



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Thursday, February 8, 2018 –4:30 -  
5:30  
Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Reception  
Pacific Northwest Sportsmen's Show  
Portland Expo Center, Green Theater  
2060 North Marine Dr.  
Portland, OR 97217

Meeting:  
Friday, February 9, 2018 – 8:00 AM  
Sheraton Hotel, Portland Airport  
Mt. Adams Room  
8235 NE Airport Way  
Portland, Oregon 97220

### Friday February 9, 2018

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

Field Reports – in written form only

#### Expenditure Report

Cameron Smith, Deputy Director of Administration

#### Oregon State University Marbled Murrelet Research

Dr. Jim Rivers, College of Forestry Principal Investigator

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

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

#### Overview of the Turn in Poacher (TIP) Program

John Gander, Oregon Hunters Association Board Member

#### Oregonian Participation in Hunting and Angling

Asha Aiello, Oregon Outdoor Council

#### Adopt Temporary Rules

Curt Melcher; Director

#### **1.) 635-041-0065**

#### **2018 Winter Commercial Platform and Hook and Line and Gillnet Treaty Indian Fisheries Set**

Adopted January 30, 2018: effective February 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

This amended rule sets the Treaty Indian winter commercial gill net season in The Dalles and John Day pools and the Zone 6 commercial platform and hook and line fishery effective 6:00 a.m. February 1, 2018. Modifications are consistent with action taken January 30, 2018 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.) 635-042-0130**

**2018 Commercial Smelt Season Set for the Columbia River**

Adopted January 30, 2018: effective February 1, 2018 through February 26, 2018

This amended rule sets a commercial gill net fishing season for smelt in Zones 1-3 of the Columbia River. The fishery consists of 7-hour fishing periods beginning 7:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays of each week from February 1 through February 26, 2018. Revisions are consistent with the action taken January 30, 2018 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

**3.) 635-023-0095**

**Closure of the 2018 White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries in the Mainstem Columbia**

Adopted January 30, 2018: effective February 4, 2018 through July 18, 2018

Retention of white sturgeon from the mainstem Columbia River and tributaries from the Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam (Bonneville Pool), and from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam (John Day Pool), is prohibited effective February 4 and 12, respectively. Catch-and-release angling is allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

**4.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170**

**2018 Winter, Spring and Summer Commercial Seasons in the Select Areas of the Columbia River**

Adopted January 30, 2018: effective February 5, 2018 through June 18, 2018

These amended rules implement the 2018 winter, spring and summer commercial salmon seasons for the Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas. The first authorized fishing period in these Select Area sites is set to begin February 5. Modifications are consistent with action taken January 30, 2018 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

**5.) 635-005-0465**

**Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening South of Cape Blanco**

Adopted February 1, 2018: effective February 2, 2018 through July 9, 2018

This amended rule sets the opening date and related management measures for the 2017-2018 ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Blanco (42° 50' 00" N. Lat) southward to the California border (42° 00' 00" N. Lat.) on February 7, 2018.

**6.) 635-017-0080**

**Temporary allowance for Two-Rod Usage in portions of the Willamette Angling Zone.**

Adopted February 7, 2018: effective March 1, 2018 through August 15, 2018

This rule allows for usage of a Two-Rod Validation in all areas of the Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls and in the Clackamas River. Modifications allow the use of two fishing rods while fishing for both game and non-game fish species, except sturgeon, in certain areas of the Willamette River and the Clackamas River, including flowing waters that are open to angling for hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead, trout, or warmwater gamefish.

**Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft January 19, 2018 Commission meeting minutes.

**Exhibit B: CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

The Commission will be asked to approve Criminal Records Requirements in reference to HB3168.

Staff: Roxie Burns, Human Recourses Administrator

Public Testimony

Rulemaking

**Exhibit C: 2017/2018 LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER WHITE STURGEON POPULATION AND FISHERIES UPDATE.**

The Commission will be updated on the population status of white sturgeon and review 2017 sturgeon fisheries.

Staff: Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon, and Columbia River Program Manager

Public Testimony

Informational

**EXHIBIT D: MARBLED MURRELET**

The Commission will consider Uplisting Petition and Potential Reclassification of the Marbled Murrelet under the Oregon ESA.

Staff: Christina Donehower, Strategy Species Coordinator

Nick Palazzotto; Oregon Department of Forestry Wildlife Biologist

Public Testimony

Action

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**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

### **March 16, 2018 – Salem**

\* Written public comment period will open January 15, 2018

- 2017 Columbia River Fisheries Update – Informational
- Access and Habitat Project Approval and Board Appointment - Approval
- Modifications to the Recreational Red Abalone Fishery – Rulemaking
- 2018 Ocean Salmon Fisheries Informational Briefing - Informational
- Seasonal Alcohol Restriction on Sauvie Island Wildlife Area – Rulemaking
- Restoration and Enhancement Board's recommendations for project funding - Approval

### **April 19, 2018 – Commission Tour**

#### **April 20, 2018 – Astoria**

\*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2018

- 2018-19 Oregon Game Bird Regulations - Rulemaking
- ~~Wolf Conservation and Management Plan—Rulemaking~~ “*this topic **will not be included on the April Agenda**”*”
- 2018 Pacific Halibut Fisheries Regulations- Rulemaking
- Record Keeping Requirements for Commercial Dungeness Crab Sales – Rulemaking
- Restoration & Enhancement Board's recommendation for project funding
- 2018 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Terminal Fisheries - Rulemaking

### **May 18, 2018 –**

#### **June 7, 2018 – Commission Tour**

#### **June 8, 2018 – Baker City**

\*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2018

- Big Game Regulation Simplification Process – Directors Report
- 2019 Auction and Raffle Tag Allocation - Approval
- Access and Habitat Project Approval – Approval
- Furbearer Regulations for 2018 - 20 - Rulemaking

### **July 2018 – No Meeting Scheduled**

#### **August 3, 2018 – Salem**

\*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2018

#### **September 13, 2018 – Commission Tour**

#### **September 14, 2018 – Bandon**

\*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2018

- Big Game Regulations for 2019 - 20– Rulemaking
- Access and Habitat Project Approval - Approval

#### **October 11, 2018 – Commission Tour**

#### **October 12, 2018 – Klamath Falls**

\*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2018

**November 2018 – No Meeting Scheduled**

**December 7, 2018 – Salem**

\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2018

- Access and Habitat Project Funding and Board Appointment - Approval

PLEASE NOTE

**AGENDA**

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. February 9, 2018, 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.