



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

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

Meeting:
Friday, June 7, 2019 – 8:00 AM
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 973021

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

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

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Mike Finley, Chairman
Greg Wolley, Commissioner
Holly Akenson, Commissioner
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner
Jim Bittle, Commissioner
Mary Wahl, Commissioner
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner

Curt Melcher, Director
Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director
Mark Vargas, Interim Deputy Director
Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager
Bernadette Graham-Hudson, West Region Manager
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police

14 **MEETING**

15 On Friday, **June 7, 2019 at 8:00 AM, Chair Mike Finley called the Oregon Fish and**
16 **Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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18 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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20 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

21 Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary
22 rule. This temporary rule was previously adopted by the director under his emergency action
23 authority.

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25 **1.) 635-017-0090**

26 **Modifications to the EE Wilson Wildlife Area Pond in the Willamette Zone.**

27 Adopted June 6, 2019: effective June 10, through July 5, 2019.

28 This amended rule is needed to modify current angling regulations in the pond
29 due to construction activities. This rule will remove the trout bag limits from June 7
30 thru June 9, 2019 to maximize use of the trout in the pond. Additionally, the pond will
31 closed to public access from June 10 through July 5, 2019 to provide public safety
32 during construction.

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34 **Action:**

35 Commissioner Akenson moved to ratify the one (1) temporary rule set forth in the today's
36 tan agenda. Commissioner Wahl seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven
37 (7) in favor.

1 **EXHIBIT F: SALVAGE OF ROAD STRUCK DEER AND ELK**

2 The Commission was asked to approve temporary to permanent rulemaking to
3 correct an error with the numbering of this rule.

4 Staff: Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

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6 No Public Testimony
7 Rulemaking

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9 Action:

10 Commissioner Wahl moved to approve OAR 635-043-0175 as proposed by staff.

11 Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor.
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13 **EXHIBIT G: BURNS PAIUTE CEREMONIAL HARVEST TAGS**

14 The Commission was asked to approve temporary to permanent rulemaking to
15 correct season dates for Burns Paiute Tribe Ceremonial Harvest.

16 Staff: Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

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18 No Public Testimony
19 Rulemaking

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21 Action:

22 Commissioner Finley moved to approve OAR 635-043-0150 as proposed by staff.

23 Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor.
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25 **EXHIBIT H: OREGON WOLF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

26 The Commission will be asked to approve the Wolf Conservation and
27 Management Plan.

28 Staff: Derek Broman, Carnivore-Furbearer Program Coordinator

29 Presentation: Derek provided the Commission with a presentation including information on
30 wolf history, current updated timeline, guiding principles, general comments,
31 changes by chapter, and a summary.
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33 Commissioner Akenson read the following statement into the record. "I appreciate the
34 efforts and contributions of stakeholders, the public, and staff to produce this Wolf Plan
35 update.
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37 For all of you, like me, who have looked forward to the day when wolves lived free in
38 Oregon's forests - it's time to CELEBRATE! Wolves are thriving in Oregon! Each year we
39 have more wolves in Oregon than the year before and wolves are moving across the state,
40 expanding into new areas. Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan is
41 successful.
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43 I am a wildlife biologist. Before I was on the Fish and Wildlife Commission I spent years
44 studying wolves - capturing and radio collaring them, watching pups at the den, and
45 following wolves in the Idaho wilderness. It was fascinating!

1 My husband and I returned to Oregon and settled in to Wallowa County just as wolves
 2 swam the Snake River and set up territories in Wallowa County as well. Since then it hasn't
 3 been easy for livestock producers in my community - to learn and adjust to the risks of
 4 wolves harassing and killing their animals. These livestock owners do everything they can
 5 to protect their animals - spending extra hours, using non-lethal deterrents, and changing
 6 their livestock management to keep the wolves from killing their animals.
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8 We are here today to approve a new version of Oregon's Wolf Plan. I am amazed at the
 9 foresight of the original stakeholder group who produced the first Wolf Plan in 2005. That
 10 plan established a foundation - 3 management phases, 2 geographic zones, and adaptive
 11 management options, including controlled take. This foundation is being maintained in the
 12 current plan update.
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14 For 15 years Oregon's Wolf Plan has been successful - in conserving and growing Oregon's
 15 wolf population. Oregon will always have a viable wolf population. I am confident this plan
 16 update will continue that successful management."
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18 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be
 19 viewed at*

20 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/06_June/
 21 Exhibit%20H_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/06_June/Exhibit%20H_Presentation.pdf)
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23 Public Testimony

Dan Whalen, Congressman Peter DeFazio, Eugene	Provided written testimony
Todd Nash, Wallowa County Commissioner	Provided written testimony
Court Boyce, Curry County Commissioner	
George Murdoch, Umatilla County Commission chair	
Jane Bicquette, Sherwood	
Steve Rodgers, Wallowa County Sheriff	Provided written testimony
Jerome Rosa, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Salem	Provided written testimony
Suzanne Stone, Defenders of Wildlife	
Dianne Woni Lee, Portland	
Rusty Ingles, Rancher, Burns	
Mary Anne Cooper, Defenders of Wildlife, Portland	
Sristi Kamal, Defenders of Wildlife, Portland	
Ellen Murmon, Eugene	
Sandra Wood, Eugene	
Crystal Elston, Wilsonville	
Scott Beckstead, Humane Society US	
Rene Tato	
Venial Ielson, Oregon Cattleman's Association	
Jim Akenson, Oregon Hunters Association	

Erik Coluille, Oregon Hunters Association	
James Dundun, Salem	
Georgia Weir, Portland	
Sue Adams, Portland	
Emily An You, Animal Wellness Action, West Linn	
Dave Wiley, Rocky Mnt. Elk Foundation, Sublimity	
Kali Brockdorf, Hillsboro	
Yulia Brockdorf, Willsonville	
Al LePage, Eugene	
Robert Klinger, Farm Bureau, Grand Ronde	
Katherine Brevik, Center for Biological, Portland	
Danielle Moser, Oregon Wild, Portland	
Kebrhea Cuellar, Springfield	
Mary Anne Ericson, Portland	
Joan Beldin, Portland	
Mary Grace Brogdon, Forest Web Cottage Grove, Springfield	
Amaroq Weiss, Center for Biological Diversity	
Jen Wolfsong, Beaverton	
Mallory Abel, Lewis and Clark Law, Portland	
Paula Feldmeier, Salem	
Court Boice, Gold Beach	
Alex Woolery, SE Portland	
Desiree Mariscal, SE Portland	
Quin Reed, Defenders of Wildlife	Did not testify
Miriam Eckerd, Defenders of Wildlife Rodger Huffman, Oregon Cattlemen, Union County	
Susan Strauss, Bend	
Susan Prince, Sisters	

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2 Rulemaking
3 Prior to deliberation Commissioner Akenson read the following statement into the record.
4 “In an abundance of caution I am announcing that I may have a potential conflict of interest
5 due to the fact that my husband is the Conservation Director for the Oregon Hunters
6 Association, and I understand that this may contribute to an appearance of impropriety”.
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8 Action:
9 Commissioner Bittle moved to adopt Exhibit H, Addendum 1, of the Oregon Wolf
10 Conservation and Management Plan. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the
11 motion was carried five (5) in favor; Finley, Akenson Buckmaster, Bittle, Spelbrink two (2)
12 opposed Wolley, Wahl.
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14 Commissioner Buckmaster moved to amend page 106 of the Draft Oregon Wolf
15 Conservation and Management Plan; Appendix A “Glossary of Terms”, definition of
16 “controlled take” to be changed to read “Commission approved action for wolf population
17 management that allows the take of a wolf by special permit on (public or private) lands to
18 address long term reoccurring wolf-livestock conflicts; ungulent population objectives; or

1 winter range or feeding areas objectives”. Strike out the words “members of the public or
2 tribes to kill”. Chair Finley seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor;
3 Finley, Akenson, Buckmaster, Bittle, Spelbrink; two (2) opposed Wolley, Wahl.
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5 Commissioner Buckmaster moved to adopt Exhibit H, Attachment 3, Addendum 2. Replace
6 entire sentence on page 38, line 22 with text below. Replaces line 22 with new text to better
7 outline the importance and access to information on non-lethal tools to address wolf-
8 livestock conflict. “ODFW maintains an actively managed document that addresses the
9 current status of ODFW Non-Lethal Measures to Minimize Wolf-Livestock Conflict”. That
10 document and additional information in non-lethal measures can be viewed at: [REDACTED].
11 Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor.
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13 Commissioner Buckmaster asked that the Department work on finding the resources to
14 improve use of non-lethal take and technological transfer within the ranching community.
15 Should also include other stakeholders. Through P.O.P or otherwise.
16 *Not a formal motion, the above is unanimous sense of the Commission.*
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18 Commissioner Wolley moved to amend the definition of “chronic depredation to three (3)
19 confirmed wolf kills in a nine (9) month period of time. Chair Finley seconded the motion.
20 After discussion Commissioner Wolley withdrew the motion; Chair Finley withdrew his
21 second. The motion did not move forward.
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23 Commissioner Wolley moved to amend the definition of “chronic depredation to three (3)
24 confirmed wolf kills in a twelve (12) month period of time. Chair Finley seconded the motion.
25 After further discussion Chair Finley withdraw second- Motion failed due to lack of second.
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27 Commissioner Wolley moved to amend the definition of “chronic depredation to three (3)
28 confirmed wolf kills in a nine (9) month period of time. Commissioner Wahl seconded the
29 motion, the motion failed with three (3) in favor- Finley, Wolley, Wahl; four (4) opposed
30 Akenson, Buckmaster, Bittle, Spelbrink
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32 Commissioner Akenson moved to amend the definition of “chronic depredation to two (2)
33 confirmed wolf kills in a nine (9) month period of time. Commissioner Wahl seconded the
34 motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor, Akenson, Wahl, Finley, Bittle, Spelbrink;
35 two (2) opposed Buckmaster, Wolley
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37 Commissioner Wahl moved to add “climate change impacts and bio diversity declines as
38 conservation threats”. Commissioner Buckmaster seconded the motion and the motion
39 carried seven (7) in favor.
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41 Commission Wahl move to amend page 31 of the plan, to change controlled take to add that
42 lethal take of wolves to address ungulate population objectives or herd management goals
43 may only be authorized if the Department determines wolves are the cause of the ungulate
44 population or herd management problems. Seconded by Commissioner Wolley. The motion
45 failed - three (3) in favor, Wahl, Finley, Wolley; four (4) opposed Atkinson, Buckmaster,
46 Bittle, Spelbrink
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1 Commissioner Wolley moved to remove that Wildlife service's should be removed as
2 potential agent for either identification of confirmation of depredation in the field or as an
3 agent to implement controlled take of wolves. Seconded by Commissioner Wahl. The
4 motion is tabled.

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6 Commissioner Buckmaster, request that DAS conduct an internal audit Department of
7 Agriculture's wildlife compensation plan. Discuss further at the August meeting.

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9 Commissioner Wolley, moved to amend pages 31; lines 38, 39, 40 remove "trapping" from
10 the plan, Seconded by Commissioner Wahl. Wahl withdrew second. Motion dies for lack of
11 second. Further discussion at a future meeting.

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13 Commissioner Akenson moved to amend OAR 635, Division 110 as proposed by staff with
14 the amendments approved by the Commission in this session. Seconded by Chair Finley
15 the motion carries with six (6) in favor Akenson, Finley, Buckmaster, Bittle, Wahl, Spelbrink;
16 one (1) opposed Wolley.

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18 Chair Finley asked Commissioner Akenson to attend and participate in the joint meeting with
19 Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission in Salem on August 1st relating to Columbia
20 River fisheries management.

21 **OTHER BUSINESS**

22 **ADJOURN**

23 Chairman Mike Finley adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.