



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

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**Commission Tour**  
**Thursday, October, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Driftwood Shores Resort**  
**88416 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.**  
**Florence, OR 97439**

Meeting:  
Friday, October 9, 2015 - 8:00 a.m.  
Driftwood Shores Resort  
Pacific Room, Second Floor  
88416 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Florence, Oregon 97439

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2 Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the  
3 Commission.  
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5 Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media  
6 circulation. Those attending part or all of the meeting included:  
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| Michael Finley, Chair          | Curt Melcher, Director                  |
| Bob Webber, Commissioner       | Bill Herber, Interim Deputy Director    |
| Holly Akenson, Commissioner    | Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General |
| Greg Wolley, Commissioner      | Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant      |
| Laura Anderson, Commissioner   |   |
| Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner |   |

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9 **MEETING**

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11 On Friday, October 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., Chair Michael Finley called the Oregon Fish  
12 and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.  
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14 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

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16 Field Reports – in written form only; this report is available in the meeting materials and  
17 at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp)  
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19 Expenditure Report

20 Staff: Bill Herber, Deputy Director for Administration  
21 This report is available in the meeting materials and can be viewed at  
22 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp)  
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24 All AY17 expenditures are within budgeted projections. Expenditures are still posting  
25 against the 2013-15 (AY15) budget and will likely continue to the deadline for  
26 activity against the AY15 budget, which is December 31, 2015. A final report for the  
27 AY15 budget will presented after that date.  
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29 The Department has successfully completed its Department of Administrative  
30 Services (DAS) audits against the Position Information Control System (PICS) and  
31 Oregon Budget Information Tracking System (ORBITS). In addition, the Department  
32 has received its final budget reports from DAS. Budget staff are currently working at  
33 finalizing the Legislatively Adopted Budget document. The document is pending its  
34 final internal reviews and will be completed and posted to the Department’s website  
35 by the first week of November.

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2 Management of Off-Highway Vehicle use on Public Land

3 Staff: Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager

4 This report is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at

5 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp)

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7 Raising awareness about Ocean Acidification and impacts to Marine Resources

8 Staff: Caren Braby, Marine Resources Program Manager

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10 Caren provided a short video on ocean acidification and hypoxia and a report. They are  
11 both available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at

12 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp)

13 The short and full versions of the videos will be available at <http://oregonocean.info/>

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15 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

16 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.

17 The 12 temporary rules as listed on the tan agenda along with the one listed on the  
18 white memo were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action  
19 authority.

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21 **1) 635-042-0031**

22 **Additional Commercial Seine Net Salmon Seasons Set for the Mainstem Columbia  
23 River**

24 Adopted September 10, 2015: effective September 15, 2015 through September 30,  
25 2015

26 This amended rule adds six new 13-hour fishing periods to the ongoing non-Indian  
27 commercial fall seine net salmon fishery in zones 2-4 of the Columbia River. The start  
28 time for the first new period is 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Allowed sales  
29 are subject to Individual Fishing Quotas (as defined in the 2015 seine permits) and  
30 include: Adipose or left ventral fin-clipped Chinook; adipose-clipped coho, pink and  
31 sockeye salmon; and shad. All legal salmon caught must be landed. Rule modifications  
32 are consistent with action taken September 10, 2015 by the Departments of Fish &  
33 Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington.

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35 **2) 635-041-0075**

36 **Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gill Net Season Extended**

37 Adopted September 10, 2015: effective September 14, 2015 through October 31, 2015

38 This amended rule authorizes commercial sales, in Oregon, of fish caught during  
39 two additional fishing periods for the Treaty Indian fall commercial gill net fishery in the  
40 Columbia River and its Washington tributaries. The first additional fishing period is  
41 scheduled to begin at 6:00 a.m. Monday, September 14, 2015. Rule modifications are  
42 consistent with action taken September 10, 2015 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife  
43 for the states of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty  
44 Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

1           **3) 635-018-0090**

2           **Modified Angling Regulations for North Twin Lake due to Rotenone Treatment in**  
3           **October 2015**

4           Adopted September 11, 2015: effective September 18, 2015 through December 31,  
5           2015

6           This amended rule liberalizes catch limits and harvest methods for North Twin  
7           Lake, in the Central angling zone, from September 18 through October 19, and modifies  
8           the angling closure dates to October 20 through the end of 2015. North Twin Lake is  
9           scheduled for treatment with rotenone, a fish toxicant, in late October in order to remove  
10          unwanted fish species. The rule modifications provide sport fishers opportunities to  
11          salvage as many game fish as possible prior to this treatment.

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13           **4) 635-042-0060**

14           **Late Fall Commercial Salmon Season Set for the Mainstem Columbia River**

15           Adopted September 14, 2015: effective September 15, 2015 through October 31, 2015

16           This amended rule authorizes a nine hour drift gill net fishing period in zones 4-5 of  
17           the mainstem Columbia River. The start time for the period is 9:00 p.m. Tuesday,  
18           September 15, 2015. Allowed sales include Chinook, coho, pink and sockeye salmon  
19           and shad. Rule modifications are consistent with action taken September 14, 2015 by  
20           the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington.

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22           **5) 635-041-0075**

23           **Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gill Net Season Amended**

24           Adopted September 17, 2015: effective September 18, 2015 through October 31, 2015

25           This amended rule reduces the size of the Spring Creek sanctuary for the Treaty  
26           Indian fall commercial gill net fishery in the Columbia River and its Washington  
27           tributaries to the lesser of the two areas as described in OAR 635-041-0045(11). Rule  
28           modifications are consistent with action taken September 17, 2015 by the Departments  
29           of Fish & Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the  
30           Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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32           **6) 635-042-0060**

33           **Mainstem Columbia River Late Fall Commercial Salmon Season Extended**

34           Adopted September 17, 2015: effective September 20, 2015 through October 31, 2015

35           This amended rule authorizes two new 10-hour drift gill net fishing periods for the  
36           ongoing late fall commercial salmon fishery in zones 4-5 of the Columbia River. The  
37           start time for the first new period is 8:00 p.m. Sunday, September 20, 2015. Allowed  
38           sales include Chinook, coho, pink and sockeye salmon and shad. Rule modifications  
39           are consistent with action taken September 17, 2015 by the Departments of Fish &  
40           Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington.

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42           **7) 635-042-0060**

43           **Mainstem Columbia River Late Fall Commercial Salmon Season Extended**

44           Adopted September 23, 2015: effective September 27, 2015 through October 31, 2015

45           This amended rule authorizes a new 10-hour drift gill net fishing period for the  
46           ongoing late fall commercial salmon fishery in zones 4-5 of the Columbia River. The  
47           start time for the new period is 8:00 p.m. Sunday, September 27, 2015. Allowed sales  
48           include Chinook, coho, pink and sockeye salmon and shad. Rule modifications are  
49           consistent with action taken September 23, 2015 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife  
50           for the states of Oregon and Washington.

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2 **8) 635-041-0075**

3 **Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gill Net Season Extended**

4 Adopted September 23, 2015: effective September 28, 2015 through October 31, 2015

5 This amended rule authorizes an additional 3.5 day season for the ongoing Treaty  
6 Indian fall commercial gill net fishery in the Columbia River and its Washington  
7 tributaries. Rule modifications are consistent with action taken September 23, 2015 by  
8 the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington in  
9 cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River  
10 Compact.

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12 **9) 635-008-0123**

13 **Amend Rules for the Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area**

14 Adopted: September 25, 2015: effective Dates: September 27, 2015 through October  
15 31, 2015

16 The current rules for the Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area are geared towards the  
17 8,000 acres located along the lower portion of the Deschutes River where the main use  
18 and access is from the Deschutes River itself. The recent acquisition of the 10,000 acre  
19 River Ranch parcel is mainly upland habitat away from the Deschutes River and is  
20 currently accessible to the general public only through Bureau of Land Management  
21 lands along the Deschutes River. The current rules do not fit with the need for  
22 alternative uses available on the River Ranch parcel.

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24 **10) 635-042-0032**

25 **Mainstem Columbia River Late Fall Commercial Drift Tangle Net Salmon Seasons**  
26 **Set**

27 Adopted September 28, 2015: effective October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

28 This amended rule authorizes three 12-hour fishing periods for the 2015 late fall  
29 commercial salmon drift tangle net fishery in the Columbia River mainstem. The first  
30 fishing period commences in Zones 1 through 3 and is scheduled to begin at 6:00 a.m.  
31 Thursday, October 1, 2015. Modifications are consistent with joint state action taken  
32 September 28, 2015 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the states of Oregon  
33 and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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35 **11) 635-041-0075**

36 **Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gill Net Season Extended**

37 Adopted October 1, 2015: effective October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015

38 This amended rule authorizes a 24-hour extension to the ongoing Treaty Indian fall  
39 commercial gill net fishery in the Columbia River. This extension to the already  
40 authorized three and a half day fishery is consistent with action taken October 1, 2015  
41 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington, in  
42 cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a meeting of the Columbia River  
43 Compact.

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45 **12) 635-067-0040**

46 **Amend Rule to Extend Hunt Seasons for Rocky Mountain Goat Controlled Hunt**  
47 **956A**

1 Adopted October 1, 2015 Effective Dates: effective October 1, 2015 through March 28,  
2 2015

3 The current season for Rocky Mountain Goat Controlled Hunt 956A is from  
4 September 12 to September 27, 2015. To accommodate hunters affected by the 2015  
5 hunting conditions, the Department is extending the period during which the tag may be  
6 exercised to October 31, 2015. Because a large portion of the hunt area is closed due  
7 to an active wildfire this amendment is necessary to allow the hunter possessing an  
8 unused, once in a lifetime, Rocky Mountain goat tag, an opportunity to hunt after access  
9 restrictions are lifted. This temporary rule is needed to extend the hunting season for  
10 Rocky Mountain goat to allow the opportunity to hunt when access restrictions due to  
11 wildfire are no longer in effect.

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13 **13)635-042-0032 and 635-042-0060**

14 **Mainstem Columbia River Late Fall Commercial Drift Net Salmon Seasons Set**

15 Adopted October 7, 2015: effective October 8, 2015 through October 31, 2015

16 This amended rule authorizes two new fishing periods for the 2015 late fall  
17 commercial salmon drift net fisheries in the Columbia River mainstem. The first new  
18 fishing period is for 10 hours and commences in Zones 1 through 5 beginning at  
19 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2015. The following fishing period is for 12 hours and  
20 will be conducted in Zones 1 through 3 beginning at 7:00 a.m. Monday, October 12,  
21 2015. Modifications are consistent with joint state action taken October 7, 2015 by the  
22 Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the states of Oregon and Washington at a meeting  
23 of the Columbia River Compact.

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25 **Action:**

26 Commissioner Webber moved to adopt the temporary rules one through twelve as listed  
27 on the tan agenda and the separate rule for the Mainstem Columbia River Late Fall  
28 Commercial Drift Net Salmon Seasons Set. Commissioner Akenson seconded the  
29 motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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31 **PUBLIC FORUM**

32 Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the  
33 agenda. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in  
34 this forum.

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36 **Public Testimony:**

Forage Fish Management	
Wayne Hoffman, MidCoast Watershed Council	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Norm Ritchie, Association of Northwest Steelheaders, Board member of National Wildlife Federation	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>

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38 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

1 The Commission considered approval of the June 5, 2015 Commission minutes.

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3 Action:

4 Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the June 5, 2015 minutes and give authority  
5 to staff to review and fix any grammatical errors. Commissioner Wolley seconded the  
6 motion, and the motion carried unanimously.  
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8 **Exhibit B: 2016 OREGON BIG GAME REGULATIONS**

9 The Commission will be asked to adopt staff recommendations for the publication “2016  
10 Oregon Big Game Regulations” and associated administrative rules setting proposed  
11 2016 game mammal season dates, bag limits and open areas; dates and locations of  
12 cooperative travel management areas; statewide youth hunting opportunities; and other  
13 miscellaneous regulations.  
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15 Staff Presentation: Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager  
16 Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

17 Public Testimony  
18 Rulemaking  
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20 Tom Thornton and Don Whittaker provided a presentation on the proposed 2016 Big  
21 Game Regulations, reviewing the changes to the June recommendations, general  
22 regulations and species highlights. This presentation is located in the Commission  
23 meeting material and can be viewed at

24 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp)  
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**Public Testimony:**

David Gomberg, State Rep.	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Susan Gomberg	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Susan Morgan	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Dan Dawson, Roseburg	Rancher in Zone B. Wanted to address our public safety and livestock issues. We have three Wildlife Service agents they are spending a lot of their time dealing with cougars and bears killing pets and livestock in small confined enclosed areas in town. We are building fences trying to keep them out and are killing one to ten a night. We ask the Commission to adopt some changes to address the issues that are currently occurring.

John Stone	Supports the lighted knocks. Supports the target zones for cougars and supports the delisting of the gray wolf.
Scott Beckstead, HSUS	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Kevin Thompson, Traditional Archers of OR	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Amaroq Weiss, Center of Biological Diversity	Oppose the use of hounds and neck snares to remove cougars. Research indicates the killing cougars increase interactions with humans and cattle.
Damien Miller, USFWS	Support for the proposed changes to the Finley subunit of the Willamette plus elk hunt. The elk herd around the Finley Refuge is growing and the number of complaints that are coming from land owners. We also support the change in name from Finley to Monroe.
Alan Day, OHA , FNAWS	Supports cougar control- there are cougars in urban areas and that becomes a safety issue when cougars are that close to populated areas. They have an impact on game, farms and small animal population.
Karen Olch	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Joan Beldin	Oppose the proposed target zones relating to cougars and the methods being used to manage cougars.
Carol Pearsall	The world population clock website shows human population increasing at a fast rate we should be able to coexist with cougars and killing should be the last resort.
Linda Farmer	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Jason Gonzalez, Walton	Opposes the target cougar zones. Didn't see a lot of science behind the today's proposal and I encourage the Commission to base their decision on science.
Al Elkins , OHA	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Ken McCall, OHA	Supports target area Zone B, Zone C&F.
George Houston, OR FNAWS	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>

	<a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">october/index.asp</a>
Shawn Boyd	Oppose inhumane practices of pursuing cougars using snares and dogs. We would hope that you would do more research and consider other options.
Craig Starr, OBH	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Jennifer Siebert, Newport	Opposes the use of hounds and snares, no good scientific data to support the kill plan.
Kelly Forney, OHA	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Walter Chuck , FNAWS, Newport	Supports governor's goat tag auction tag proposal.

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2 Commissioner Akenson - We've heard from a lot of people today and we have two very  
3 distinct sides to this topic. I don't see any reasonable middle ground; I don't think we  
4 can do something that is half way. If we are going to have cougar target areas, we do  
5 need to be really certain about what our objectives are what kind of data we are  
6 collecting and hear back in three years some really good information both about human  
7 impact issues whether it's safety, or depredations, also the population parameters with  
8 deer and population parameters with cougars. I know that we've had some real good  
9 information with the MDI; and Oregon does have a history with working with cougar  
10 target areas. People have said here who oppose the cougar target areas, the more  
11 information we have the better it will be. There is a lot of controversy surrounding it and  
12 a lot of people who I think are opposed to the techniques. They need to be assured that  
13 what we are doing is collecting scientific data and we can hear the result of that in three  
14 years. As far as numbers; 65 cougars out of 6200 is the removal of one percent of the  
15 cougar population. It really is a small percentage of the population; our cougar  
16 population is healthy and will remain healthy even with the cougar target areas. I urge  
17 the department to really seriously look at this as an opportunity to develop scientific data  
18 that can be presented and published so we have our own Oregon data about the  
19 effectiveness on these cougar target areas.

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21 Chair Finley – polled the Commissioners to see if they associate with Commissioner  
22 Akenson statement as to give direction to the department on this issue. All did confirm  
23 they associate with the statement other than Commissioner Wolley does support the  
24 statement in the matter of that staff should provide with as much useful information from  
25 any type of research that we do but embedded in her statement is the implementation of  
26 the target areas should be a part of that process which he does not agree with.

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28 Chair Finley – Definition of Pursue; “Means the act of trailing, tracking, or chasing  
29 wildlife in an attempt to locate, capture, catch, tree or kill any game mammal or  
30 furbearer.”; shouldn't that also say game bird?  
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1 Director Melcher – We will have to reconcile that.

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3 Action:

4 Commissioner Webber moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008, 010, 045,  
5 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, and amendment 1, OAR 635-  
6 067-0036. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried  
7 unanimously.

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9 Action 2: Commissioner Webber moved to adopt the document entitled “2016 Oregon  
10 Big Game Regulations” as proposed by staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the  
11 motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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13 **Exhibit C: ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVELY SET FEES**

14 The Commission will be asked to formally adopt Oregon Administrative Rules that set  
15 fees that are not set in statute effective January 1, 2016

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17 Staff Presentation: Bill Herber, Deputy Director of Administration  
18 Aaron Jenkins, Economist

19 Public Testimony  
20 Rulemaking

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22 Bill Herber summarized that this agenda items is the last part of our fee adjustment  
23 package that was recently approved by the legislature this past June. The fee  
24 restructure was one of three major strategies in aligning our revenue and expenditures  
25 over the course of the next six years; the others being program reductions and fund  
26 shifts.

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28 Aaron Jenkins addressed the process of the administratively set fees. The Oregon  
29 Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) derive approximately 1/3 of its biennial budget  
30 from license and tag fees paid by sport and commercial uses. ODFW has two sets of  
31 fees; one set of fees is established by the legislature and one set is adopted in  
32 permanent rule by the ODFW Commission. Most of the administratively set fees have  
33 not increased since 2010.

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35 Senate Bill 247 was approved by the 2015 Legislature to adjust the statutorily set fees  
36 by increasing, decreasing or establishing new fees. Most recreational fees are set to  
37 incrementally increase every two year throughout the next six-year fee cycle, instead of  
38 increasing in a single large increment at the beginning of the fee cycle. However,  
39 commercial fishing fees will still increase once at the beginning of the six-year fee cycle.

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41 Action:

42 Commissioner Wolley moved to amend Chapter 635, Divisions 001, 004, 005, 006, 007,  
43 008, 010, 043, 044, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 055, 056, 060, 065, 066, 067, 075, 090 &  
44 200 relating to increasing administratively set licenses and fees, as proposed by staff.  
45 Commissioner Buckmaster seconded the motion and the motion was carried  
46 unanimously.

1 **Exhibit D: UPDATED BIOLOGICAL STAUTS REVIEW FOR THE GRAY WOLF**  
 2 **(CANIS LUPUS) IN OREGON AND EVALUATION OF CRITERIA TO REMOVE THE**  
 3 **GRAY WOLF FROM THE LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES UNDER THE OREGON**  
 4 **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT**

5 The Commission will be given an update on the biological status review for the gray wolf  
 6 (Canis lupus) in Oregon and evaluation of criteria to remove the gray wolf from the List  
 7 of Endangered Species under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. Commission will  
 8 provide guidance and determine procedures and timing for rulemaking and  
 9 consideration for delisting Oregon wolves.

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 11 Staff Presentation: Russ Morgan; Wolf Program Coordinator

12 Public Testimony:

13 Informational

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 15 Russ Morgan provided a presentation on the updated biological status review for the  
 16 gray wolf in Oregon and evaluation of delisting criteria.

17 This presentation is located in the Commission material and can be viewed at

18 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp)  
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**Public Testimony**

Representative Greg Barreto	Supports delisting - In the 2015 legislative session I introduced a bill to legislatively delist ahead of your Fish & Wildlife delisting to prevent any litigation that might come after that. We did have a hearing on the bill, our committee came out unanimous in passing that bill, in the process of that hearing, Cattlemen’s Assn, Oregon Wild, and ODFW testified. I believe Oregon Wild stated; if the science dictates that it is time to delist then we would be behind delisting. However, Oregon Wild stated that if ODFW did delist that they wouldn’t necessarily not file suit. The intention of the bill was to save the state money and this is a hot issue. In my opinion and most who sat on that committee agree it is time to delist.
Chelsea Matthews, Oreogn Cattlemen’s Assocation(OCA)	Supports delisting – has seen a wolf less than a mile from her home. Both family pet and working dogs were attacked by wolves. This has not only changed our lives but the lives of our dogs. It is time to delist the wolves, the criteria have been met and now we need to be able to protect our family and surroundings.
Todd Nash, OCA	Supports delisting -Phase 2 criteria has been met. You do have the option of re-listing if a sudden event should occur.
Suzanne Linford	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Mike McLaughlin	Wolves’ suppress cougars and other predators, wolves habitat

	limited by road density, due to their denning and pup raising.
Tim Barbour, Bend	Supports delisting - Follow your plan; continue down the path you're going.
Curtis W Martin, Powder	Supports delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Armaroq Weiss, Center of Biological Diversity	Oppose delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Alicia Nichols	Oppose delisting – Reasons why you should not delist; low numbers of wolves, eastern Oregon population has been stripped of protection and are hunted heavily, additional deaths impact on population.
Brenda Kame'enui, Eugene	Opposed to delisting – Maintain protection of the gray wolf. Use best science to determine the fate wolves. Honoring the plan is to not delist until the five-year wolf plan is complete.
Shawn Donnille, Mountain Rose Herbs	Opposed to delisting – the decision is being based on a political one based on economic reasons. Farming near wildlife and we are realists and loss of crop is a cost of doing business.
Johnathan Jellen, OR Wild	Oppose delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Joan Beldin	Oppose delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Valoree Hummel, Lake Oswego	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Stephanie Christenson, Portland	Oppose delisting – The biggest challenge I see about the wolf recovery is people. There is a lot of negativity about wolves and hostility; how will this be kept in check if you remove their protection.
Ellen Marmon	Waived time
Karen Olch, Eugene	Oppose delisting – They are a vital piece of the landscape and our heritage. The plan review should have occurred first prior to the talks on the delisting of the gray wolf. The scientific and

	data calculations don't take into effect the human intolerance for the wolf.
Brett Warnock, Portland	Oppose delisting – I'm not anti-rancher or anti-hunter and I can empathize with losing animals. We are stewards of this planet; we are obligated to future generations to protect biological diversity. Consider the fate of the wolf and find common ground so we can all thrive and survive.
Lon Otterby, Sierra Club	Oppose delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Jason Gonzales, Walton	Supports peer review – This issue is an emotional one for science, and for nature. Based in science and fear and those two should not be weighed the same when developing policy.
Oliver Gonzales, Walton	I know how important wolves are but I learned they are not that scary. There are not enough wolves in Oregon and I think we should wait another year to two before they are delisted. I think wolves are cool.
Ellen Furstner, Marcola	Opposes delisting - I live near a forest and wild animals live there. My dogs went out and came back injured but I was not angry about the animal who hurt my dogs. I was not happy about sacrificing animals; wolves should be part of our lives.
Shauna Boyd, Florence	Opposes delisting – I hope you realize it is too soon to delist the wolf. They are important to the balance of nature.
Amanda St Martin, Coast Range Forest Watch	Oppose delisting of the wolf. Volunteer work for ESA, I support peer review and wait until the five-year review before delisting. 85% of documented wolf deaths since 2000 were caused by humans, so clearly existing program to protect the wolf is inadequate.
Jim Litts, Eugene	Opposes delisting – In restoring the wolf populations we need to re-establish their effective roles in the ecosystem that evolved with them. The peer review should be incorporated and the 5 year review complete before the delisting occur.
Jim Akenson , OHA	Supports the delisting of the wolf. OHA would like to be involved in the next planning period.
Gary Power, OHA	Supports the delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Hunter Noble, Siletz	Oppose delisting – Encourage you to keep the wolf on the ESA listing because they are just starting to recover. Postpone until the 5 year review is complete.
Sandy Wood, Eugene	Oppose delisting – Then number of wolves currently is not an abundant number. Continue to protect until there is a

	sustainable number.
Andrew Cart, Coos Bay	Oppose delisting – I’m encouraging you to keep the wolves listed as long as possible because of the emotion and hatred of the wolves is gone.
George Houston, FNAWS	Supports the delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Kimberly Fanshier, Portland	Oppose delisting – We should consider how we prioritize land use. The process of community engagement has been very value. The management plan review needs to be revised before we consider delisting.
Courtney Ramine-Mann, BARK	Oppose delisting - There are many threats facing the wolves; The ESA listing is really the only layer of protection that conservation groups can use.
Bill Hoyt, OCA	Supports delisting - This plan is working; we are at phase 3, follow the plan. We have reached this point because the plan works. Delisting needs to be considered.
Jerome Rosa, OCA, Director	Supports delisting - Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Mary Grace Brogdon, Forest web of Cottage Grove	Oppose delisting - Peer review is important; effects of climate change on wolves; effects of fire to habitat. Like to see a more in-depth look at the climate change in your modeling – wolves are special; hatred of wolves is still here and alive.
Tyler Alexander, OFB	Supports delisting - Factors related to wolf health, habitat, dispersal, habitat connectivity and wolf survival have all indicated a healthy and growing population that is unlikely to decline in the near term. The decision to delist is scientifically sound. We ask that the state honor its commitment that it made to Oregon’s producers in the wolf plan.
Janet Conklin, Portland	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>
Rand Dawson, West Lake	Opposes delisting – In favor of a precautionary approach to delisting. Also in favor of promoting public support and social acceptance of wolves and wildlife in general. Co-existence can be achieved.
Joan Skarda, Florence	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index.asp</a>

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Vicki Martin, Florence	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
John Walker, Mapleton	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Danielle Moser, Endangered Species Coalition	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Judy Kinsman, Florence	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Nick Cady, Cascadia Wildlands	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>
Amy Wheat, Bend	Provided written testimony. This written testimony is available in the meeting materials and and can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp">http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10/october/index.asp</a>

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

2016 Proposed Commission Meeting Dates

The Commission approved January 15 and February 12, 2016. They will approve the other dates at the November meeting.

The 2015 Art Show and Duck Pond Wine Tasting will be on November 7, 2015 at Duck Pond Cellars.

Commissioner Buckmaster has volunteered to be a judge at the show.

**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).

Chair Michael Finley adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.