



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:  
Friday May 19, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.  
Embassy Suites Portland Airport  
Spruce & Oak Rooms  
7900 NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97220

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2 *Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the*  
3 *Commission.*  
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5 Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media  
6 circulation. Those attending part or all of the meeting included:  
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Mike Finley, Chair	Curt Melcher, Director
Bob Webber, Vice- Chair	Mike Harrington, Acting Deputy Director
Holly Akenson, Commissioner (Phone)	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General
Greg Wolley, Commissioner	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Laura Anderson, Commissioner	
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner	
Jim Bittle, Commissioner	

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9 **MEETING**

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11 On Friday, **May 19, 2017 at 8:17 a.m., Chair Michael Finley called the Oregon Fish**  
12 **and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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14 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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16 2017 Sturgeon Fishery Update  
17 Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager

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19 *Staff Presentation: Tucker Jones provided a presentation to the Commission.*  
20 *This presentation begins at 3 minutes on the audio recording.*

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22 *This presentation is located in the Commission Material and can be viewed at*  
23 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05\\_may/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05_may/index.asp)  
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26 **Adopt Temporary Rules**  
27 **Curt Melcher, Director**

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29 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following eleven (11)  
30 temporary rules. The eleven (11) temporary rules were previously adopted by the  
31 director under his emergency action authority.  
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1       **1.) 635-017-0090**

2       **2017 Sturgeon Closure and Angling Limitations on the Gilbert River**

3       Adopted April 25, 2017: effective April 25, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

4       The amended rule closes all sturgeon angling for the remainder of 2017,  
5 including catch and release as well as closing all angling from April 24 through June 15  
6 and October 1 through December 31, 2017 in the Gilbert River. The area includes the  
7 Gilbert River from the upstream end of the Gilbert River Fishing Pier located near the  
8 confluence with Multnomah Channel, upstream to Sturgeon Lake.

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10       **2.) 635-017-0090**

11       **Spring Chinook in Big Lake are Considered Trout and Part of the Daily Trout Limit**

12       Adopted April 27, 2017: effective May 1, 2017 through October 27, 2017.

13       The amended rule allows retention of hatchery spring Chinook in Big Lake  
14 beginning May 1, 2017 as part of the trout fishery.

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16       **3.) 635-042-0145**

17       **Modifications to the 2017 Spring Commercial Seasons in the Youngs Bay Area**

18       Adopted April 27, 2017: effective April 27, 2017 through September 15, 2017.

19       This amended rule modifies the 2017 spring commercial salmon season for the  
20 Youngs Bay Select Area beginning April 27 to minimize interception of non-local  
21 Chinook stocks. Modifications are consistent with Oregon State action taken April 27  
22 2017 by the Department of Fish & Wildlife for the State of Oregon.

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24       **4.) 635-042-0145**

25       **Modifications to the 2017 Spring Commercial Seasons in the Youngs Bay Area**

26       Adopted May 2, 2017: effective May 3, 2017 through September 15, 2017.

27       This amended rule modifies the 2017 spring commercial salmon season for the  
28 Youngs Bay Select Area beginning May 3 to minimize interception of non-local Chinook  
29 stocks. Modifications are consistent with Oregon State action taken May 2 2017 by the  
30 Department of Fish & Wildlife for the State of Oregon.

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33       **5.) 635-017-0090**

34       **Limited Fishing Periods in the Lower Willamette River for Spring Chinook and**  
35 **Steelhead Recreational Fisheries**

36       Adopted May 4, 2017: effective May 8, 2017 through November 3 2017.

37       Beginning May 8, 2017, from the Lower Willamette River downstream of  
38 Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River and the lower  
39 Clackamas River up to the Highway 99E Bridge, angling and retention of spring  
40 Chinook and steelhead is allowed only on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. The  
41 daily adult bag limit is two hatchery salmonids, which only one may be a Chinook

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43       **6.) 635-017-0090**

44       **2017 Angling Modifications for the Gilbert River**

45       Adopted May 10, 2017: effective May 13, 2017 through June 15, 2017.

46       The amended rule maintains the sturgeon angling closure for the Gilbert River  
47 through June 15, 2017 as previously adopted by temporary rule but liberalizes  
48 regulations to allow the use of artificial flies and lures for other species rather than a  
49 complete angling closure. The area includes the Gilbert River from the upstream end of

1 the Gilbert River Fishing Pier located near the confluence with Multnomah Channel,  
2 upstream to Sturgeon Lake.

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4 **7.) 635-042-0145**

5 **Modifications to the 2017 Spring Commercial Seasons in the Youngs Bay Area**

6 Adopted May 11, 2017: effective May 15, 2017 through September 15, 2017.

7 This amended rule modifies the 2017 spring commercial salmon season for the  
8 Youngs Bay Select Area beginning May 15 to minimize interception of non-local  
9 Chinook stocks. Modifications are consistent with Oregon State action taken May 11  
10 2017 by the Department of Fish & Wildlife for the State of Oregon.

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12 **8.) 635-023-0125**

13 **Postpone the May 16, 2017 Hatchery Steelhead and Jack Chinook salmon Fishery**

14 Adopted May 11, 2017: effective May 16, 2017 through June 15, 2017.

15 This amended rule delays the 2017 opening season for hatchery steelhead and  
16 jack Chinook fisheries on the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky  
17 Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge until further notice. Revisions are consistent with  
18 Columbia River Joint State action taken May 11, 2017 by the Oregon and Washington  
19 Departments of Fish and Wildlife.

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21 **9.) 635-016-0090**

22 **Modifications to Southwest Zone Sport Chinook salmon Regulations for the**  
23 **Rogue River**

24 Adopted May 12, 2017: effective May 15, 2017 through July 31, 2017.

25 Effective May 15, 2017 the current deadline marker located immediately below  
26 the Cole River hatchery will be relocated to a point 1200 feet below the hatchery  
27 diversion dam to establish new deadline markers. Moving the angling deadline markers  
28 will restrict harvest of hatchery spring Chinook in the Rogue River. Currently we are not  
29 expecting surplus hatchery Chinook and may not be able to meet broodstock  
30 requirements. This restriction will allow for adequate broodstock collection in order to  
31 meet our angler opportunity obligations throughout the Rogue River.

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33 **10.) 635-067-0000, 635-069-0000, 635-073-0000, 635-075-0022**

34 **Amend Rule to Reduce Hunting Opportunity for Specified 2017 Mule Deer and**  
35 **Pronghorn Hunts**

36 Adopted: May 16, 2017. Effective Dates: May 16, 2017 through November 10, 2017

37 This temporary rule is needed to reduce tag numbers for controlled hunts in areas  
38 where deer and pronghorn survival was most reduced by harsh weather during the  
39 2016-2017 winter to keep from exceeding appropriate harvest levels in the hunt areas.  
40 Reducing controlled hunt tag numbers will provide the intended level of harvest. Failure  
41 to amend the rules before the controlled hunt drawing would result in serious prejudice  
42 to hunters participating in these deer and pronghorn hunts because fewer animal will be  
43 available for harvest than anticipated when tag numbers were initially adopted in June  
44 2016.

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46 **10.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180**

47 **Modify 2017 Spring Commercial Seasons in the Select Areas of the Columbia**  
48 **River.**

1 Adopted May 18, 2017: effective May 22, 2017 through September 15, 2017.

2 These amended rules modify the 2017 spring commercial salmon seasons for  
3 the select areas of the Columbia River. Effective May 22, authorized fishing periods  
4 have been modified for the Youngs Bay, Knappa Slough, and Tongue Point/ South  
5 Channel fisheries. A closure of the Deep River are also set to begin May 22.  
6 Modifications are consistent with action taken May 18 2017 by the Oregon and  
7 Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife.  
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9 Action:

10 Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the ten (10) temporary rules set out on today's  
11 tan agenda and the one temporary rule set forth in the memo from Ed Bowles, dated  
12 May 19, 2017, Commission Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried  
13 unanimously.  
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15 **Exhibit A: WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW**

16 The Commission will be presented an informational review of the initial Draft Wolf  
17 Conservation and Management Plan.

18 Staff: Russ Morgan, Wolf Program Coordinator

19 Public Testimony

20 Informational  
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22 *Staff Presentation: Russ Morgan provided a presentation to the Commission.*  
23 *This presentation begins at 41 minutes on the audio recording.*  
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25 *This presentation is located in the Commission Material and can be viewed at*  
26 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05\\_may/Presentation](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05_may/Presentation_Wolf_Management_Plan.pdf)  
27 [Wolf\\_Management\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05_may/Presentation_Wolf_Management_Plan.pdf)  
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29 *Testimony provided for this agenda item begins at 1 hour 27 minutes on the audio*  
30 *recording provided in the Commission materials at*  
31 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/04\\_april/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/04_april/index.asp)  
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33 *These presentations and written testimony are located in the Commission Material and*  
34 *can be viewed at*

35 *Wolf Conservation and Management Plan Review Invited Guest Panel.*

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38 **Invited Guests Panel Number 2**

Oregon Cattlemen's Association	Todd Nash, Wolf Committee Chair
Stock Growers	Jill McClaren, President Wallowa Co.
Oregon Farm Bureau	Sarah Mitchell
Oregon Hunters Association	Jim Akenson
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	Bill Richardson, Senior Lands Program Manager

39 **Invited Guests Panel Number 1**

Cascadia Wildlands	Nick Cady, Legal Director
Center for Biological Diversity	Amaroq Weiss, West Coast Wolf Advocate

Defenders of Wildlife	Quin Reed, Northwest Representative
Oregon Wild	Rob Klavins, Northwest Oregon Field Coordinator
Oregon Wild	Daniel Moser, Wildlife Coordinator

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*At 3:00 PM Commission Chair Finley was excused from the meeting. At this time Commission Vic-Chair Webber oversaw the remainder of the meeting.*

*Public Testimony*

*Testimony provided for this agenda item begins at 3 hours 35 minutes on the audio recording provided in the Commission materials at*

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Wally Sykes	Provided written testimony
Bob Beschta	Provided written testimony
Jacob Falk	
Marceline Gearry, Oregon Wild, Defenders of Wildlife, Center for Biological Diversity	
Robin Vesey	
Cynthia Warnock	Provided written testimony
Roger Huffman	
Jim McClary	
Bill Hay	
Jim Akenson	Testified during Panel #1
Rowan Wolf	
Stephany Taylor, Predator Defense	Provided written testimony
Ted Netter, Oregon Farm Bureau Association	
Lindsay Raber	Provided written testimony
Mary Ann Littlewood	Did not testify, provided written testimony
Shawn Cantrell, Defenders of Wildlife	
Christopher Ruppert, Oregon Wild	
Celesta Dickerson	
Noah Greenwald, Center for Biological Diversity	
Greer Ryan, Center for Biological Diversity	
Ryan Shannon, Center for Biological Diversity	
Shane O'Neal, Center for Biological Diversity	
Steve Wastell, Apex Protection Project	Provided written testimony
Paula Ficara, Apex Protection Project	
Dorothy Foley, Oregon Wild	

Stephanie Christensen, Oregon Wild	
Shelia Redman	
Dale Ballard, Oregon Hunters Association	
Colby Neuman	Did not testify
Jennifer Hauge, Humane Society	Provided written testimony
Shannah Praus, Oregon Wild	
Corinne Vestal	Did not testify
Jabrila Via	Did not testify
Shaneyya Robinson	Did not testify
Jennifer Rapf	
Gaby Diaz, Oregon Wild	
Alex Woolery	
Bobbee Murr	Did not testify
Kathleen Lewis, US Humain Society	Did not testify
Susan Strauss	
Michelle Seidelman	
Judy Masters	Did not testify
Miguel Ramirez	
Jennifer Seidelman	
Patty Snueble	Did not testify
Joanie Beldin	
Shawn Kay	Did not testify
Charlie Borrego	
Dawn Smallman	
Bainna Stripe	Did not testify
Jennifer Wolfsong	
Kristin Leppert	Did not testify
Jamie Dawson, Oregon Wild	
Spencer Ward, Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project	
Anne Smith Defenders of Wildlife	Did not testify , Provided written testimony
Aaron Tam, Endangered species Coalition	
Jasmin Stockett,	
Larry Jacobs, OR FNAWS, WSF	
Patty Snubel	
Maya Greenauer	
Lori Ann Bird, Center for Biological Diversity	Did not testify
Mary Grace Brogdon, Forest Web of Cottage Grove	
Doug Steves	
Gary Lane	Provided written testimony
Alexander Harris	Did not testify

Anna Schmidt, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wildlife Biologist	
Lisa Billings	
John Ferguson	Did not testify
Bill Hoyt, Oregon Cattleman Association	
Jeanette Fairbanks	
James Taylor	Did not testify
Patricia Taylor	Did not testify
John A. McCarthy, Bavarian Academy for Hunt & Natural Resources	Did not testify
Jonathan Jelen	
Marcelline Grearry, Center of Biological Diversity	
Toma Deavers	

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2 Written testimony and documents provided to the Commission have been entered into  
3 the record and can be viewed at  
4 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05\\_may/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/17/05_may/index.asp)

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6 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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8 **ADJOURN**

9 Vic-Chair Bob Webber adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

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