



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Fish and Wildlife Commission Tour:  
Thursday, March 16, 2017; 8:00 – 5:00  
Holiday Inn Express  
781 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Corvallis, OR 97330

Meeting:  
Friday March 17, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.  
Benton County Fairgrounds  
Guerber Hall  
110 SW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Corvallis, Oregon 97333

### Friday March 17, 2017

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Field Reports – in written form only

Expenditure Report

Staff: Cameron Smith, Acting Deputy Director for Administration

Adopt Temporary Rules

Curt Melcher, Director

#### **1.) 635-005-0465**

#### **Commercial Dungeness Crab Evisceration Requirement for Biotoxin Management Area**

Adopted February, 2017: effective February 10, 2017 through August 8, 2017.

In coordination with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) temporary rule making (see OAR 635-025-0400), this amended rule implements requirements for a biotoxin management area for the ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery from the Coos Bay North Jetty (43° 21.60' N. Lat.) northward to Heceta Head (44° 08.30' N. Lat.) due to detection of elevated levels of domoic acid in crab viscera in the specified area. In combination, this rule and the ODA rule require that all Dungeness crab landed from the biotoxin management area and landed after 12:01 AM January 25, 2017 and before 12:01 AM February 10, 2017 only be sold to a food processor licensed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture for evisceration. These rules prohibit the sale of live crab caught in the affected areas and prohibit the sale of any crab that is not processed consistent with these rules.

#### **2.) 635-018-0090**

#### **2017 Spring Chinook Seasons in the Hood River**

Adopted February 2017: effective April 15 2017 through June 30, 2017.

This amended rule allows the sport harvest of hatchery spring Chinook salmon in the Hood River from April 15 through June 30, 2017. The Hood River open area extends from the mouth to the mainstem confluence with the East Fork; and the West Fork from the confluence with the mainstem upstream to the angling deadline 200 feet downstream of Punchbowl Falls. The daily bag limit for the Hood River is one (1) adult hatchery salmon per day; and five (5) hatchery jack salmon per day. It is unlawful to continue angle in the Hood River after retaining an adult Chinook. All wild Chinook salmon must be released unharmed.

**3.) 635-041-0065**

**Extend 2017 Treaty Indian Columbia River Winter Commercial Season in The Dalles/John Day Pool**

Adopted February 2017; effective February 15, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

This amended rule extends the Treaty Indian winter commercial gill net season in The Dallas and John Day Pool through February 22, 2017. Modifications are consistent with action taken February 14, 2017 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.

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**5.) 635-023-0125**

**Columbia River Recreational Seasons for Salmon, Steelhead and Shad Set**

Adopted February, 2017: effective March 1, 2017 through June 15, 2017.

This amended rule sets regulations for Columbia River recreational spring Chinook, steelhead and shad seasons with descriptions of areas, dates, and bag limits for harvest of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad. Revisions are consistent with action taken February 23, 2017 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

**6.) 635-041-0065**

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

Adopted March, 2017: effective March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

This amended rule extends the Treaty Indian winter commercial gill net season in The Dallas and John Day Pool through March 4, and opens The Bonneville Pool through March 6, 2017. Modifications are consistent with action taken March 1, 2017 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.

**7.) 050-050-0045**

**Update Furtaker Regulations to Reflect New Reporting Options**

Adopted: March 9, 2017. Effective Dates: March 9, 2017 through September 04, 2017  
Current Furtaker Regulations require mandatory reporting of harvest and effort to occur via mailed or faxed reports. These revised OARs amend the rules to include online reporting via the internet as an option for mandatory furtaker reporting. This rule change is necessary to provide furtakers the opportunity to complete their mandatory reporting of harvest and effort online.

**8.) 635-041-0065**

**Close 2017 Winter Commercial Platform and Hook and Line and Gillnet Treaty Indian Fisheries**

Adopted March 2017: effective March 17, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

This amended rule closes the Treaty Indian winter commercial gill net season in The Bonneville Pool and the Zone 6 commercial platform and hook and line effective 6:00 p.m. March 17, 2017 Modifications are consistent with action taken February 21, 2017 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.

**9.) 635-023-0095**

**2017 White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery in The Dalles / Bonneville Pool Closed**

Adopted March 2017: effective March 25, 2017 through September 20, 2017.

This amended rule closes the recreational white sturgeon fishery in The Dalles and Bonneville pools effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday March 25, 2017. The annual guideline for The Dalles Pool has been attained. Bonneville Pool will re-open for a summer fishery. Revisions are consistent with action taken March 14, 2017 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

**10.) 050-050-0045**

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**Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft February 10, 2017 Commission meeting minutes.

**Exhibit B: LIMITED LANDOWNER PREFERENCE MULE DEER TAG ALLOCATION**

The Commission will be asked to approve changing the formula used to allocate Landowner Preference tags for mule deer in Wildlife Management Units below the Population Management Objective.

Staff: Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

Public Testimony

Rulemaking

**Exhibit C: LUNDQUIST LAND ACQUISITION- BUENA VISTA BOAT RAMP, WILLAMETTE RIVER, RIVER MILE 106.5**

The Commission will be asked to approve a land acquisition of approximately .87 acres adjacent to the existing Buena Vista Boat Ramp on the Willamette River.

Staff: Holly Huchko, Sport Fish Restoration Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

**Exhibit D: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT (R&E) PROJECT APPROVALS, SALMON AND TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) AND R&E PROGRAM BUDGET APPROVAL, AND STEP AND R&E ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Commission will be asked to approve the R&E Board's recommendations for project funding from the January 13, 2017 meeting, approve the 2017-19 STEP and R&E program budget, and will receive a briefing on the 2015-17 R&E Report and the 2016 STEP annual report.

Staff: Kevin Herkamp, STEP and R&E Program Coordinator  
Rich Heap, R&E Board Chair  
Jim Phelps, STAC Chair  
Public Testimony  
Approval

**Exhibit E: RENAMING RIVER RANCH PARCEL OF THE LOWER DESCHUTES WILDLIFE AREA TO "WOOSLEY TRACT"**

The Commission will be asked to approve renaming of the River Ranch Parcel of the Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area to "Woosley Tract".

Staff: Jeremy Thompson, District Wildlife Biologist  
Public Testimony  
Rulemaking

**Exhibit F: 2017 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING**

The Commission will be updated on 2017 ocean salmon fishery planning leading up to the May 1, 2017 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  
Public Testimony  
Informational

**Exhibit G: COLUMBIA RIVER FISHERIES REFORM**

Governor Brown asked the Commission to reconsider their rules on Columbia River Fisheries Reform adopted January 20, 2017. Staff will update analyses and provide a recommendation for Commission action.

Staff: Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator  
Chris Kern, Deputy Fish Division Administrator  
Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager  
John North, Columbia River Fishery Manager  
Public Testimony  
Rulemaking

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

## **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 21, 2017 – Klamath Falls**

\*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2017

- 2016 Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Annual Report - Director's Report
- 2017-18 Game Bird Regulations – Rulemaking
- 2017 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Ocean Terminal Fisheries Rulemaking – Rulemaking
- 2017 Sport and Commercial Pacific Halibut Regulations – Rulemaking
- DRAFT Wolf Plan – Informational
- Leftover Limited LOP Tags and Transfer Tags to Terminally Ill Individuals – Rulemaking
- Threatened and Endangered Species List Revision – Rulemaking
- Access & Habitat Project Funding - Approval
- Edmunds Well at Summer Lake Wildlife Area - Approval

### **May 2017 – No meeting scheduled**

### **June 9, 2017 – Salem**

\*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2017

- Water Resources Division, Integrated Water Resource Strategy – Director's Report
- Crab/ Domoic Briefing - Director's Report
- 2018 Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations – Approval
- Access & Habitat Project Funding - Approval
- Commercial Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fisheries – Rulemaking
- ODOT Culvert Repair Fish Passage Pilot Programmatic Agreement (CRPA) – Interim Report - Informational

### **July 2017 – No meeting scheduled**

### **August 4, 2017 – Salem**

\*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2017

- Pride Awards Recognition
- DRAFT Cougar Plan - Informational
- Restoration & Enhancement Project Approvals – Approval

### **September 15, 2017 – Welches**

\*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2017

- Access & Habitat Project Funding - Approval
- Big Game Regulations (2018 Tag Setting, Seasons, and Regulations) – Rulemaking

**October 13, 2017 – Prineville**

\*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2017

- Cougar Management Plan Review – Action

**November, 2017 – No meeting scheduled**

**December 8, 2017 – Salem**

\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2017

- Restoration & Enhancement Project Approval and Board Member Appointment – Approval
- Regulations for Groundfish Fisheries and Nearshore Logbook Report – Rulemaking
- Access & Habitat Project Funding Approval - Approval

## PLEASE NOTE

### **AGENDA**

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. March 17, 2017 and proceed chronologically through the agenda. If you wish to receive written materials prepared for any of the agenda items, please contact the Director's Office in Salem at 503.947.6044 to request a packet for those items which interest you or see the agency's website at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/Comm/schedule.htm> .

A recess will be taken at 12:00 Noon, when the Commission will have lunch and may discuss matters of general interest. The public is welcome to attend, and an announcement will be made of the location of the lunch. Lunch will not be provided to the public.

### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

If you wish to give testimony on any item scheduled on this agenda, please sign up on the sheets provided the day of the meeting. You will be called to testify by the Commission Chair. The Commission places great value on information received from the public, and wants to avoid arbitrary limits on the time or attention allocated to each witness. Therefore, persons desiring to testify or otherwise present information to the Commission are encouraged to:

- (1) Provide written summaries of information to the Commission twenty (20) sets;
- (2) Limit testimony to three (3) minutes, recognizing that substance, not length, determines the value of testimony or written information;
- (3) Endorse rather than repeat testimony of other witnesses; and
- (4) Groups or organizations wishing to testify should designate one spokesperson whenever possible.

### **Thank you for taking the time to present your views.**

Materials delivered to the Director's Office sufficiently in advance of the meeting can be copied and distributed to the Commission. If you bring written materials to the hearing, please provide twenty (20) copies. If you have questions regarding this Agenda, please contact the Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE, Salem, OR 97302, 503.947.6044.

### **PARKING**

Parking is available to anyone who attends the Commission meeting.

### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES**

Reasonable accommodation, such as assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotape, will be provided as needed. In order to ensure availability, please contact the Director's Office at 503.947.6044 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to make your request. TTY users can reach ODFW by using the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service. Please dial 711 and ask to be connected to 503-947-6044.