



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

**Meeting:**  
Friday, March 18, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.  
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 Report

Staff: Bill Herber; Deputy Director for Administration

### 2015 Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Annual Report

Staff: Russ Morgan; Wolf Program Coordinator

The Commission will be provided an overview of 2015 annual report including current status of Oregon wolves and wolf program activities.

### Wolf Plan Review Panels

Testimony will be received from panels of invited guests on review of the Wolf Plan.

Staff: Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

### *Wolf Plan Review Guest Panel*

#### Invited Guests Panel Number 1

Cascadia Wildlands  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Oregon Wild

#### Invited Guests Panel Number 2

Oregon Cattlemen's Association  
Oregon Farm Bureau  
Oregon Hunters Association  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

### Adopt Temporary Rules

Curt Melcher, Director

## **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve the draft, October 9, 2015 Commission minutes.

## **EXHIBIT B: Restoration and Enhancement Project Approvals**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Restoration and Enhancement Board's recommendations for project funding from the January 22, 2016 meeting.

Staff: Kevin Herkamp; STEP and R&E Program Coordinator  
Public Testimony

Approval

**Exhibit C: Update on Columbia River Harvest Reform Transition Period**

The Commission will receive an update on research, evaluation, and implementation of the Commission's Columbia River non-tribal fishery reform policy.

Staff: Chris Kern; Fish Division Deputy Administrator  
Informational

No Public Testimony - Testimony will be received from panels of invited guests on Columbia River Harvest Reform Transition Period.

*Columbia River Harvest Reform Transition Period Guest Panels*

Invited Guests Panel Number 1

Salmon for All

Invited Guests Panel Number 2

Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association  
Northwest Steelheaders  
Northwest Guides and Anglers  
Coastal Conservation Association

**Exhibit D: Commercial Sea Urchin Fishery Management**

The Commission will be asked to adopt rules modifying the limited entry commercial sea urchin fishery.

Staff: Scott Groth; Shellfish Biologist  
Public Testimony  
Rulemaking

**Exhibit E: 2016 Ocean Salmon Fisheries Informational Briefing**

The Commission will be updated on 2016 ocean salmon fishery planning leading up to the May 1, 2016 salmon season start date. The Commission will be asked to adopt ocean salmon rules at the April meeting.

Staff: Chris Kern; Fish Division Deputy Administrator for Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program  
Public Testimony  
Informational

**Exhibit F: Fish & Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy**

The Commission will be asked to approve permanent rules for Division 415; referring specifically to Section 140, rules for Greater Sage-Grouse mitigation.

Staff: Jon Germond; Land Resources Program Manager  
Public Testimony  
Rulemaking

**Exhibit G: Access and Habitat Project Approval**

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

Staff: Issac Sanders; A&H Program Coordinator  
Public Testimony  
Approval

**Exhibit H: Protected Wildlife, Holding, and Propagating Rules**

The Commission will be updated on the proposed Division 44 rule changes.

Staff: Dr. Colin Gillin; State Wildlife Veterinarian

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](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us) or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302

### **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
- Wildlife Violator Compact –Rulemaking
- Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon - Ceremonial Salmon and Steelhead Harvest Permits
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### **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 Project Approval and Board Appointments - Approval
- Wildlife Control Operators (Bats) – Rulemaking
- Protected Wildlife, Holding, and Propagation – Rulemaking

### **July – No Meeting Scheduled**

### **August 5, 2016 – Salem**

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

- Pride Award Recognitions
- Restoration & Enhancement Projects – Approval

### **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 March 18, 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**

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### **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.