



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 two 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

1.) 635-041-0065

Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Gill Net Fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River Extended

Adopted February 18, 2016: effective February 19, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

This amended rule extends the ongoing Columbia River Treaty Indian commercial gill net fisheries in The Dalles and John Day pools, previously set to end at 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 22. These fisheries are now set to run through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 27, 2016. Modifications are consistent with action taken February 18, 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.

2.) 635-005-0355

Tillamook Bay Commercial Cockle Clam Dive Fishery Closes

Adopted February 19, 2016: effective February 23, 2016 through August 20, 2016.

Amended rule closes the Tillamook Bay commercial cockle clam dive fishery at 12:01 a.m. February 23, 2016 due to a projected attainment of the 185,000 pound annual harvest quota allowed under bay clam dive permits. Modifications are consistent with requirements described in OAR 635-005-0355 sections (1) and (2).

3.) 635-007-0605

Price of Oregon's Live Fish Transport Permits Reduced from \$40 to \$13

Adopted February 22, 2016: effective February 23, 2016 through August 20, 2016.

This amended rule modifies the purchase prices of fish transfer permits from \$40 to \$13 beginning February 23, 2016. Fish Division Administrators intend to follow-up this action with modifications to the permanent rule through the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission process later this year.

4.) 635-041-0065

Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Gill Net Fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River Extended

Adopted February 25, 2016: effective February 26, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

This amended rule extends the ongoing Columbia River Treaty Indian commercial gill net fisheries in The Dalles and John Day pools, previously set to end at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 27. These fisheries are now set to run through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5, 2016. Modifications are consistent with action taken February 25, 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.

5.) 635-041-0065

Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Gill Net Fisheries in Zone 6 of the Columbia River Revised

Adopted March 3, 2016: effective March 5, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

This amended rule extends the ongoing Columbia River Treaty Indian commercial gill net fishery in the John Day Pool, previously set to end at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5, through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 12, 2016. Further modifications set a Treaty Indian commercial gill net fishery in the Bonneville Pool to begin at 6:00 a.m. Monday, March 14 and run through 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2016. Modifications are consistent with action taken March 3, 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.

6.) 635-065-0765

Amend Rules to Add Arkansas to Cervid Parts Importation Ban

Adopted: February 25, 2016. Effective Dates: February 25, 2016 through August 22, 2016.

In June 2003, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted rules banning the importation of certain cervid parts from those states with documented cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). The rules noted that the Department would add additional states to the rules as new

cases of CWD were documented. Based on new information, the Director amends the rule to add Arkansas to the list of states from which cervid parts may not be imported.

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: Staff: Chris Kern, Fish Division Deputy Administrator for Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program

Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon Columbia River Program Manager

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 0025, rules for Greater Sage-Grouse mitigation.

Staff: Chip Dale, Malheur Watershed 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: Isaac 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

Executive Session

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will now meet in executive session. The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(h) which allow the Commission to meet in executive session to consult legal counsel with respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission.

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

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
- 2016-2017 Big Game Season Tag Numbers and Season dates, Regulations and Tag Numbers for 2017 Big Game Hunting – Rulemaking
- Furbearer and Unprotected Mammal Regulations – Rulemaking
- 2017 Access and Habitat Auction Raffle Tag Allocations – Approval
- Access and Habitat Project Approval and Board Appointments - Approval
- Wildlife Control Operators (Bats) – Rulemaking
- Protected Wildlife, Holding, and Propagating – 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
- Mule Deer & Elk Management Objectives – Rulemaking
- Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review - Informational

September 2, 2016 – Welches

*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

- Cougar Management Plan Review – Informational
- Wolf Conservation and Management Plan – Rulemaking

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
- Cougar Management Plan - Rulemaking

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.