



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**

*Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.*

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  
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner  
Jim Bittle, Commissioner

Curt Melcher, Director  
Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director of Programs  
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General  
Nina , Assistant Attorney General  
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant  
Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator  
Kevin Blakely, Deputy Wildlife Division  
Administrator  
Chris Kern, Fish Division, Deputy Administrator

**MEETING**

On Tuesday, **November 6, 2018 at 2:00 PM, Chair Mike Finley called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
Adopt Temporary Rules**

Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The director under his emergency action authority previously adopted the eleven (11) temporary rules.

**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.

1       **2.) 635-041-0063, 675-041-0075**

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

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

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

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10       **3.) 635-005-0505**

11       **Commercial Bay Crabbing Closed from Cape Blanco to the California Border**

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

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

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18       **4.) 635-003-0085**

19       **Chetco River Terminal Area Commercial Chinook Salmon Quota Fishery Closed**

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

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

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24       **5.) 635-019-0090**

25       **Steelhead Fishing Prohibited on the Lower John Day River**

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

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

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30       **6.) 635-005-0290, 635-039-0090 (0095T)**

31       **Razor Clams Closed in Clatsop County Beaches November 1, 2018 through February**  
32       **28, 2019**

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

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

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37       **7.) 635-016-0090**

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

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

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

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44       **8.) 635-075-0035**

45       **Amend Rules Related to Hunting, Angling or Commercial Fishing Fees**

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

1 This amendment is needed to correct a fee that was inadvertently omitted from the  
2 November 29, 2017 filing for fee increases. Senate Bill 247 (2015) established in statute the  
3 fees that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission is required to charge for licenses, tags  
4 and permits. The revenue from these fees is used to maintain the programs conducted by  
5 the ODFW that manage native wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians.  
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7 **9.) 635-014-0090**

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

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

10 This rule is needed to address observed low abundances of fall Chinook returning to  
11 coastal rivers. Restrictions are intended to help achieve adequate spawning escapement to  
12 support production of Chinook for future years.  
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14 **10.) 635-019-0090**

15 **Reduce Steelhead Bag Limit in Snake River Tributaries**

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

17 This rule reduces the summer steelhead daily bag limit from three (3) to one (1), in  
18 response to very low observed returns of steelhead to the Oregon Snake River tributaries in  
19 2018-19.  
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21 **11.) 635-023-0134**

22 **Extend the Reduced Steelhead Daily Bag Limit in the Snake River**

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

24 Extend the amended rule to reduce daily bag limit of one summer steelhead (1) in the  
25 mainstem Snake River. Run projections are exceptionally low, and likely insufficient to provide  
26 a harvestable surplus beyond brood stock needs. This rule is needed to reduce angling  
27 pressure on wild steelhead stocks, protect production objectives for the Snake River  
28 steelhead program, and to ensure rules are consistent with the state of Idaho within an  
29 interstate waterway.  
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31 Commissioner Webber moved to approve to ratify the eleven (11) temporary rules.  
32 Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.  
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34 **Executive Session**

35 The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) which allows the  
36 Commission to meet in executive session to consult with legal counsel with respect to  
37 litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission.  
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41 **ADJOURNMENT** - Chair Finley adjourned the meeting 3:00 PM.  
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