



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Tuesday, November 6, 2018– 2:00 PM
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Leadership Room
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 97302

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Executive Session Conference Call Tuesday November 6, 2018

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adopt Temporary Rules

Curt Melcher; Director

1.) 635-004-0275

Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

Adopted October 9, 2018: effective October 15, through December 31, 2018.

This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2017-2018 Pacific Coast commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to increased trip limits for sablefish in the limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries.

2.) 635-041-0063, 675-041-0075

Rule Modifications to Extend Season and Allowed Sales in the Bonneville Pool

Adopted October 16, 2018: effective October 17, through December 31, 2018.

This amended rule allows the sales of white sturgeon landed during setline fisheries in the Bonneville Pool from October 17 through October 31, 2018. Modifications are consistent with action taken October 16, 2018 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

3.) 635-005-0505

Commercial Bay Crabbing Closed from Cape Blanco to the California Border

Adopted October 19, 2018: effective October 19, through April 16, 2019.

This rule will close the bay Dungeness crab fishery in the event of a shellfish health closure. This amended rule will close bay crabbing from October 18, 2018 until health advisory is lifted. The fishery is closed from Cape Blanco (42° 50' N) to the California Border (Areas K And L).

4.) 635-003-0085

Chetco River Terminal Area Commercial Chinook Salmon Quota Fishery Closed

Adopted October 22, 2018: effective October 23, through December 31, 2018.

This amended rule will close the Chetco River terminal area commercial Chinook salmon quota fishery. Closure is effective beginning at 11:59 p.m. October 31, 2018.

5.) 635-019-0090

Steelhead Fishing Prohibited on the Lower John Day River

Adopted October 23, 2018: effective November 1, through December 31, 2018.

Close catch and release steelhead angling in the lower John Day River effective November 1, 2018.

6.) 635-005-0290, 635-039-0090 (0095T)

Razor Clams Closed in Clatsop County Beaches November 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019

Adopted October 23, 2018: effective November 1, through February 28, 2019.

This amended rule will close both recreational and commercial take of razor clams from November 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

7.) 635-016-0090

Modifications to Gear Restrictions on the Chetco and Winchuck Rivers in the Southwest Zone

Adopted October 24, 2018: effective November 4, through December 31, 2018.

This amended rule extends Gear Restrictions for the Chetco and Winchuck River beginning November 4 through December 31, 2018.

8.) 635-075-0035

Amend Rules Related to Hunting, Angling or Commercial Fishing Fees

Adopted: October 26, 2018 Effective Dates: October 26, 2018 through April 23, 2019

This amendment is needed to correct a fee that was inadvertently omitted from the November 29, 2017 filing for fee increases. Senate Bill 247 (2015) established in statute the fees that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is required to charge for licenses, tags and permits. The revenue from these fees is used to maintain the programs conducted by the ODFW that manage native wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.

9.) 635-014-0090

Modifications to Chinook Fishery in the Northwest Zone Effective November 1, 2018

Adopted October 26, 2018: effective November 1, through December 31, 2018.

This rule is needed to address observed low abundances of fall Chinook returning to coastal rivers. Restrictions are intended to help achieve adequate spawning escapement to support production of Chinook for future years.

10.) 635-019-0090

Reduce Steelhead Bag Limit in Snake River Tributaries

Adopted October 29, 2018: effective November 1, through April 30, 2019.

This rule reduces the summer steelhead daily bag limit from three (3) to one (1), in response to very low observed returns of steelhead to the Oregon Snake River tributaries in 2018-19.

11.) 635-023-0134

Extend the Reduced Steelhead Daily Bag Limit in the Snake River

Adopted October 29, 2018: effective November 1, through December 31, 2018.

Extend the amended rule to reduce daily bag limit of one summer steelhead (1) in the mainstem Snake River. Run projections are exceptionally low, and likely insufficient to provide a harvestable surplus beyond brood stock needs. This rule is needed to reduce angling pressure on wild steelhead stocks, protect production objectives for the Snake River steelhead program, and to ensure rules are consistent with the state of Idaho within an interstate waterway.

Executive Session

The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to consult with legal counsel with respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission.

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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 or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302

December 7, 2018 – Salem

*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2018

- 2019 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations and 2017 Nearshore logbook - Rulemaking
- Restoration & Enhancement Board project funding - Approval
- Access & Habitat Project Funding/ Board Appointments - Approval
- Wild Turkey Management Plan – Rulemaking
- Urban Deer Population Control Pilot Program – Rulemaking
- Big Game Hunting Tags to Nonprofit Organizations for use by Qualified Disabled Veterans – Rulemaking
- Burns Paiute Tribe Ceremonial Hunting Tags – Rulemaking

January 18, 2019 – Salem

*Written public comment period will open November 15, 2018

February 7, 2019

Sportsman Show Reception

February 8, 2019 – Portland (Dist. 3)

*Written public comment period will open December 15, 2018

March 15, 2019 – TBD

*Written public comment period will open January 15, 2019

April 18, 2019 – (Dist 1) Tour

April 19, 2019 – (Dist 1)

*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2019

May 2019 – No meeting scheduled

June 6, 2019 – (Dist 4) Tour

June 7, 2019 – (Dist. 4)

*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2019

July 2019 – No meeting scheduled

August 2, 2019 – Salem

*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2019

September 13, 2019 – TBD

*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2019

October 10, 2019 – (Dist. 2) Tour

October 11, 2019 – (Dist. 2)

*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2019

November 2019 – No meeting scheduled

December 6, 2019 – Salem

*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2019

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. November 6, 2018, and proceed chronologically through the agenda.

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.