



# 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  
Bob Soelbrink - Phone  
Mark Labhart - Phone  
Jill Zarnowitz - 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 Rescinded two  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.

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.

1 **5.) 635-023-0095**  
2 **2019 Estuary White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery Modified in the**  
3 **Mainstem Columbia**

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

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

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14 **6.) 635-023-0125**  
15 **Modification to Columbia River Recreational Fisheries for Salmon and**  
16 **Steelhead**

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

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

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24 **7.) 635-042-0170**  
25 **Modifications to the 2019 Season for the Columbia River Select Area**  
26 **Commercial Fisheries**

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

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

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34 **8.) 635-005-0465**  
35 **Commercial Dungeness Crab Evisceration South of Cape Blanco**

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

37 In coordination with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)  
38 temporary rule making (see OAR 635-025-0423), this amended rule  
39 implements a biotoxin management zone for the ocean commercial  
40 Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Blanco (42° 50' N. Lat.) southward to  
41 the Oregon/California border (42° 00' N. Lat.) due to detection of elevated  
42 levels of domoic acid in crab viscera in the specified area. In combination,  
43 this rule and ODA rule require that all Dungeness crab taken from the  
44 biotoxin management area zone after 12:01 AM May 10, 2019 be sold to a  
45 licensed food processor that eviscerates the crab consistent with the ODA  
46 rule. In addition, crab harvested from a line just north of Gold Beach (42°  
47 26' N. Lat.) to the Oregon/California border (42° 00' N. Lat.) after 12:01 AM

1 May 8, 2019 will be subject to recall for evisceration. These rules prohibit  
2 the sale of live or whole crab caught from the biotoxin management zone,  
3 and prohibit the sale of any crab that is not processed consistent with these  
4 rules.

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6 Action:  
7 Commissioner Buckmaster moved to ratify the eight (8) temporary rules set forth in the  
8 today's agenda. Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion, and the motion carried  
9 unanimously, seven (7) infavor.

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11 **OREGON WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN BACKGROUND**

12 The Commission will be given background on the Oregon Wolf Conservation and  
13 Management Plan update.  
14 Staff: Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator;  
15 Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator; and  
16 Derek Broman, Carnivore-Furbearer Program Coordinator

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18 **OPEN FORUM**

19 Question and Answer

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21 **CLOSING COMMENTS**

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23 Chair Mie Finley adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.