BUDGET

The Commission will be briefed on the development of the 2015-2017 proposed agency budget and input from the External Budget Advisory Committee and town hall meetings.

*Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director for Administration
Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator
Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator
Aaron Jenkins, Economist*

ADJOURN

Friday, June 6, 2014

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 H: 2014-2015 COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES

The Commission will be asked to approve regulations and harvest specifications for the 2014-2015 coastal pelagic species fisheries.

*Troy Buell, State Fishery Management Program Leader
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

Exhibit I: 2014 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES

The Commission will be asked to approve permanent rules for state waters concurrent with Pacific Fishery Management Council adopted ocean seasons.

*Chris Kern, Acting Fish Division Deputy Administrator
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

Exhibit J: ALSEA BOAT RAMP PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Commission will be asked to approve the acquisition of the Alsea Boat Ramp Property.

*Dick Duncan, Realty Specialist
Public Testimony
Approval*

Exhibit K: COASTAL MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Commission will be asked to approve the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan.

*Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator
Tom Stahl, Conservation and Recovery Program Manager
Public Testimony
Rulemaking*

ADJOURN

FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION MEETINGS & TOPICS

July 11, 2014 – only if needed

August 1, 2014 – Salem Headquarters

- 2015-2017 Proposed Agency Budget Approval
- Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- 2015 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations
- Commercial Fishery Permit Board Appointments
- Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Regulations
- Fish Passage Policy Update
- 2014 Coastal Salmon Fisheries
- ODFW Lands
- 2014-2015 Oregon Game Bird Regulations

September 4-5, 2014 – Wallowa County

- September 4: Tour
- September 5: Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission Public Meeting
 - Access and Habitat Projects

October 9-10, 2014 – Central Point

- 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 – Teleconference Meeting Salem Headquarters

- Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- Access and Habitat Projects

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM on Thursday, June 5, 2014, and will begin at 8:00 AM on Friday, June 6, 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 June 5 and June 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.

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