



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Conference Call:
Friday, May 17, 2019 – 1:00 PM
Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

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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 – *Phone*
Holly Akenson, Commissioner - *Phone*
Greg Wooley, Commissioner - *Phone*
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner – *Phone*

Jim Bittle, Commissioner - *Phone*
Mary Wahl, Commissioner - *Phone*
Mark Labhart - *Phone*
Jill Zarnowitz – *Phone*
Bob Spelbrink- Commissioner - *Phone*

Curt Melcher, Director
Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director
Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager – *Phone*
Bernadette Graham-Hudson, West Region Manager – *Phone*
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
Roger Fuhrman, Information & Education
Administrator
Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator
Derek Broman, Carnivore- Furbearer Coordinator

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8 **MEETING**

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10 On Friday, **May 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM, Chair Mike Finley called the Oregon Fish and**
11 **Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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13 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

14 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.
15 The eight (8) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his
16 emergency action authority.

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18 **1.) 635-042-0145**
19 **Modifications to the 2019 Season for the Columbia River Select Area**
20 **Commercial Fisheries.**

21 Adopted April 23, 2019: effective April 25, through July 29, 2019.

22 This amended rule modifies the 2019 commercial seasons for the
23 Young's Bay Select Area. Modifications are consistent with action taken
24 April 23, 2019 by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Rescinded two
25 4-hour periods and added on 4-hour period.

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1 **2.) 635-023-0125**

2 **Modification to Columbia River Recreational Seasons for Salmon and**
3 **Steelhead Fisheries**

4 Adopted April 24, 2019: effective April 27, through May 5, 2019.

5 This amended rule modifies open fishing periods for Mainstem
6 Columbia River recreational spring Chinook and steelhead seasons
7 downstream of the Bonneville Dam. Revisions are consistent with action
8 taken April 24, 2019 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish
9 and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact. Added April 27
10 through 28, 2019 as open days.

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12 **3.) 635-011-0104**

13 **Modification to License Requirements During Public Fishing from a**
14 **Temporary Structure and Educational Events**

15 Adopted April 15, 2019: effective April 25, through September 30, 2019.

16 This amended rule removes the requirement of having a valid angling
17 license when fishing in a temporary structure during a public fishing events.

18 **4.) 635-017-0090**

19 **2019 Two-Rod Usage on the Willamette River**

20 Adopted April 09, 2019: effective May 1, through August 31, 2019.

21 This amended rule allows for the usage of the two-rod validation in
22 the Willamette angling zone, above Willamette Falls. Modifications allow
23 the use of two-rod validation while fishing for both game and non-game fish
24 species, except sturgeon, in areas of the Willamette River and its
25 tributaries, above Willamette Falls, including flowing waters that are open
26 to angling for hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead, trout, or warmwater
27 gamefish.

28 **5.) 635-023-0095**

29 **2019 Estuary White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery Modified in the**
30 **Mainstem Columbia**

31 Adopted March 23, 2019: effective May 13, through July 5, 2019.

32 This amended rule allows recreational retention of white sturgeon on
33 the mainstem lower Columbia River for 11-days beginning May 13 through
34 June 5, 2019. Retention of white sturgeon is allowed from the Wauna
35 powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay,
36 and all adjacent Washington tributaries. Legal size limit is between 44-inch
37 minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length. Revisions are consistent with
38 emergency action taken March 28, 2019 by the Departments of Fish and
39 Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington.

1 **6.) 635-023-0125**

2 **Modification to Columbia River Recreational Fisheries for Salmon and**
3 **Steelhead**

4 Adopted May 8, 2019: effective May 11, through May 12, 2019.

5 This amended rule re-open recreational fishing for spring Chinook
6 and steelhead in the mainstem Columbia River upstream of Bonneville
7 Dam. Revisions are consistent with action taken May 8, 2019 by the
8 Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of
9 the Columbia River Compact. Added two days of fishing.

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11 **7.) 635-042-0170**

12 **Modifications to the 2019 Season for the Columbia River Select Area**
13 **Commercial Fisheries**

14 Adopted May 8, 2019: effective May 15, through July 29, 2019.

15 This amended rule modifies the 2019 commercial seasons for the
16 Tongue Point and South Channel Areas. Modifications are consistent with
17 action taken May 8, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the
18 States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River
19 Compact. Added five nights of fishing.

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21 **8.) 635-005-0465**

22 **Commercial Dungeness Crab Evisceration South of Cape Blanco**

23 Adopted May 10, 2019: effective May 10, through August 15, 2019.

24 In coordination with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
25 temporary rule making (see OAR 635-025-0423), this amended rule
26 implements a biotoxin management zone for the ocean commercial
27 Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Blanco (42° 50' N. Lat.) southward to
28 the Oregon/California border (42° 00' N. Lat.) due to detection of elevated
29 levels of domoic acid in crab viscera in the specified area. In combination,
30 this rule and ODA rule require that all Dungeness crab taken from the
31 biotoxin management area zone after 12:01 AM May 10, 2019 be sold to a
32 licensed food processor that eviscerates the crab consistent with the ODA
33 rule. In addition, crab harvested from a line just north of Gold Beach (42°
34 26' N. Lat.) to the Oregon/California border (42° 00' N. Lat.) after 12:01 AM
35 May 8, 2019 will be subject to recall for evisceration. These rules prohibit
36 the sale of live or whole crab caught from the biotoxin management zone,
37 and prohibit the sale of any crab that is not processed consistent with these
38 rules.

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40 **Action:**

41 Commissioner Buckmaster moved to ratify the eight (8) temporary rules set forth in the
42 today's agenda. Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion, and the motion carried
43 unanimously, seven (7) infavor.
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1 **OREGON WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN BACKGROUND**

2 The Commission will be given background on the Oregon Wolf Conservation and
3 Management Plan update.

4 Staff: Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator;
5 Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator; and
6 Derek Broman, Carnivore-Furbearer Program Coordinator

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8 **OPEN FORUM**

9 Question and Answer

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11 **CLOSING COMMENTS**

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13 Chair Mike Finley adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.