



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Friday, February 8, 2019 – 8:00 AM
Embassy Suites, Portland Airport
Pine and Spruce Rooms
7900 NE 82nd Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97220

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only

Expenditure Report

Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director of Administration

Stewardship Recognition

Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator

Climate Change Adaptation update

Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator

PUBLIC FORUM

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ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-004-0275

Federal Actions Implemented for Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries.

Adopted January 18, 2018: effective January 18, through July 16, 2019.

This amended rule adopts two separate actions previously adopted by the federal government for Pacific Coast commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to 1) modifications to rules governing configurations and use of groundfish trawl gear and 2) corrections to 2019-2020 groundfish harvest specifications.

2.) 635-005-0465

Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening South of Cape Arago, Mandatory Evisceration South of Cape Blanco.

Adopted January 24, 2018: effective January 24, through July 22, 2019.

This amended rule sets the opening date and related management measures for the 2018-2019 ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Arago (43° 17' 00" N. Lat.) southward to the California border (42° 00' 00" N. Lat.) on February 1, 2019, and adopts Oregon Department of Agriculture

requirements for processing of crab harvested from any area south of Cape Blanco (42° 50' N. Lat.), including all crab harvested offshore of California. Crab harvested from areas south of Cape Blanco must be eviscera

ted in accordance with Oregon Department of Agriculture temporary rules.

3.) 635-017-0090

Temporarily Remove Bag Limits On Hatchery Trout In Faraday Lake.

Adopted January 30, 2019: effective February 1, through March 31, 2019.

Temporarily remove bag limits on hatchery trout in Faraday Lake to maximize harvest opportunities to avoid stranded trout during construction and upgrades the Faraday facility.

4.) 635-041-0065, 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170

2019 Seasons set for Columbia River Winter Treaty and Select Area Winter-Summer Commercial Fisheries.

Adopted January 29, 2019: effective February 1, through July 31, 2019.

These amended rules implement the 2019 winter, spring and summer commercial salmon seasons for the Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Tongue Point/South Channel Select Areas. These rules also set the Treaty Indian winter season commercial gillnet fishery. The first authorized fishing period in these Select Area sites is set to begin February 4. Modifications are consistent with action taken January 29, 2019 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

End of Mandatory Evisceration for Commercial Dungeness Crab from Cape Blanco to Oregon-California Border

Adopted January 31, 2019: effective January 31, through July 22, 2019.

This amended rule lifts mandatory evisceration requirements previously adopted by temporary rule for crab harvested from Cape Blanco (42° 50' N. Lat.) southward to the Oregon/California border (42° 50' N. Lat.). Crab harvested offshore of California remain under mandatory evisceration at this time and must be eviscerated in accordance with Oregon Department of Agriculture temporary rules

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft January 18, 2019 Commission meeting minutes.

EXHIBIT B: 2018-2019 LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER WHITE STURGEON POPULATION AND FISHERIES UPDATE

The Commission will be provided an update on population status of white sturgeon and review 2018 sturgeon fisheries.

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

Public Testimony

Informational

EXHIBIT C: MANAGEMENT OF OREGON'S RAZOR CLAM FISHERIES

The Commission will be provided an informational overview of recreational and commercial razor clam harvests, and discussion of steps to minimize illegal discard of unwanted clams.

Staff: Steve Rumrill, Shellfish Program Leader

Testimony

Informational

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will hold an executive session to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of any public body, a public officer, employee or staff member who does not request an open hearing as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(i).

OTHER BUSINESS

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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

March 15, 2019 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open January 15, 2019*

- A & H Project Funding- Approval
- Big Game Hunting Review Process –Director’s Report
- PFMC Informational Briefing – Informational
- R&E Project Approval – Approval
- ~~Wolf Plan Revisions- Rulemaking~~ –**POSTPONED TBD**

April 18, 2019 – Tour - St Helens

April 19, 2019 – St Helens

**Written public comment period will open February 15, 2019*

- 2019-2020 Oregon Game Bird Regulations- Rulemaking
- PFMC Regulation Setting –Rulemaking
- Pacific Halibut Fisheries – Rulemaking
- Coastal Chinook Salmon Terminal Fisheries – Rulemaking
- Scoggins Valley Water Project – Action
- 2019 Fish Passage Prioritization List- Approval

May 2019 – No meeting scheduled

June 6, 2019 – Tour - Gold Beach

June 7, 2019 – Gold Beach

**Written public comment period will open April 15, 2019*

- A & H Project Funding – Approval
- Big Game Simplification Process – Informational
- 2020 Auction Raffle Allocations – Approval
- Commercial Coastal Pelagic Fisheries – Rulemaking
- Coastal Wild Coho Salmon River Fisheries – Rulemaking

July 2019 – No meeting scheduled

August 2, 2019 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open June 15, 2019*

- Legislative Approved Budget Update - Directors Report
- R & E Project Approval, Member Appointment and STEP Annual Report – Informational and Approval

September 13, 2019 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open July 15, 2019*

- A & H Project Funding – Approval
- Big Game Regulations; 2020 Tags and Season Dates – Rulemaking
- Sport Fish Regulations - Rulemaking

October 10, 2019 – Tour – Ontario

October 11, 2019 – Ontario

**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*

- A & H Project Funding – Approval
- Groundfisheries and Nearshore Logbook Report – Rulemaking
- R&E Project Approval- Approval

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. February 8, 2019, 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.

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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.