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

Mike Finley, Chair
Bob Webber, Vice-Chair
Holly Akenson, Commissioner
Greg Wolley, Commissioner
Laura Anderson, Commissioner
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner
Jim Bittle, Commissioner
Curt Melcher, Director
Mike Harrington, Acting Deputy Director
Cameron Smith, Acting Deputy Director
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General
Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

MEETING

On Friday, March 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., Chair Michael Finley called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.

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/17/03_march/index.asp

Expenditure Report
Staff: Cameron Smith, Acting Deputy Director of Administration

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Adopt Temporary Rules
Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The nine (9) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.
1.) 635-005-0465
Commercial Dungeness crab Evisceration Requirement for Biotoxin Management Area
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 (43º 21.60' N. Lat.) northward to Heceta Head (44º 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
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
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.

4.) 635-041-0065
Extend 2017 Treaty Indian Columbia River Winter Commercial Season in The Dalles/John Day Pool
This amended rule extends the Treaty Indian winter commercial gill net season in The Dallas and John Day Pool through March 1, 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.
5.) 635-023-0125
Columbia River Recreational Seasons for Salmon, Steelhead, and Shad Set
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
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
This amended rule closes the Treaty Indian winter commercial gill net season in
the Bonneville Pool, 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
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.

Action:
Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the nine (9) temporary rules set out on today’s agenda, Commission Akenson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

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

Action:
Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the February 10, 2017 Commission meeting minutes with any grammar and spelling changes needed. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

The Commission was 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

*Staff Presentation: Tom Thornton provided a presentation to the Commission.*

*This presentation begins at 9 min on the audio recording*

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Action: Commissioner Webber moved to amend OAR 635 Division 075 as proposed by staff and amended attachment 4. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Agenda item moved

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

The Commission was 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

Staff Presentation: Jeremy Thompson provided a presentation to the Commission. This presentation begins at 1:34 on the audio recording.

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No Public Testimony

Action:
Commissioner Webber moved to amend OAR Chapter 635 Division 008-0123 as proposed by staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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

The Commission was 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

Staff Presentation: Holly Huchko provided a presentation to the Commission. This presentation begins at 1:50 on the audio recording.

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No Public Testimony
Action:
Commissioner Webber moved to approve the acquisition of Lundquist property adjacent to Buena Vista Park on the Willamette River, and direct staff to complete the purchase pursuant to processes required by Oregon Administrative Rules for Land Acquisition and Exchanges. OAR 125-045-200. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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 was asked to approve the R&E Board's recommendations for project funding from the January 13, 2017 meeting, to approve the 2017-19 STEP and R&E program budget, and received 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

Staff Presentation: Kevin Herkamp, Chair Heap, and Chair Phelps provided presentations to the Commission. These presentations began at 2:07 on the audio recording

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Public Testimony
Bill Whaly

Action:
Issue 1) Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board. Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Issue 2) Commissioner Wolley moved to approve the 2017-19 STEP and R&E Program Budget recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board. Commission Chair Finley seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Exhibit F: 2017 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

The Commission was updated on the 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

Staff Presentation: Chris Kern provided a presentation to the Commission. This presentation begins at 2:43 on the audio recording

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No Public Testimony

Exhibit G: COLUMBIA RIVER FISHERIES REFORM

Governor Brown had asked the Commission to reconsider their rules on Columbia River Fisheries Reform adopted January 20, 2017. Staff updated the analyses and provided 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

Staff provided a presentation to the Commission. This presentation begins at 3:47 on the audio recording

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Public Testimony

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Commissioner Buckmaster entered into the record a memorandum dated March 15, 2017. The subject of this memorandum is “Factual Record and Analysis Supporting Adaptive Management Required under Senate SB 830, now ORS 508.980, and the Kitzhaber Plan.”

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Action:
Commissioner Buckmaster moved to adopt the amendments to OARs 635-500-6705 through 500-6735, 635-014-0090, and 635-023-0090 as shown in Attachment 3. Commissioner Webber seconded the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN
Chair Michael Finley adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Mike Wullger, Salmon for All
Steve Fick- Salmon for All, West Coast Seafood Processor’s
Brad White, Gillnet Fisherman
Tim Schoonover, Northwest Sport fishing Industry Association, American Sport fishing Association
Brian Kamp, Commercial Fisherman
Grant Putnam, Northwest Guides and Anglers