



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Thursday, June 6, 2019 – 8:00 AM
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 97302

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Friday, June 7, 2019 – 8:00 AM
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only

Expenditure Report and Budget Update
Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director of Administration

Crab Pots and Whale Entanglement
Staff: Caren Braby, Marine Resources Program Manager

PUBLIC FORUM

*Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda. Please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the Director at least **48** hours prior to the meeting to be included in the public forum. If you bring written summaries or other materials to the meeting please provide the Commission Assistant with 20 copies prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.*

*SB 593, Resident disabled veteran hunting licenses
Ron Hjort*

*Turkeys; and combined angling tags
Craig Star*

*Columbia River Fishing
David Moskowitz, The Conservation Angler*

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-019-0090

Spring Chinook Closure on the Umatilla River in the Northeast Zone.

Adopted May 21, 2019: effective May 25, through June 30, 2019.

Closure of the Umatilla River to angling for spring Chinook from the Hwy 730 bridge to the CTUIR reservation boundary (approximately 0.7 miles above Hwy 11 bridge). Closure due to lower than expected returns of spring Chinook salmon returning to the Umatilla River. Implementation of this rule will protect returning adults for hatchery broodstock.

2.) 635-039-0085

Sport Pacific Halibut All-Depth Season from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR Closes

Adopted May 28, 2019: effective May 30, through September 30, 2019.

Amended rule closes the all-depth sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between Leadbetter Point, WA and Cape Falcon, OR at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 due to projected attainment of the pre-season quota of 14,627 pounds. The rule is consistent with regulations previously implemented by the Federal Government and the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2019 Oregon sport fishery for Pacific halibut.

3.) 635-021-0090

Malheur River Salmon Fishery Open to Angling in the Southeast Zone.

Adopted May 24, 2019: effective June 12, through August 15, 2019.

Rule modification allows Burns Paiute Tribal members to angle for hatchery Chinook salmon released in the Malheur River using traditional methods as regulated by adopted tribal regulations. The general public is allowed to fish for hatchery salmon with a valid angling license and using methods allowed by the 2019 regulations.

4.) 635-023-0090

Allow Barbed Hooks When Angling for Salmon, Steelhead, and Trout in Columbia River Zone

Adopted May 30, 2019: effective June 1, through November 27, 2019.

Amended rule removes prohibition on use of barbed hooks when angling for salmon, steelhead, and trout in the Columbia Zone. Rule follows adoption of this rule by WDFW and ensures that Columbia River fishery regulations will remain concurrent between OR and WA.

5.) 635-039-0085

Modifications to Sport Pacific Halibut All-Depth Season; from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR

Adopted May 31, 2019: effective June 6, through September 30, 2019.

Amended rule opens the nearshore sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between Leadbetter Point, WA and Cape Falcon, OR at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2019 to seven days per week, and re-opens the all-depth fishery for one additional day, Thursday, June 20, 2019. This is to allow for further opportunity to harvest the quotas. The rule is consistent with regulations previously implemented by the Federal Government and the International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2019 Oregon sport fishery for Pacific halibut.

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft April 19, 2019 Commission meeting and May 17, 2019 conference call minutes.

EXHIBIT B: COMMERCIAL COASTAL PELAGIC FISHERIES

The Commission will be asked to adopt by reference federal sardine harvest limits for Jul 2019-Jun 2020

Staff: Caren Braby, Marine Resources Program Manager
Public Testimony
Rulemaking

EXHIBIT C: 2020 AUCTION and RAFFLE TAGS

The Commission will be asked to approve recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and department staff for 2020 auction and raffle tag allocations.

Staff: Don Whittaker, Ungulate Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

EXHIBIT D: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT APPROVAL

The Commission will be asked to approve Access and Habitat Board recommendations for project funding

Staff: Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Coordinator

Public Testimony

Approval

EXHIBIT E: BIG GAME REGULATION SIMPLIFICATION PROCESS

The Commission will be provided with an informational update on the Big Game Regulation Simplification Process

Staff: Nick Myatt, Big Game Hunting Review Project Lead

Public Testimony

Informational

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) which allow the Commission to meet in executive session to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

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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

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
- Non-Native Gamefish Management Policy – Rulemaking
- 2020 Sport fishing Regulations; Non-Native Gamefish Policy – Rulemaking
- Annual Pride Awards

September 13, 2019 - Tour – Gold Beach

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

- A & H Project Funding – Approval
- Big Game Regulations; 2020 Tags and Season Dates – 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. June 6, 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

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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.