



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

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

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

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4 Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation.
5 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

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Mike Finley, Chairman	Curt Melcher, Director
Bob Webber, Vice-Chair Commissioner	Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director
Holly Akenson, Commissioner-phone	Mark Vargas, Interim Deputy Director
Greg Wooley, Commissioner	Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner	Bernadette Graham-Hudson, West Region Manager
Jim Bittle, Commissioner	Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General
	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
	Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator
	Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
	Jeff Samuals, Captain Oregon State Police
	Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police

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8 **MEETING**

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10 On Friday, **February 8, 2019 at 8:00 AM**, Chair **Mike Finley** called the **Oregon Fish**
11 **and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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13 *Commissioner Akenson viewed this meeting live via video streaming but was not able to
14 participate in the votes due to technical issues with the phone.

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16 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

17 Field Reports – in written form only

18 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/February%208%202019%20Field%20Report.pdf

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21 Expenditure Report

22 Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director of Administration

23 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/2017-19%20\(2019-02\)%20Commission%20Financial%20Report.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/2017-19%20(2019-02)%20Commission%20Financial%20Report.pdf)

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26 Stewardship Recognition

27 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator

28 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/Mission%20Stewardship%20concept%20.pdf

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2 Climate Change Adaptation update
3 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator
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5 **PUBLIC FORUM**

6 *Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on*
7 *the agenda. Please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the*
8 *Director at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the public forum. If*
9 *you bring written summaries or other materials to the meeting please provide the*
10 *Commission Assistant with 20 copies prior to your testimony. The Commission is*
11 *unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.*
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13 *Columbia River Compact and Fisheries governed by the Compact*
14 *Dave Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler*

15 *Provided written testimony*

16 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/Protecting%20Wild%20Salmon%20and%20Steelhead%20during%20their%20migration%20to%20home%20waters.pdf
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20 *Submitted a petition to the Commission*

21 *Director Melcher brought to the petitioner, Dave Moskowitz's attention that the petition*
22 *being submitted was incorrectly dated February 7, 2019; the correct date is February 8,*
23 *2019. The petitioner agreed that the date representing when the department received the*
24 *petition should be February 8, 2019.*

25 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/Moskowitz%20petition](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/02_Feb/Moskowitz%20petition2.8.19.pdf)
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28 **ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES**

29 Curt Melcher, Director

30 The Commission ratified the following temporary rules. The five (5) temporary rules were
31 previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.
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33 **1.) 635-004-0275**

34 **Federal Actions Implemented for Commercial and Recreational Groundfish**
35 **Fisheries.**

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

37 This amended rule adopts two separate actions previously adopted by the federal
38 government for Pacific Coast commercial and recreational groundfish fisheries, including
39 but not limited to 1) modifications to rules governing configurations and use of groundfish
40 trawl gear and 2) corrections to 2019-2020 groundfish harvest specifications.
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42 **2.) 635-005-0465**

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

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

46 This amended rule sets the opening date and related management measures for the
47 2018-2019 ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Arago (43° 17' 00" N.

1 Lat.) southward to the California border (42° 00' 00" N. Lat.) on February 1, 2019, and
2 adopts Oregon Department of Agriculture requirements for processing of crab harvested
3 from any area south of Cape Blanco (42° 50' N. Lat.), including all crab harvested
4 offshore of California. Crab harvested from areas south of Cape Blanco must be
5 eviscerated in accordance with Oregon Department of Agriculture temporary rules.
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7 **3.) 635-017-0090**

8 **Temporarily Remove Bag Limits On Hatchery Trout In Faraday Lake.**

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

10 Temporarily remove bag limits on hatchery trout in Faraday Lake to maximize
11 harvest opportunities to avoid stranded trout during construction and upgrades the
12 Faraday facility.
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14 **4.) 635-041-0065, 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170**

15 **2019 Seasons set for Columbia River Winter Treaty and Select Area Winter-Summer
16 Commercial Fisheries.**

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

18 These amended rules implement the 2019 winter, spring and summer commercial
19 salmon seasons for the Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Tongue
20 Point/South Channel Select Areas. These rules also set the Treaty Indian winter season
21 commercial gillnet fishery. The first authorized fishing period in these Select Area sites is
22 set to begin February 4. Modifications are consistent with action taken January 29, 2019
23 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a
24 meeting of the Columbia River Compact.
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26 **5.) 635-005-0465**

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

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

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

37 Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the five (5) temporary rules set forth in the
38 today's tan agenda. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion, and the motion carried
39 unanimously, five (5) infavor.
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41 **EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

42 Action:

43 Commissioner Webber moved to approve the January 18, 2019 meeting minutes
44 with continued authority to correct grammer and punctuation. Commissioner Bittle
45 seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) infavor.
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1 **EXHIBIT B: 2018-2019 LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER WHITE STURGEON POPULATION**
2 **AND FISHERIES UPDATE**

3 The Commission was provided with an an update on population status of
4 white sturgeon and review 2018 sturgeon fisheries.

5 Staff: Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon/Columbia River Program Manager
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7 *Presentation:* Tuger provided the Commission with an informational briefing on the 2018
8 stock assessmnet, pinipid predation, and the 2018 fisheries.
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10 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed a*
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13 No Public Testimony
14 Informational
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16 **EXHIBIT C: MANAGEMENT OF THE RAZOR CLAM FISHERY**

17 The Commission was provided an overview of recreational and commercial razor
18 clam harvests, and discussion of steps to minimize illegal discard of unwanted clams.

19 Staff: Steve Rumrill, Shellfish Program Leader
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21 Presentation: Steve provided the Commission with an informational briefing on Razor
22 Clam Fisheries and Management. The presentation included information on
23 Biogeography, Ecology and Life History; Commercial and Recreational Razor Clam
24 Fisheries; Annual Stock Assessment for Razor Clam Population along Clatsop Beach;
25 Estimation of Razor Clam Waste; Management of 2018-2019 Razor Clam Harvest
26 Seasons.
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35 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

42 Commission Vice-Chair Webber move to reappoint Curt Melcher as Director of the
43 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for a term of four years, until February 14, 2023.
44 I also move to authorize the Commission Chair to handle the employment offer and
45 associated negotiations with Curt Melcher, and to work with Roxie Burns, ODFW Human
46 Resources Administrator, as needed. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion, and
47 the motion carried unanimously, five (5) infavor.

1 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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3 Chair Mike Finley adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.