



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:

Friday, August 5, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97302

Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.

Friday August 5, 2016

Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Michael Finley, Chair
Bob Webber, Commissioner
Holly Akenson, Commissioner
Greg Wolley, Commissioner
Laura Anderson, Commissioner
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner

Curt Melcher, Director
Bill Herber, Deputy Director
Steve Sanders, Assistant Attorney General
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

MEETING

On Friday, **August 5, 2016 at 8:05 a.m.**, Chair **Michael Finley** called the **Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

Commissioner Atkinson is excused for family business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only; *this report is available in the meeting materials and at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp*

Expenditure Report

Staff: Bill Herber, Deputy Director for Administration

Department wide, expenditures continue to be within available revenue. Vacancy savings and reduced expenditures are still the norm across the board for all expenditure areas, which accounts for the lower than projected revenue. While expenditures are significantly lower than the half-way point for the biennium, seems to indicate this is a typical spend pattern for the first year of a biennium. Typically, vacancies and programs take a period of time to ramp up, resulting in the lower spend rate for the first half of the biennium.

Department cash balances (operational reserves) continued to show growth. Unrestricted cash balance is currently around \$30.6 million while restricted cash is about \$21.7 million. This marks the first time since our current tracking efforts that unrestricted cash broke the \$30 million level and total cash is above \$50 million. It is

1 important to note that these cash balances do not account for outstanding account
2 receivables and Accounts payable.

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4 The Department's Agency Request Budget (ARB) has successfully completed the
5 Department of Administrative Service's audit process. Work is continuing on finalizing
6 the ARB budget document for submittal to the Governor's office by September 1st.

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8 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*
9 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp

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11 Alternate Funding Taskforce Update
12 The Commission will be given a status update
13 Mark Labhart, Taskforce Chair and Jim Owens, Facilitator

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15 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*
16 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp

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18 Commissioner Akenson requested that the Commission send a statement to Legislature
19 on the Commission's prospective regarding the need for funding, letting the Legislature
20 know that the Agency is focused on the conservation piece and that it is very important
21 to our mission.

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23 Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review
24 The Commission will be given an informational update on the Wolf Plan Review.
25 Staff: Russ Morgan, Wolf Program Coordinator

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27 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*
28 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp

29 30 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

31 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.
32 The 29 temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency
33 action authority.

34 35 **1) 635-041-0045 and 635-041-0076**

36 **Treaty Indian Commercial Summer Salmon Fisheries Set**

37 Adopted June 9, 2016: effective June 16, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

38 These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Treaty Indian
39 commercial summer salmon gillnet and hook-and-line fisheries both above and below
40 Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River beginning 6:00 a.m. Thursday, June 16, 2016.
41 Modifications are consistent with action taken June 9, 2016 by the Departments of Fish
42 and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia
43 River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

1 **2) 635-042-0160 and 635-042-0170**

2 **Commercial Spring Salmon and Shad Fisheries for Columbia River Select Areas**
3 **Modified**

4 Adopted June 9, 2016: effective June 16, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

5 This amended rule adds three new 12-hour fishing periods in Blind and Knappa
6 sloughs, and two new 12-hour periods in the Tongue Point/South Channel commercial
7 spring Chinook fisheries of the Columbia River of the Select Areas. Modifications are
8 consistent with action taken June 9, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments
9 of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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11 **3) 635-042-0027**

12 **Columbia River Commercial Summer Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for June 16,**
13 **2016**

14 Adopted June 9, 2016: effective June 16, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

15 This amended rule authorizes an 8-hour non-Indian commercial summer Chinook
16 drift net fishery in the mainstem Columbia River to commence on Thursday, June 16 at
17 9:00 p.m. and run through 5:00 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2016 (8 hours) in all of zones 1
18 through 5. Modifications are consistent with action taken June 9, 2016 by the Oregon
19 and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River
20 Compact.

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22 **4) 635-017-0090**

23 **Additional Opportunity for Personal Use Harvest of Pacific Lamprey at Willamette**
24 **Falls Allowed**

25 Adopted June 15, 2016: effective June 16, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

26 This amended rule allows three additional days for personal use harvest of Pacific
27 lamprey at Willamette Falls, beginning on Tuesday, June 21 through Thursday,
28 June 23, 2016, by individuals with the required permit. This season modification
29 provides opportunity for harvest of Pacific lamprey following the rescheduled installation
30 of water flow devices at Willamette Falls. All other regulations for the harvest of Pacific
31 lamprey remain unchanged.

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33 **5) 635-023-0128**

34 **2016 Columbia River Summer Recreational Fisheries Implemented**

35 Adopted June 9, 2016: effective June 16, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

36 This amended rule implements the 2016 summer recreational salmon fishing
37 season on the Columbia River. Modifications to regulations for 2016 conform to
38 regulation changes developed through this year's Pacific Fishery Management
39 Council/North of Falcon process. Corrections to the regulations were made to ensure
40 rule consistency with the State of Washington.

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42 **6) 635-042-0160 and 635-042-0170**

43 **Additional Commercial Spring Salmon and Shad Fishing Periods Authorized for**
44 **Columbia River Select Areas**

45 Adopted June 22, 2016: effective June 23, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

46 This amended rule adds one new 12-hour fishing period in Blind and Knappa
47 sloughs, and two new 12-hour periods in the Tongue Point/South Channel commercial

1 spring Chinook fisheries of the Columbia River of the Select Areas. Modifications are
2 consistent with action taken June 22, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Department
3 of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.
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5 **7) 635-023-0095**

6 **July 1 White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery in Bonneville Pool Rescinded**

7 Adopted June 22, 2016: effective June 30, 2016 through December 26, 2016.

8 This amended rule rescinds the recreational white sturgeon fishery in the
9 Bonneville Pool that was previously scheduled to begin July 1, 2016 for one day only.
10 The annual guideline for the Bonneville Pool has been attained. Revisions are
11 consistent with action taken June 22, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for
12 the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.
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14 **8) 635-019-0090**

15 **Spring Chinook Fisheries Open July 2 on the Wallowa River**

16 Adopted June 24, 2016: effective July 2, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

17 This amended rule allows recreational anglers opportunities to harvest adipose fin-
18 clipped adult Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook salmon, which are
19 in excess of the Department's hatchery production needs, in the Wallowa River
20 beginning Saturday, July 2, 2016 and until harvest guidelines are met.
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22 **9) 635-019-0090**

23 **Spring Chinook Fisheries Close in the Imnaha River**

24 Adopted June 27, 2016: effective July 3, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

25 This amended rule closes the recreational spring Chinook fishery on the Imnaha
26 River. This amended rule closes the recreational spring Chinook fishery on the Imnaha
27 River at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 3, 2016. The harvest guideline for the fishery is
28 expected to be attained by that time.
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30 **10) 635-004-0275 and 635-004-0355**

31 **In-season Adjustments to Trip Limits for the Commercial Nearshore and
32 Sablefish Fisheries**

33 Adopted June 29, 2016: effective July 5, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

34 These amended rules implement in-season trip limit adjustments for the Oregon
35 commercial nearshore fishery, and adopt federal in-season decreases to sablefish trip
36 limits. Federal in-season decreases are adopted by reference in Oregon's
37 administrative rules. Black rockfish trip limits will be increased from 1,600 to 2,400
38 pounds in period 4, from 1,400 to 2,200 pounds in period 5, and from 1,000 to 1,800
39 pounds in period 6. In addition, 2016 trip limits for blue rockfish increased from 30 to 50
40 pounds. Other nearshore rockfish increased from 200 to 350 pounds, and greenling
41 from 400 to 600 pounds for periods 4, 5 and 6.
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43 **11) 635-004-0375**

44 **Commercial Sardine Fishery Requirements for 2016-2017**

45 Adopted June 29, 2016: effective July 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

46 This amended rule modifies Oregon's commercial sardine fisheries and brings the
47 State of Oregon concurrent with federally adopted regulations. Modifications establish

1 2016-17 sardine harvest guidelines and incidental landing allowances for Oregon's
2 commercial fisheries.

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4 **12) 635-042-0160 and 635-042-0170**

5 **Commercial Salmon and Shad Fishing Periods Authorized for Columbia River**
6 **Select Areas**

7 Adopted June 30, 2016: effective June 30, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

8 This amended rule adds two new 12-hour fishing periods in both the Blind and
9 Knappa sloughs, and in the Tongue Point/South Channel commercial salmon fisheries
10 of the Columbia River Select Areas. Modifications are consistent with action taken
11 June 30, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a
12 meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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14 **13) 635-041-0076**

15 **Treaty Indian Commercial Summer Salmon Fisheries Set**

16 Adopted June 30, 2016: effective July 5, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

17 This amended rule authorizes the sales of fish caught in two 3-and-a-half day
18 Treaty Indian commercial salmon gillnet fisheries above Bonneville Dam in the
19 Columbia River. The first fishing period begins at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 5 and the
20 second period begins at 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 11. Modifications are consistent with
21 action taken June 30, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of
22 Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a
23 meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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25 **14) 635-042-0160 and 635-042-0170**

26 **Commercial Salmon and Shad Fishing Periods Authorized for Columbia River**
27 **Select Areas**

28 Adopted July 6, 2016: effective July 7, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

29 This amended rule adds two new 12-hour commercial salmon fishing periods to
30 both the Blind and Knappa sloughs and the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area
31 fisheries on the Columbia River. Modifications are consistent with action taken July 6,
32 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of
33 the Columbia River Compact.

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35 **15) 635-041-0076**

36 **Treaty Indian Commercial Summer Salmon Fishery Modified**

37 Adopted July 6, 2016: effective July 11, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

38 This amended rule modifies gear restrictions for a previously authorized 3-and-a-
39 half day Treaty Indian commercial salmon gillnet fishery in the Columbia River above
40 Bonneville Dam. The modified fishery begins at 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2016.
41 Modifications are consistent with action taken July 6, 2016 by the Departments of Fish
42 and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington, in cooperation with the Columbia
43 River Treaty Tribes, at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

1 **16) 635-042-0027**

2 **Columbia River Commercial Summer Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for July 11,**
3 **2016**

4 Adopted July 6, 2016: effective July 11, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

5 This amended rule authorizes an 8-hour non-Indian commercial summer Chinook
6 drift net fishery in the mainstem Columbia River to commence on Monday, July 11 at
7 9:00 p.m. and run through 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, 2016 (8 hours) in all of zones 1
8 through 5. Modifications are consistent with action taken July 6, 2016 by the Oregon
9 and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River
10 Compact.

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12 **17) 635-006-0210**

13 **Electronic Fish Tickets Reporting Commercial Sales Required for Limited Fish**
14 **Sellers**

15 Adopted July 12, 2016: effective July 29, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

16 This amended rule requires, by way of electronic fish receiving tickets (e-ticket),
17 the reporting of commercial sales of salmon, sturgeon, smelt and shad landed by
18 “Limited” fish dealers. This rule already requires wholesale fish dealers, wholesale fish
19 bait dealers, and food fish canners to report sales by way of e-tickets. Modifications also
20 require Limited Fish Sellers’ e-tickets be submitted within 24 hours of the closure of a
21 fishing period or within 24 hours of the landing when fishing periods are longer than 24
22 hours.

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24 **18) 635-039-0090**

25 **In-season Modification to Ocean Recreational Groundfish Depth Restriction**

26 Adopted July 11, 2016: effective July 14, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

27 This amended rule changes the season closure regulations for rockfish from
28 outside the 30-fathom regulatory curve to outside the 20-fathom curve; and closes the
29 ocean to retention of groundfish outside the 20-fathom curve (as defined by
30 coordinates) from 11:59 p.m. July 14 through December 31, 2016. This action is
31 intended to reduce bycatch mortality of yelloweye rockfish, as the fishery is projected to
32 exceed the allocation within current depth restrictions.

33 These modifications replaced the depth restrictions and closure dates on page 77
34 of the **2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** shown under the “season” column for:
35 “Rockfish, Greenling, Pacific Cod, Cabezon, Skates, Spiny Dogfish, Leopard Shark,
36 Soupin Shark, Topsmelt, Jacksmelt, and other marine species not listed here on page
37 77.”

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39 **19) 635-042-0160 and 635-042-0170**

40 **Commercial Salmon and Shad Fishing Periods Authorized for Columbia River**
41 **Select Areas**

42 Adopted July 13, 2016: effective July 14, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

43 This amended rule adds two new 12-hour commercial salmon fishing periods to
44 both the Blind and Knappa sloughs and the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area
45 fisheries on the Columbia River. Modifications are consistent with action taken July 13,
46 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of
47 the Columbia River Compact.

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2 **20) 635-041-0076**

3 **Treaty Indian Commercial Summer Salmon Fishery Extended**

4 Adopted July 13, 2016: effective July 18, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

5 This amended rule authorizes two new 4.5 day fishing periods to the ongoing
6 Treaty Indian commercial salmon gill net fishery in the Columbia River above Bonneville
7 Dam. The first new fishing period begins at 6:00 a.m. Monday, July 18 and runs through
8 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 22, 2016. The second period begins at 6:00 a.m. Monday, July
9 25 and runs through 6:00 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2016). Modifications are consistent with
10 action taken July 13, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of
11 Oregon and Washington, in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a
12 meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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14 **21) 635-019-0090**

15 **Spring Chinook Fisheries Close on the Wallowa River**

16 Adopted July 15, 2016: effective July 18, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

17 This amended rule closes the recreational spring Chinook fishery on the Wallowa
18 River which opened July 2, 2016. Due to near-zero angler participation and the
19 expectation of warmer water temperatures, fisheries managers have decided to close
20 the Wallowa River spring Chinook fishery at the end of the day on Sunday, July 24,
21 2016.

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23 **22) 635-023-0130**

24 **2016 Columbia River Fall Recreational Salmon Seasons Set**

25 Adopted July 27, 2016: effective August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

26 This amended rule sets the 2016 fall recreational Chinook salmon season
27 regulations for the mainstem Columbia River, effective August 1, 2016. Modifications
28 were based on *2016 Non-Indian Columbia River Summer/Fall Fishery Allocation*
29 *Agreement* (5/31/16) that was developed during the Pacific Fisheries Management
30 Council (PFMC) and North of Falcon (NOF) meetings. Fall fisheries in 2016 are
31 structured to optimize the harvest of Chinook, coho and steelhead within Endangered
32 Species Act (ESA) limits and to provide a balanced opportunity for the fishers.

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34 **23)635-014-0090**

35 **Regulations for Mark Selective Fall Chinook Fisheries in Lower Columbia River**
36 **Tributaries**

37 Adopted July 20, 2016: effective August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016

38 This amended rule addresses a conservation need for Endangered Species Act
39 (ESA) listed Lower Columbia River Fall Chinook (tules). These modifications restrict
40 harvest of hatchery Fall Chinook in an effort to allow additional ESA listed wild Fall
41 Chinook to escape to natural spawning areas. These regulation changes are being
42 proposed for adoption as permanent rules, effective January 1, 2017.

1 **24)635-041-0063**

2 **Treaty Indian Sturgeon Setline Fishery in Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River**
3 **Implemented**

4 Adopted July 27, 2016: effective August 1, 2016 through August 13, 2016.

5 Amended rule allows commercial sales of fish caught during the Treaty Indian Fall
6 sturgeon setline fishery in The Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River. The fishery
7 begins at 6:00 a.m. Monday, August 1 and runs through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13,
8 2016. Implementation is consistent with action taken July 27, 2016 by the Departments
9 of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the
10 Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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12 **25) 635-041-0045 and 635-041-0075**

13 **Sales from Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Fisheries Authorized**

14 Adopted July 27, 2016: effective August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

15 These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in fall Treaty tribal platform
16 commercial fisheries set for the Columbia River from 12:01 a.m. Monday, August 1
17 through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 31, 2016. Modifications are consistent with
18 action taken July 27, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of
19 Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a
20 meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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22 **26) 635-042-0145 and 635-042-0180**

23 **2016 Fall Commercial Seasons Set for Deep River and Youngs Bay Select Areas**

24 Adopted July 27, 2016: effective August 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

25 These amended rules implement the 2016 fall commercial salmon and shad
26 seasons for the Deep River and Youngs Bay Select Areas. The first authorized fishing
27 period in the Deep River Select Area is set to begin August 1. The first fishing period
28 authorized for the Youngs Bay Select Area begins on August 2, 2016. Modifications are
29 consistent with action taken July 27, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for
30 the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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32 **27) 635-042-0031**

33 **Mainstem Columbia River Commercial Early Fall Drift Gill Net Seasons Set**

34 Adopted July 27, 2016: effective August 7, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

35 This amended rule sets nine 9-hour fishing periods for the 2016 early fall commercial
36 salmon drift gill net season in Zones 4 and 5 of the Columbia River mainstem. The first
37 authorized fishing period begins at 9:00 p.m. Sunday, August 7, 2016 with further
38 fishing periods scheduled through 6:00 a.m. Friday, August 26, 2016. Authorized sales
39 include Chinook, coho, pink and sockeye salmon and shad. Modifications are consistent
40 with action taken July 27, 2016 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of
41 Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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43 **28) 635-042-0160 and 63-042-0170**

44 **2016 Fall Commercial Seasons Set for Columbia River Select Areas**

45 Adopted July 27, 2016: effective August 24, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

46 These amended rules set the 2016 fall commercial gill net salmon seasons for two
47 Columbia River Select Areas including: Blind and Knappa sloughs and Tongue

1 Point/South Channel. Sales of Chinook, coho, pink and sockeye salmon and shad are
2 allowed. Modifications are consistent with action taken July 27, 2016 by the
3 Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting
4 of the Columbia River Compact.

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6 **29) 635-014-0090 and 635-016-0090**

7 **Use of Two-Rod Validation in the Northwest and Southwest Angling Zones**

8 Adopted August 3, 2016: effective August 4, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

9 This amended rule clarifies new regulations for usage of a Two-Rod Validation in
10 the streams of the Northwest and Southwest angling zones. Modifications allow the use
11 of two fishing rods in the streams that are open to angling for Chinook and hatchery
12 coho salmon and hatchery steelhead. Two-rods cannot be used in any waters that are
13 opened for wild coho retention. Only a single rod can be used when angling for any
14 other game and non-game fish species.

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16 *Action:*

17 Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the 29 temporary rules listed on pages 1 through
18 6 as listed on the the agenda. Akenson seconded the motion, and the motion carried
19 unanimously.

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21 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

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23 **PUBLIC FORUM**

24 *Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the*
25 *agenda. Please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the*
26 *Director at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the public forum. If you*
27 *bring written summaries or other materials to the meeting please provide the*
28 *Commission Assistant with 20 copies prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable*
29 *to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.*

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31 **Coastal Fishing Regulations/ Nehalem River fishing and crabbing**

Janice Laviolette, Business Owner	<i>Provided written testimony. This testimony is available in the meeting materials and at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp</i>
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32 **Angling regulations on the Columbia River**

David Moskowitz, Conservation Anglers	<i>Provided written testimony. This testimony is available in the meeting materials and at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp</i>
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34 **Exhibit C: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS, R&E**
35 **BOARD APPOINTMENT, AND STEP ANNUAL REPORT**

36 The Commission was asked to approve the Restoration and Enhancement Board's
37 recommendations for project funding from the May 20, 2016 meeting, appoint a new
38 Seafood Processor recommended member to the R&E Board, and will receive a briefing
39 on the 2015 STEP annual report.

1 Staff: Kevin Herkamp, STEP and R&E Program Coordinator
 2 Public Testimony
 3 Approval
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5 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
 6 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp
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8 Public Testimony

Roger White, Madsen Springs Water Dist., Camp Sherman Store, Metolius Recreation Association	<i>Provided written testimony. This testimony is available in the meeting materials and at</i> http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp
Jim Edy, Camp Sherman landowner	Property just north of the proposed project. Has three concerns. Water quality, environmental impact and public trespass issues. What is little impact? Has this been quantified, more research needs to be done in this area. What protocols will insure that we will have safe water to drink?
Senator Betsy Johnson, land owner	My interest in this issue is that my family owns property around the headwaters of the Metolius. They have loved it so much that they gave it to the federal government on the condition that a road be moved away and an observation deck be built so that people could not walk down to the springs that are increadably fragile. I have been and will remain an unapologetic and aggressive defender of the Metolius basin. It came as a surprise that the decision was in front of you today. This project was presented as an alternative to a heavy residential development. I think there are mixed reviews, it is hard to gauge what is support vs. the less of two evils. There may be available alternatives that will meet a portion of everyone’s objectives, we need more time to negotiate with the effected parties and local organizations. I ask you to not move ahead with R&E project, give us time to find an acceptable compromise.
Jim Phelps, STAC Chair	STAC looked at this project two different times at length and we support it whole heartedly. It complies with the departments 25 year Angling Enhancement Plan. It is productive use of little used ODFW property. A plan was suggested 20 years ago and with this information, we are finally getting it to today.

9 *Discussion:*

10 Chair Finley – Asked the department to work with the community to find solutions and
 11 report back to the Commission.
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13 Senator Johnson – respectively ask the department continue to take input and work with
 14 the community.
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1 *Action:*
2 Commissioner Buckmaster moved to appoint Rod Moore to a four year term as the
3 **Seafood Processor** representative on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board.
4 Commissioner Webber seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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6 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.
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8 Commissioner Webber moved to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration
9 and Enhancement Board with the following exception of project 15-07.
10 Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously

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12 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

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14 Commissioner Webber moved to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration
15 and Enhancement Board for project 15-07. Commissioner Akenson seconded the
16 motion and the motion was carried four (4) in favor - Wolley; Akenson; Webber; Finley,
17 two (2) Opposed- Buckmaster; Anderson

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19 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

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21 Annual Pride Awards Recognition
22 Curt Melcher, Director

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24 Individual Pride Awards:

25 *Aaron Jenkins*
26 *Autumn Larkins*
27 *Brittany Huntington*
28 *Cedric Cooney*
29 *Greg Jackle*
30 *Kathy Pesterfield*
31 *Kyle Bratcher*
32 *Tom Stahl*

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34 Director's Pride Award:

35 *Jeremy Thompson*

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37 Team Pride Award

38 Angling Regulation Simplification Team:
39 *Chris Kern, Gary Vonderohe, Jason Bader, Jessica Sall, Joshua McCormick, Mike*
40 *Anderson, Michael Gauvin, Mike Harrington, Shannon Hurn, Lt. Tim Schwartz*

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42 Coastal Hatchery Storm Response Team:

43 *Alexsis Toney, Amanda Reich, Brandon Bertilson, Chris Lauman, Craig Maddux, Dan*
44 *Spratt, David Chambers, Emi Ikeda, Jim Skaar, Joe Hulburt, Joshua Rist, Ken Fliszar,*
45 *Kyle Wilson, Lee Wajytyna (pronounced Ytina), Mark Bushman, Michelle Viss, Nicole*
46 *Hansen, Paul Atwood, Ross McDorman, Sam Birch, Whitney Crowell*

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1 Habitat Resources Program Team:

2 *Art Martin, Jon Germond, Joy Vaughan, Rod Krahmer, Sarah Reif*

4 Director's Team Pride Award

5 Canyon Meadows Dam Removal Team:

6 *Alan Ritchey, Brent Smith, Brian Adams, Christopher Holsclaw, Dennis Schulze, Glenn*
7 *Moodenbaugh, Alec Moore, Kelly Stokes, Leanne Brown, Michael Jensen, Michael*
8 *McHatton, Nathaniel Ashley, Patti Powell, Robert Edwards, Rocky Smith, Ryan*
9 *McCormick, Scott Powell*

11 Volunteer Leader Award:

12 *Tom Rumreich*

14 Dave Liscia Award:

15 *Don Hermansen*

17 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

18 The Commission was asked to approve the draft, January 15 and February 12, 2016
19 Commission meeting minutes.

21 *Action:*

22 Commissioner Webber moved to approve the January 15 and February 12, 2016
23 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was
24 carried unanimously.

26 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

28 **Exhibit B: 2017 OREGON SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS**

29 The Commission was asked to adopt the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

30 Staff: Mike Gauvin, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager

31 Public Testimony

32 Rulemaking

33 *Staff Presentation:* Mike Gauvin

35 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

36 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp

37 No public testimony

39 *Action:*

40 Commissioner Webber moved to amend OAR Chapter 635 Divisions 011, 013, 014,
41 016, 017, 018, 019, 021, 023 and 039 as proposed by staff in Attachment 3 and
42 Attachment 4, and to universally reflect the calendar dates. Commissioner Akenson
43 seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

45 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

1 Commissioner Akenson moved to adopt the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations as
2 proposed by staff in Attachment 5 and authorize staff to make formatting changes, to
3 correct spelling or grammar errors, address inadvertent inconsistencies, and improve
4 readability. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and the motion was carried
5 unanimously.

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7 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

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9 **Exhibit D: CANCELLED**
10 **REGULATIONS FOR 2016 COASTAL COHO FISHERIES**

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12 **Exhibit E: MULE DEER AND ELK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES**

13 The Commission was asked to adopt mule deer and elk management objectives.

14 Staff: Doug Cottam, South Willamette Watershed District Manger

15 Public Testimony

16 Rulemaking

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18 *Staff Presentation:* Doug Cottam

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20 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

21 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp

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public testimony

Al Elkins/ Jim Akenson, Oregon Hunters Association	Provided written testimony. <i>This testimony is available in the meeting materials and at</i> http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/08_august/index.asp
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24 *Action:*

25 Commissioner Wolley moved to amend OAR Chapter 635 Divisions 160 and 190
26 establishing Management Objectives for mule deer and elk in Oregon as proposed by
27 staff. Commissioner Buckmaster seconded the motion and the motion was carried
28 unanimously.

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30 Commissioner Atkinson is excused.

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32 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

33 The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will meet in executive session. The
34 Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) and ORS 192.660(2)(h) which
35 allow the Commission to meet in executive session to consider information or records
36 that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with legal counsel with
37 respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission.

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39 **OTHER BUSINESS**

40 Proposed 2017 Commission Meeting Dates

- 1 Commissioner Akenson attended WFWA meeting in Cody, WY and encourage other
- 2 Commissioners to get involved. In 2018 we will be hosting the meeting which includes a
- 3 Commissioner multiday meeting.
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- 5 Chair Michael Finley adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.