



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Reception:
Thursday, February 11, 2016
4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Pacific Northwest Sportsman Show
Portland Expo Center, Green Theater
2060 N Marine Dr.
Portland, OR 97217

Meeting:
Friday, February 12, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
Embassy Suites Portland Washington Square
Regency One Room
9000 SW Washington Square Rd.
Tigard, OR 97223

Friday, February 12, 2016

Executive Session

The Commission held an executive session as authorized by ORS 192.660(2) (i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only

Expenditure Report

Staff: Bill Herber, Deputy Director for Administration

Cougar Plan Review Process

Derek Broman, Carnivore and Furbearer Coordinator

Adopt Temporary Rules

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-006-0210

Electronic Fish Tickets Reporting Commercial Sales of Salmon, Sturgeon, Smelt and Shad Required

Adopted January 26, 2016: effective February 1, 2016 through July 29, 2016.

This amended rule requires, by way of electronic fish receiving tickets (e-ticket), the reporting of commercial sales of salmon, sturgeon, smelt and shad landed downstream of Bonneville Dam and purchased by wholesale fish dealers, wholesale fish bait dealers, and food fish canners. Modifications also require e-tickets be submitted within 24 hours of the closure of a fishing period or within 24 hours of the landing when fishing periods are longer than 24 hours.

2.) 635-042-0130

2016 Commercial Smelt Season Set for the Columbia River

Adopted January 27, 2016: effective February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016.

This amended rule sets a commercial gill net fishing season for smelt in Zones 1-3 of the Columbia River. The fishery consists of seven (7) hour fishing periods beginning 7:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays of each week from February 2 through February 25, 2016. Revisions are consistent with the action taken January 27, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

3.) 635-041-0065

2016 Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River Set

Adopted January 27, 2016: effective February 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

This amended rule sets both the platform hook-and-line and gill net Treaty Indian winter commercial seasons for 2016. The modifications allow commercial sales, in Oregon, of fish caught in Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools by tribal fishers beginning February 1, 2016. Modifications are consistent with action taken January 27, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

4.) 635-023-0095

Bonneville Pool White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery Closes February 8, 2016

Adopted January 27, 2016: effective February 8, 2016 through August 5, 2016.

This amended rule closes the recreational white sturgeon retention fishery in the Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River beginning 12:01 a.m. Monday, February 8, 2016. Catch-and-release sturgeon angling will still be allowed except in the area from The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8 miles to a line from the east (upstream) dock at the Port of The Dalles boat ramp straight across to a marker on the Washington shore during the period from May 1 through July 31, 2016. Revisions are consistent with action taken January 27, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

5.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170 and 635-042-0180

2016 Commercial Winter, Spring, and Summer Fisheries for Columbia River Select Areas

Adopted January 27, 2016: effective February 8, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

These amended rules set seasons, area boundaries, gear regulations and allowable sales for winter, spring, and summer commercial fisheries in the Columbia River Select Areas. Rule revisions are consistent with action taken January 27, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

6.) 635-023-0125

Columbia River Recreational Seasons for Salmon, Steelhead and Shad Set

Adopted January 27, 2016: effective March 1, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

This amended rule sets regulations for Columbia River recreational spring Chinook, steelhead and shad seasons with descriptions of 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 January 27, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve the draft August 7, 2015 Commission minutes.

EXHIBIT B: WILDLIFE RESEARCH UPDATE

The Commission will be given an informational update on agency wildlife research projects.

*Staff: DeWaine Jackson, Wildlife Research Project Leader;
Darren Clark, Wildlife Research Project Leader*

*Public Testimony
Informational*

Exhibit C: COQUILLE VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA PLAN INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

The Commission will be briefed on the draft Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Management Plan.

Staff: Stuart Love, Charleston District Wildlife Biologist

Public Testimony

Informational

Exhibit D: PACIFIC SALMON TREATY INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

The Commission will be briefed on the history, structure, and function of the Pacific Salmon Treaty and its importance to salmon management

Staff: Chris Kern, Fish Division Deputy Administrator

Public Testimony

Informational

Exhibit E: LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER STURGEON POPULATION STATUS UPDATE

The Commission will be briefed on the results of the 2015 white sturgeon stock assessment activities in the lower Columbia River.

Staff: Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager;

Chris Kern, Deputy Fish Division Administrator

Public Testimony

Informational

OTHER BUSINESS

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FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION TOPICS

* *Written public comments for future Commission Topics can be submitted in writing prior to the meeting date at ODFW.Commission@state.or.us or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302*

March 18, 2016 – Salem (Congressional District #5)

**Written public comment period opened January 15, 2016*

- Implementation of Department Habitat Mitigation Recommendations – *Rulemaking*
- Access & Habitat Project – *Approval*
- Protected Wildlife, Holding and Propagation – *Rulemaking*
- Restoration & Enhancement Project – *Approval*
- Commercial Sea Urchin Fishery Management – *Rulemaking*
- 2016 Ocean Salmon Fisheries Briefing – *Informational*
- Update on Columbia River Harvest Reform Transition Period - *Informational*
- Wildlife Violator Compact – *Rulemaking*

April 22, 2016 – Bandon (Congressional District # 4)

**Written public comment period will open February 15, 2016*

- 2016 Ocean Salmon Fisheries – *Rulemaking*
- 2016 Regulations for Pacific Halibut Fisheries – *Rulemaking*
- Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Plan - *Rulemaking*
- Game Bird Regulations - *Rulemaking*

May – No Meeting schedules

June 9 & 10, 2016 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open April 15, 2016*

- Shikar Safari Award - *OSP*
- Big Game; 2016 Tag Numbers and Administrative Rules for 2017 Oregon Big Game Regulations – *Rulemaking*
- Furbearer Regulations – *Rulemaking*
- Access and Habitat Auction Raffle Tag Allocation – *Approval*
- A/H Projects and Board Appointments - *Approval*

July – No Meeting Scheduled

August 5, 2016 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open June 15, 2016*

- Pride Award Recognitions
- Restoration & Enhancement Projects – *Approval*
- Sage-grouse Permit Numbers - *Rulemaking*

September 2, 2016 – TBD (Congressional Dist. #3)

**Written public comment period will open July 15, 2016*

- Access & Habitat Projects – *Approval*

October 7, 2016 – La Grande

**Written public comment period will open August 15, 2016*

November – No Meeting Scheduled

December 2, 2016 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open October 15, 2016*

- Access & Habitat Projects – *Approval*
- Restoration & Enhancement Projects - *Approval*

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 AM February 12, 2016, 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. Lunch will not be provided to the public.

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 three (3) 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.

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 Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97302, 503.947.6044.

PARKING

Parking is available to anyone who attends the Commission meeting.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

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.