



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

March 6, 2015 - 8:00 AM  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Commission Room  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, OR 97302

**Friday, March 6, 2015**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Field Reports – in written form only

Expenditure Report

*Staff: Bill Herber, Interim Deputy Director for Administration*

Sage Grouse Mitigation Rulemaking

*Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator*

*Jamie Damon, SageCon Project Manager*

*Sara O'Brien, Willamette Partnerships*

Sport Fishing Regulations Streamlining

*Staff: Mike Gauvin, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager*

Marine Mammal Management Activities on the Willamette and Columbia Rivers

*Staff: Robin Brown, Marine Mammal Program Lead*

Adopt Temporary Rules

*Staff: Curt Melcher, Director*

### **1.) 635-041-0065**

#### **Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River Modified**

*Adopted February 19, 2015: effective February 20, 2015 through March 31, 2015.*

This amended rule modifies the Treaty Indian winter gill net commercial season. These modifications extend the close of the commercial fishing period for white sturgeon in The Dalles and John Day pools by tribal fishers, from 6:00 p.m. Friday, February 20 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24, 2015. Modifications are consistent with action taken February 19, 2015 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a hearing of the Columbia River Compact.

### **2.) 635-023-0125**

#### **Columbia River Recreational Seasons for Salmon and Steelhead Modified**

*Adopted March 4, 2015: effective March 5, 2015 through June 15, 2015.*

This amended rule modifies regulations for Columbia River recreational spring Chinook and steelhead seasons with descriptions of areas, dates, and bag limits for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. Revisions are consistent with action previously taken by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## **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.

*Biennium Budget and Fee Increase  
Blain Ackley*

*Oregon Forest Industries Council Deer and Elk Damage Survey  
Mike Dykzeul; Director of Forest Protection, OFIC*

## **COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

### **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

The draft January 9 and February 13, 2015 Commission minutes *have been deferred to April.*

### **Exhibit B: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT APPROVAL AND BOARD APPOINTMENT**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat Board's recommendations for project funding; and to appoint an A&H State Landowner Representative

*Staff: Roblyn Brown, Acting Access and Habitat Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Action: Approval and Appointment*

### **Exhibit C: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVAL**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Restoration and Enhancement Board's recommendations for project funding from the January 30, 2015 meeting and will receive an informational briefing on the 2013-15 R&E report, and the 2014 STEP annual report.

*Staff: Kevin Herkamp, STEP and R&E Program Coordinator*

*Greg Silbernagel, R&E Board Chair*

*Tom Vanderplaat, STEP Advisory Committee Chair*

*Public Testimony*

*Action: Approval*

### **Exhibit D: WOLF INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

The Commission will be given an informational briefing on the 2014 Annual Wolf Report

*Staff: Russ Morgan, Wolf Program Coordinator*

*Public Testimony*

*Action: Informational*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Executive Session**

*The Commission will hold an executive session to consult with legal counsel with respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission, as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(h).*

## **ADJOURN**

## **FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION TOPICS**

- **April 24, 2015 – Bend (Congressional District #2)** Wildlife Holding, Rehabilitation and Protected Wildlife, and Wildlife Control Operators
- Informational Briefing on Wolf Delisting Proposed Rulemaking
- Oregon Conservation and Oregon Nearshore Strategies Revision Update
- Regulations for 2015 Ocean Salmon Fisheries
- 2015 Regulations for Pacific Halibut Fisheries
- Fish Screens and Passage Taskforce Appointment

### **May 15, 2015 – No meeting; only if needed**

### **June 4 - 5, 2015 – Salem Headquarters**

- 2015 Big Game Regulations
- Access and Habitat Project Approvals
- 2016 Access and Habitat Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations
- Lower Deschutes River Ranch Land Acquisition
- Wolf Delisting Rulemaking
- 2015-16 Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries
- Fish Passage Banking Pilot Project

### **July 10, 2015 – No meeting, only if needed**

### **August 7, 2015 – Salem Headquarters**

- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approvals
- 2015-2016 Oregon Game Bird Regulations
- Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategies Revision Update
- Regulations for 2015 Ocean Salmon Fisheries

### **September 4, 2015 – Seaside (Congressional District #1)**

- Access and Habitat Project Approvals
- Oregon Conservation and Oregon Nearshore Strategies

### **October 9, 2015 – Florence (Congressional District #2)**

- 2016 Big Game Regulations

### **November 2015 – No meeting scheduled**

### **December 4, 2015 – Portland (Congressional District #3)**

- Restoration and Enhancement Project Approvals
- Access and Habitat Project Approvals

PLEASE NOTE

**AGENDA**

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM, and proceed chronologically through the agenda. 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/Comm/schedule.htm>.

A recess will be taken at 12:00 Noon, when the Commission will have lunch and may discuss matters of general interest. The public is welcome to attend, and an announcement will be made of the location of the lunch. At 1:00 PM, members of the public may bring unscheduled items before the Commission. The Commission will take this testimony for approximately 30 minutes. A time period of five (5) minutes will be allowed for each individual. Please notify the Director's Office at 503.947.6044 if you wish to testify.

**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.

**Thank you for taking the time to present your views.**

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