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## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

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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 amend the definition of “chronic depredation to  
33 two (2) confirmed wolf kills in a nine (9) month period of time. Commissioner Wahl seconded  
34 the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor, Akenson, Wahl, Finley, Bittle,  
35 Spelbrink; 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 1<sup>st</sup> relating to Columbia  
20 River fisheries management.

21 **OTHER BUSINESS**

22 **ADJOURN**

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