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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, Chairman
- Bob Webber, Vice-Chair Commissioner
- Holly Akenson, Commissioner
- Greg Wolley, Commissioner
- Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner
- Jim Bittle, Commissioner
- Curt Melcher, Director
- Mark Vargas, Interim Deputy Director
- Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager
- Bernadette Graham-Hudson, West Region Manager
- Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General
- Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney
- Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
- Chris Korns, Fish Division Deputy Administrator
- Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
- Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police

MEETING

On Friday, April 19, 2019, at 8:05 AM, Chair Mike Finley called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only; this report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/April%2019,%202019%20%20Field%20Report%20.pdf

Expenditure Report
   Staff: Director Melcher,
   This report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/index.asp

2018 Wolf Conservation and Management Program Annual Report
   Staff: Roblyn Brown, Wolf Program Field Coordinator
   Presentation: Roblyn provided the Commission with a presentation on the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management 2018 Annual Report.
presentation included information on the legal status across the state; wolf numbers; distribution; Monitoring; and livestock depredation.

This report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/Wolf%20Annual%20Report%20Presentation%20-%2019-19P.pdf

PUBLIC FORUM
This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled on the agenda. The Commission will be unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.

The positive influences of beaver’s on the ecosystem
Scott Laird

Columbia River Wild Fish Conservation Issues
David Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler. Provided written materials

Columbia River Reform
Jim Coleman
Jim Wells
Robert Sudar, Commercial Advisor of the Columbia River

Adopt Temporary Rules
Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The thirteen (13) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

1.) 635-023-0134
Amend Steelhead Daily Bag Limit on the Snake River
Harvest was initially reduced to ensure hatchery broodstock requirements were met at the Hells Canyon Dam fish trap. Those broodstock needs have been met, and surplus fish are available and should be made available to anglers. The State of Idaho plans to increase daily bag limits to two (2) hatchery steelhead. This rule increases the daily bag limit for Oregon anglers to two (2) hatchery steelhead above Dug Bar which maintains concurrence in angling regulations on with Idaho on the Snake River. By establishing the boundary at Dug Bar (above the Salmon River mouth), fisheries will avoid additional impacts to wild Salmon River steelhead.

2.) 635-041-0064, 635-041-0065
Modifications to the 2019 Treaty Indian Winter Commercial Fisheries
These rules modify the Treaty Indian winter season commercial gillnet and platform fisheries. Modifications are consistent with action taken March 19, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.
3.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170
Modifications to the 2019 Season for the Columbia River Select Area Commercial Fisheries
This amended rule modifies the 2019 commercial seasons for the Blind Slough/Knappa Slough, Youngs Bay and Tongue Point Select Areas. The commercial fishery in the Blind Slough area has been extended to a 12-hour fishing period and white sturgeon bags limits have been set for Select Areas beginning April 1. Modifications are consistent with action taken March 28, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

4.) 635-023-0095
White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries Closed in the John Day Pool
Adopted April 1, 2019: effective April 3, 2019 through July 5, 2019.
This amended rule closes the white sturgeon fishery in the John Day Pool of the Columbia River. Catch projections indicate retention of white sturgeon after April 3, 2019 would further exceed the allowable quota. Catch and release sturgeon fishing remains open in these waters, except for sturgeon angling sanctuaries.

5.) 635-042-0160
Modifications to the 2019 Season for the Columbia River Select Area Commercial Fisheries.
Adopted April 1, 2019: effective April 4, 2019 through July 29, 2019.
This amended rule modifies the 2019 commercial seasons for the Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area. The commercial fishery in the Knappa Slough area has been increased to three (3) additional 4-hour each fishing periods. Modifications are consistent with action taken April 1, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

6.) 635-005-0355
Tillamook Bay Commercial Cockle Dive Fishery Closes
Amended rule closes the Tillamook Bay commercial cockle dive fishery at 12:01 a.m. April 5, 2019 due to a projected attainment of the 185,000 pound annual harvest quota allowed under bay clam catch limits. Modifications are consistent with requirements described in OAR 635-005-0355.

7.) 635-017-0090
2019 Gilbert River Sturgeon Closure
The amended rule closes all sturgeon angling including catch and release, as well as closing all angling with the use of bait from April 16 through May 15, 2019 in the Gilbert River. The area includes the Gilbert River from the upstream end of the Gilbert River Fishing Pier located near the confluence with Multnomah Channel, upstream to Sturgeon Lake.
8.) 635-018-0090
2019 Hatchery Chinook Salmon Season in the Hood River
Adopted April 4, 2019: effective April 15, 2019 through June 30, 2019.
This amended rule allows the sport harvest of hatchery spring Chinook salmon in
the Hood River from April 15 through June 30, 2019. The daily bag limit for the Hood
River is two adult hatchery salmon and five hatchery jack salmon.

9.) 635-042-0145
Rescind Open Fishing Periods in the Youngs Bay Select Area.
This amended rule rescinds the April 11 through 12 and April 18, 2019 open fishing
period in the Youngs Bay Select Area.

10.) 635-023-0125
Modification to Columbia River Recreational Season for Salmon and Steelhead
Fisheries.
This amended rule modifies open fishing periods for Mainstem Columbia River
recreational spring Chinook and steelhead seasons downstream of the Bonneville Dam.
Revisions are consistent with action taken April 10, 2019 by the Oregon and Washington
Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

11.) 635-023-0095
White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries Closed in the Bonneville Pool and Adjacent
Tributaries
This amended rule closes the white sturgeon retention fishery in the Bonneville
Pool of the Columbia River. Catch projections indicate retention of white sturgeon after
April 12, 2019 would potentially result in the fishery exceeding the allowable quota. Catch
and release sturgeon fishing remains open in these waters, except for sturgeon angling
sanctuaries.

12.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170
Modifications to the 2019 Season for the Columbia River Select Area Commercial
Fisheries.
This amended rule modifies the 2019 commercial seasons for the Knappa Slough,
Tongue Point and Young’s Bay Select Areas. Modifications are consistent with action
taken April 16, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and
Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

13.) 635-023-0125
Modifications to Columbia River Recreational Seasons for Salmon and Steelhead
Fisheries
Adopted April 17, 2019: effective April 20 through May 5, 2019.
This amended rule modifies open fishing periods for Mainstem Columbia River
recreational spring Chinook and steelhead seasons downstream of the Bonneville Dam.
Revisions are consistent with action taken April 17, 2019 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife in a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

Action:
Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the twelve (12) temporary rules set forth in today's tan agenda and the one temporary rule set forth the memorandum dated April 19, 2018. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, six (6) infavor.

Exhibit A:  COMMISSION MINUTES

Action:
Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the March 15, 2019 meeting minutes with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) infavor; Finley obstained.

Exhibit B: 2019-2020 OREGON GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

The Commission was asked to adopt the Game Bird Season and Regulations for 2019-2020

Staff: Brandon Reishus, Migratory Game Bird Coordinator
Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator

Presentation: Mikal provided the Commission with a presentation on the proposed 2019-2020 proposed upland Game Bird Regulations. The presentation included population status; regulation framework; fall turkey season; special hunting opportunities and controlled hunt for Sage-grouse.

Brandon provided the Commission with a presentation on the proposed 2019-2020 proposed Migratory Game Bird Regulation. The presentation included information on the regulation setting process; seasons and baglimits; wildlife area hunting programs and department lands rules.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/Ex%20B_Presentation.pdf

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Rulemaking

Action:
Commissioner Wolley moved to amend OAR 635, Divisions 008, 045, 051, 052, 053, 054, and 060 as proposed by staff to set regulations for 2019-20 game bird seasons and regulations for the use of Department lands. Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) infavor.
Exhibit C: PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES

The Commission was asked to adopt the 2019 Regulations for recreational and commercial Pacific halibut fisheries

Staff: Lynn Mattes, Halibut Project Leader

Presentation: Lynn provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2019 Pacific Halibut Fisheries. This presentation included the harvest levels specified by the IPHC; changes to the federal catch sharing plan; recreational season dates; and IPHC commercial opening dates.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/Exhibit%20C/Presentation.pdf

No Public Testimony
Rulemaking

Action:
Commissioner Finley moved to adopt the staff recommendations for the 2019 sport and commercial Pacific Halibut fisheries as shown in Attachment 3. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

EXHIBIT D: COMMERCIAL FISHERY PERMIT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission will be asked to approve appointments to the Commercial Fishery Permit Board

Staff: Linda Lytle, Licensing Services Manager

No Public Testimony
Approval

Action:
Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the nominations as presented by staff and appoint the recommended fishery members to the Commercial Fishery Permit Board. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

EXHIBIT E: 2019 FISH PASSAGE PRIORITIZATION LIST

The Commission was asked to approve the 2019 Statewide Fish Passage Priority List

Staff: Kregg Smith, Fish Passage Coordinator:
Presentation: Kregg provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2019 Fish Prioritization list. The presentation included requirements of ORS 509.585 to update the list every 5 years; the basic requirements in OAR 635-412-0015; barrier inventory and stabilization; the 2013-2018 Fish Passage prioritization efforts; level of fish passage; listed native migratory fish; 2019 fish passage prioritization results; and the top ten 2019 Fish Passage Barriers
This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/Exhibit%20E/Presentation.pdf

Public Testimony
David Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler
Jim McCarthy, WaterWatch

Approval

Action:
Commissioner Webber moved to approve the 2019 Statewide Fish Passage Priority List, and direct department staff to work cooperatively with owners of artificial obstructions on the priority list to provide fish passage. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

EXHIBIT F: 2019 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES AND OCEAN TERMINAL FISHERIES RULEMAKING
The Commission will be asked to adopt the 2019 Ocean Salmon fishing seasons and terminal fisheries for Oregon waters.

Staff: Christine Mallette, Ocean Salmon Technical Service Manager

Presentation: Christine provided the commission with a presentation on the 2019 Ocean Salmon Regulations. This presentation included information on North of Cape Falcon; South of Cape Falcon; Sacramento fall-run Chinook salmon; Klamath fall-run Chinook salmon; Commercial troll seasons; recreational seasons; and state waters terminal areas.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/04_Apr/Exhibit%20F/Presentation.pdf

Public Testimony
David Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler

Approval

Action:
Commissioner Akenson moved to adopt the 2019 regulations for oceans recreational and commercial salmon fisheries proposed by staff and as reflected in draft OADs shown in Attachment 3. Commissioner Webber seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

EXHIBIT G: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST RULE UPDATE
The Commission adopted amendments to OAR Division 635-001 to bring the department’s policy in compliance with the EO 16-06 and the DAS Statewide Model Policy 107-001-020
Public Testimony

| David Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler |

Action:
Commissioner Webber moved to adopt amendments to OAR 635 Division 001 as proposed by staff. Commissioner Buckmaster seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

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