



**Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes**

Thursday, September 12, 2019 –7:45 4:30  
Fish and Wildlife Commission Tour  
SureStay Plus Hotel Gold Beach  
29232 Ellensburg Ave  
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Meeting:  
Friday, September 13, 2019 - 8:00 AM  
Curry County Fairgrounds  
Docia Room  
29392 Ellensburg Ave  
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.

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	Curt Melcher, Director
Mary Wahl, Vice-Chair Commissioner	Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director
Greg Wolley, Commissioner	Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager
Jim Bittle, Commissioner	Bernadette Graham-Hudson, West Region Manager
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney
Jill Zarnowitz, Commissioner	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
	Ed Bowles, Fish Division Administrator
	Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
	Mat Oeder, Management Resources Division Administrator
	Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police

**MEETING**

On Friday, **September 13, 2019 at 8:00 AM, Chair Mike Finley called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Court Boice, Curry County Commissioner, Vice-Chair  
David Brock Smith, Representative

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/19/09\\_Sep/September%202019%20Field%20Report%20v2.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/September%202019%20Field%20Report%20v2.pdf)

**Expenditure Report**

Staff: Mat Oeder, Management Resources Division Administrator  
Remaining expected expenditures for the previous biennium were processed. Overall, revenues came in as expected over the course of the biennium. We expect our spending to land within our budgeted limitation

1 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*  
2 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Commission%20Fi](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20September_2019.pdf)  
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5 **Status of Abalone**

6 Scott Groth, South Coast Shellfish Biologist  
7 Scott provided the Commission with an update on suspension of the  
8 Recreational Abalone Fishery.

9 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
10 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Status%20of%20A](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Status%20of%20Abalone.pdf)  
11 [balone.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Status%20of%20Abalone.pdf)  
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13 **Special Recognition Award**  
14 **Coquille Working Landscapes Team**  
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16 **Big Game Hunter Survey**

17 Nick Myatt, Big Game Hunt Review Project Lead;  
18 Mark Duda, Executive Director, Responsive Management  
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20 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
21 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Or%20Deer%20an](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Or%20Deer%20and%20Elk%20Hunters'%20Attitudes%20Toward%20Big%20Game%20Management%20and%20Hunting%20Opportunities.pdf)  
22 [d%20Elk%20Hunters'%20Attitudes%20Toward%20Big%20Game%20Management%20](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Or%20Deer%20and%20Elk%20Hunters'%20Attitudes%20Toward%20Big%20Game%20Management%20and%20Hunting%20Opportunities.pdf)  
23 [and%20Hunting%20Opportunities.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Or%20Deer%20and%20Elk%20Hunters'%20Attitudes%20Toward%20Big%20Game%20Management%20and%20Hunting%20Opportunities.pdf)  
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25 **PUBLIC FORUM**

26 This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled on the agenda. The  
27 Commission will be unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this  
28 forum.  
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30 *Illinois River; Protect Chinook and Coho Spawning*  
31 *Jim Hutchins* [provided written testimony](#)  
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33 *Administrative Cougar Removal*  
34 *Kelly Forney; Umpqua Chapter of Oregon Hunter's Association*  
35 *Provided written testimony*  
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37 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

38 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.  
39 The twenty (20) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his  
40 emergency action authority.  
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42 **1.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180**

43 **Set Fall Commercial Seasons in the Select Areas of the Columbia River**

44 Adopted July 30, 2019: effective August 6, through November 29, 2019.

45 These amended rules are needed to establish the 2019 fall Select Area commercial  
46 fisheries for the Columbia River.

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2           **2.) 635-004-0275**  
3 **Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Ground**  
4 **fish Fisheries**

5 Adopted August 2, 2019: effective October 5, through December 31, 2019.

6           This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal  
7 government for 2019-2020 Pacific Coast commercial ground fish fisheries, including but  
8 not limited to increased trip limits for big skate in the shore based individual fishing  
9 quota fishery and increased trip limits for sablefish in the open access fisheries.

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11           **3.) 635-041-0063**  
12 **2019 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Fishery to Close in the John Day Pool**

13 Adopted August 7, 2019: effective August 8, through August 17, 2019.

14           This amended rule closes the Treaty Indian commercial setline fishery in the  
15 John Day Pool effective 6 PM August 8, 2019. Modifications are consistent with action  
16 taken August 7, 2019 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife,  
17 in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a meeting of the Columbia  
18 River Compact.

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20           **4.) 635-004-0274 (0275)**  
21 **Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Ground**  
22 **fish Fisheries**

23 Adopted August 2, 2019: effective August 8, through December 31, 2019.

24           \*Refiled to correct effective date from October to August per Federal Rules.\*

25           This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal  
26 government for 2019-2020 Pacific Coast commercial ground fish fisheries, including but  
27 not limited to increased trip limits for big skate in the shore based individual fishing  
28 quota fishery and increased trip limits for sablefish in the open access fisheries.

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30           **5.) 635-018-0090, 635-023-0310**  
31 **Angling Temporarily Prohibited in Portions of the Mainstem Columbia River and**  
32 **Lower Deschutes River**

33 Adopted August 8, 2019: effective August 9, through December 31, 2019.

34           Close angling for all species within specified boundaries of the Columbia  
35 River near the mouth of the Deschutes River and in the Deschutes River downstream of  
36 Moody Rapids.

37           **6.) 635-039-0090**  
38 **Retention of Cabezon Prohibited in Recreational Boat Fishery**

39 Adopted August 9, 2019: effective August 16, through December 31, 2019.

40           This amended rule prohibits retention of Cabazon in the sport bottom fish  
41 fishery when fishing from a boat beginning at 12:01 am on 8/16/2019. Persons fishing  
42 from shore may continue to retain the daily bag limit of one Cabazon.

1           **7.) 635-042-0031**

2           **Non-Treaty Commercial Zone 4-5 Gillnet Fisheries Adopted**

3           Adopted August 12, 2019: effective August 14, through August 29, 2019.

4           This rule authorizes the early fall non-Treaty commercial gillnet fishery in  
5           Zones 4 and 5 of the lower Columbia River. Modifications are consistent with action  
6           taken August 12, 2019 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon  
7           and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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9           **8.) 635-041-0075**

10          **Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery Set**

11          Adopted August 12, 2019: effective August 26, through December 31, 2019.

12          These amended rules authorize fall Treaty commercial gillnet fisheries set for  
13          the Columbia River mainstem effective 6:00 a.m. August 26, 2019. Modifications are  
14          consistent with action taken August 12, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for  
15          the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty  
16          Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact

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18          **9.) 635-019-0090, 635-023-0134**

19          **Open Fall Chinook Fishery and Reduce Steelhead Bag Limit on Snake River and**  
20          **Tributaries**

21          Adopted August 20, 2019: effective August 24, through December 31, 2019.

22          This amended rule implements a fall Chinook fishery on the Snake River from  
23          the Oregon-Washington border upstream to the deadline below Hells Canyon Dam  
24          beginning August 24 through November 17, 2019.

25          This rule also reduces the daily bag limit for steelhead from three, to one (1) hatchery  
26          fish per day in the Snake River and tributaries from September 1 to December 31, 2019  
27          due to poor returns. Reducing bag limits ensures escapement of hatchery steelhead  
28          meets broodstock needs and reduces impacts on wild steelhead. These regulations  
29          also maintain concurrence with states of Idaho and Washington on the Snake and  
30          Grande Ronde Rivers, respectively.

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32          **10.) 635-039-0090**

33          **Retention of Copper, Quillback and China Rockfish Prohibited in Recreational**  
34          **Boat Fishery**

35          Adopted August 21, 2019: effective August 23, through December 31, 2019.

36          This amended rule prohibits retention of copper, quillback, and china  
37          rockfishes in the sport bottom fish fishery when fishing from a boat beginning at 12:01  
38          am on 8/23/2019. Persons fishing from shore may continue to retain one of these  
39          species in aggregate, within the daily bag limit for general marine species.

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41          **11.) 635-006-0215**

42          **2019 Commercial Shark and Swordfish Conversion Factors Modified**

43          Adopted August 20, 2019: effective August 21, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

44          This rule adopts dressed-to whole-weight conversion factors for a variety of  
45          shark and swordfish species. Conversion factors must be adopted in rule for  
46          commercial fishers to dress fish at sea and land them in a dressed condition.

1           **12.) 635-023-0130**

2   **One-Day Salmon Bag Limit Modifications for Non-Profit Corporation Northwest**  
3   **Dream Hunts**

4   Adopted August 22, 2019: effective September 3 through December 31, 2019.

5           Modify bag limit allowance for a combined total of Chinook or hatchery coho  
6   for a sponsored fishing event with Northwest Dream Hunts. In cooperation with 501(c)  
7   (3) non-profit organization "Northwest Dream Hunts", the Oregon Department of Fish  
8   and Wildlife is supporting a special fishing opportunity for a terminally-ill youth. The  
9   mission of Northwest Dream Hunts is to fulfill hunting and fishing dreams for children  
10  ages 12 to 21 that have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. This rule will allow the  
11  organization's 2019 participant an improved fishing opportunity during their planned visit  
12  to the State of Oregon.

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14           **13.) 635-042-0031**

15   **Non-Treaty Commercial Fishing Period Rescinded**

16   Adopted August 28, 2019: effective August 28 through August 29, 2019.

17           This rule rescinds the early fall non-Treaty commercial gillnet fishing period  
18  scheduled for August 28-29 in Zones 4 and 5 of the lower Columbia River. Modifications  
19  are consistent with action taken August 28, 2019 by the Departments of Fish and  
20  Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River  
21  Compact.

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23           **14.) 635-023-0130, 635-023-0131**

24   **Columbia River Steelhead Fishery Modified from Buoy 10 up to The Dalles Dam**

25   Adopted August 28, 2019: effective September 1 through September 30, 2019.

26           Requires the release of all hatchery and wild steelhead in that recreational  
27  fishery from September 1 through September 30, 2019 on the Columbia River below  
28  Bonneville Dam.

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30           **15.) 635-039-0090**

31   **Recreational Ground fish Fishery Opens to Fishing at all Depths**

32   Adopted August 28, 2019: effective September 3 through December 31, 2019.

33           This amended rule opens recreational fishing for ground fish at all depths  
34  earlier than the scheduled date of 09/30/2019. This rule provides additional offshore  
35  harvest opportunity in the recreational ground fish fishery that would not be available  
36  otherwise, while reducing catch and mortality of the "other nearshore rockfish" stock  
37  group, which has already exceeded the annual harvest guideline.

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39           **16.) 635-023-0130**

40   **Chinook Salmon Recreational Fishery Closed on Mainstem Columbia River**

41   Adopted September 4, 2019: effective September 6 through December 31, 2019.

42           The rule is needed to prohibit retention of Chinook salmon caught in the  
43  Columbia River from Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island upstream to Bonneville Dam  
44  effective September 6, 2019.

1           **17.) 635-041-0075**

2           **Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery Modified**

3           Adopted September 5, 2019: effective September 6 through December 31, 2019.

4           This amended rule modifies the fall Treaty commercial gillnet fishery for the  
5           Columbia River mainstem effective 6:00 a.m. September 9, 2019. Modifications are  
6           consistent with action taken September 5, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife  
7           for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty  
8           Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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10           **18.) 635-023-0095**

11           **2019 White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery Established in the Mainstem Columbia**

12           Adopted September 5, 2019: effective September 21 through December 31, 2019.

13           This amended rule allows recreational retention of white sturgeon on the  
14           mainstem lower Columbia River for 2-days effective September 21 and September 28,  
15           2019. Retention of white sturgeon is allowed from the Wauna power lines upstream to  
16           Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River. Legal size is 44-inch minimum and 50-inch  
17           maximum fork length.

18           Revisions are consistent with action taken September 5, 2019 by the Departments of  
19           Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington.

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21           **19.) 635-021-0090**

22           **Southeast Zone Regulation Modifications in the Thief Valley Reservoir**

23           Adopted September 6, 2019: effective September 11 through October 15, 2019.

24           Amend rule to authorize catch limits and methods of take in Thief Valley  
25           Reservoir. Failure to adopt this rule would result in lost opportunity for harvest of this  
26           valuable resource by the sport fishing public.

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28           **20.) 635-041-0075**

29           **Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery Modified**

30           Adopted September 12, 2019: effective September 16 through December 31, 2019.

31           This amended rule modifies the fall Treaty commercial gillnet fishery for the  
32           Columbia River mainstem effective 6:00 a.m. September 16, 2019. Modifications are  
33           consistent with action taken September 12, 2019 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife  
34           for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty  
35           Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact

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37           Action:

38           Commissioner Labhart moved to ratify the 19 temporary rules set forth in the today's  
39           agenda and the one (1) temporary rule on the supplemental temporary rule memo.  
40           Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion, and the motion carried six (6) in favor,  
41           Finley, Wolley, Bittle, Spelbrink, Labhart, Zarnowitz; one (1) opposed Wahl.

1 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

2 Action:

3 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to approve the August 2, 2019 meeting minutes  
4 with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Labhart  
5 seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor Finley, Wahl, Wolley,  
6 Bittle, Spelbrink, Labhart; one (1) abstain Zarnowitz.

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8 **Exhibit B: COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL CRAB REGULATIONS**

9 The Commission was asked to adopt commercial regulations for biotoxin and crab  
10 quality management, and to reduce risk and improve information related to whale  
11 entanglements, and adopt recreational crab gear marking regulations to improve  
12 information on sources of whale entanglements

13 Staff: Troy Buell, State Fishery Management Program Leader

14 Kelly Corbett, Commercial Dungeness Crab Project Leader

15 *Presentation:* Kelly and Troy provided the Commission with a presentation with  
16 information on whale entanglement, crab biotoxin management and commercial crab  
17 season opening.

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19 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
20 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Ex%20B\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Ex%20B_Presentation.pdf)  
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23 Commissioner Spelbrink read the following statement into the record:

24 "For the record I am Commissioner Bob Spelbrink. I declare a potential conflict of  
25 interest in issues effecting, and relating to, the Dungeness crab fishery. I was a  
26 Commercial Dungeness Crab Fisherman for almost 40 years and my business, Allied  
27 Marine Inc. owns an Oregon Dungeness crab permit, crab gear, and retains partial  
28 ownership of a 56' crab fishing vessel."  
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30 **Public Testimony**

Colleen Weiler, Whale and Dolphin Conservation	
Clint Furderburg Fishing Vessel KRAKEN	
Joe Conchelos, OCCA, Fishing Vessel KRAKEN	

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32 **Rulemaking**

33 Action:

34 Commissioner Finley moved to adopt staff recommendations to OAR's as  
35 proposed in attachment 3. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion  
36 was carried seven (7) in favor.  
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1 **Exhibit C: ACCESS & HABITAT PROJECT APPROVALS**

2 The Commission was asked to approve Access and Habitat Board recommendations  
3 for project funding.

4 Staff: Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

5 Presentation: Tom provided the Commission with a presentation outlining the  
6 Access and Habitat Program and the Board recommended project.

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8 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
9 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Ex%20C\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Ex%20C_Presentation.pdf)  
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12 No Public testimony

13 Approval

14 Action:

15 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to approve funding for the two projects  
16 recommended for funding by the A&H Board. Commissioner Wolley seconded the  
17 motion and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor.

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19 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

20 The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) and ORS 192.660(2)(h)  
21 which allow the Commission to meet in executive session to consider information or  
22 records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with legal counsel  
23 with respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission.

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25 **EXHIBIT D: 2020 BIG GAME SEASONS AND REGULATIONS**

26 The Commission was asked to approve the Big Game tag numbers, seasons, and  
27 regulations for 2020 which include initial components of the hunt review process.

28 Staff: Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager;  
29 Nick Myatt, Big Game Hunt Review Project Lead  
30 Don Whittaker, Ungulate Coordinator;  
31 Derek Broman, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator

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33 Tom, Don, Nick and Mark provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2020  
34 regulations proposal and species specific season dates, tag numbers, etc.

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36 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
37 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Ex%20D\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Ex%20D_Presentation.pdf)  
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40 **Public Testimony**

Al Elkins, Oregon Hunters Association	
Amy Patric, Oregon Hunters association	
Steve Hagan, Oregon Hunters Association	
Craig Pfeifer, SIG Optics, Oregon Hunters association	
Wayne Endicott, Oregon Bow Hunters Association, Oregon Hunters Association,	



OOO Founder	
Kyle Williams, Cattleman’s Association, Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Forest and Industry Counsel	
Stan Steele, Hunter	
Riley Savage, Traditional Archers of Oregon	
James Orr, Traditional Archers of Oregon	

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Commission Labhart read the following statement into the record.  
 “When I became a Commissioner, I committed that I would explain the reason and the rationale for the votes I take on important issues that come before the Commission. This agenda topic is an important issue.

Today’s Big Game Seasons and Regulations as well as the initial components of the Big Game Hunt Review process are important matters for many inside and outside the hunting community. We need to encourage more folks to get into this great sport of hunting for all the reasons folks go hunting and it is not just about harvesting an animal.

First, let me say thanks to those of you who chose to travel to Gold Beach and still be here to provide your input in person. Much appreciated. I also appreciate the extensive public process that allowed anyone to comment on the proposed Big Game Seasons and Regulations. There were 20 public meetings held around the state where folks could show up and provide valuable and important feedback to department staff on the proposed rules. Approximately 570 people attended these meetings to listen to staff proposals generated from the local Districts up through staff and provide input to department staff. I assure you staff listened intently to your valuable input. Of course, many could not attend but provided valuable input through emails, letters and direct contact through your sports group associations with staff. I have read all 161 letters, emails and public input forms provided in our Commission packets. Again, thank you for your valuable input. I also want to thank Kevin and Nick for sitting down with me for a couple of hours to answer my two pages of questions I had.

Now for my comments on some of the specifics in the proposals.

- There were comments submitted about the start date for the pilot of a new general season elk damage tag. Specifically, the start date of August 1<sup>st</sup> which is at the height of fire season and usually the hottest time of the year. The start date of Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> is not a change as I understand.
- Lots of input, comments and maybe some confusion on the piloting of new proposed General Season Elk Damage Tag for 2020. Yes, this is a change and change are sometimes difficult to try or accept. We are having some significant issues with elk damage on private lands who rely on their crops for their economic livelihood. The goal is to try this pilot effort before migratory elk transition to winter range on or access many of these private lands. I support trying this approach as a pilot with the goal of monitoring to see if accomplishes what we hope for and if it does not, we can modify the pilot in 2021. In others words I would hope you can give pilot a chance. Thanks to Oregon Cattlemen’s, Oregon Forest and Industry Council (OFIC) and the Farm Bureau for given the

1 Pilot program a chance. If it does not work, maybe we can explore the trap and  
2 transplant option or other options in the future.

- 3 • Lots of input regarding deer numbers. In terms of black tail numbers all but one  
4 wildlife management unit (WMU) has met or exceeded buck ratios in two of the  
5 last three years. Very good point from Oregon Hunters Association (OHA)  
6 testimony and you are correct in most Eastern Oregon units, mule deer are  
7 declining. Unfortunately, this is not only an Oregon problem but a problem across  
8 the western US. We need to aggressively work this issue to return our deer  
9 number to historic levels and there are efforts in the works to do just that. Our  
10 proposed regulations help us to get there by reducing the harvest tag numbers  
11 by over 1,400 tags proposed for 2020. I agree with the OHA testimony that much  
12 work in returning mule deer numbers throughout Eastern Oregon needs to  
13 happen. We need OHA who is a key constituent and valued partner and others  
14 who testified today to stay engaged with us even though some of your  
15 suggestions may not have been adopted at this time.
- 16 • I was particularly taken back by comments regarding our Vets and the  
17 Department's proposal to no longer allow non-resident vets hunting by paying  
18 resident rates. In talking to staff, our attorney has informed the Department that  
19 we have been interpreting the Statute wrong and we need to comply with what  
20 the Statute says which means non-resident Vets will need to pay non-resident  
21 rates. If this is an issue that should be addressed it needs to be addressed in the  
22 next Legislative session.
- 23 • Quite a bit of public input on the proposal to move from forked horn to a visible  
24 antler. Some favor and some don't. I believe staff has addressed the need for  
25 this proposed change and I support that change.
- 26 • Several inputs from the Traditional Bow hunters regarding size of the units and  
27 the duration of seasons. After reviewing the information provided, I support the  
28 Staff's proposals and believe it gives the traditional bow hunters a fair and  
29 equitable area to hunt and as well as fair time period to hunt. Thanks for your  
30 support of the North Fork John Day Wilderness. I realize you did not get all you  
31 asked for.

32 In summary, I want to thank staff for their efforts to craft the proposals for the seasons,  
33 regulations and efficiencies proposed to the regulations. Lots of work and while likely  
34 not perfect to some in this room and those who provided input, they listened and I think  
35 we should support the recommendations.”

### 36 Rulemaking

#### 37 Action:

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40 Commissioner Wahl moved to direct staff, to over the next few months, convene  
41 a workgroup to look at black tail deer population and the decline of mule deer in  
42 Oregon. The department is to bring the findings of this workgroup back to the  
43 Commission September of next year or sooner. Any changes that need to be addressed  
44 prior to the 2021 Big Game Regulations. Commissioner Zarnowitz seconded the motion  
45 and the motion was carried six (6) in favor (Zarnowitz, Labhart, Bittle, Wolley, Wahl,  
46 Finley; one (1) abstention (Spelbrink).

1 .Commissioner Labhart moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008, 043,  
2 045, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, and 075 as proposed by staff.  
3 Commissioner Finley seconded the motion and the motion was carried seven (7) in  
4 favor.

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6 **EXHIBIT D: HUMBOLDT MARTEN PETITION**

7 The Commission will be asked to approve proposed marten harvest changes in OAR  
8 Division 050; following the Commission acceptance of a petition to initiate rulemaking  
9 at the August 3, 2018 Commission meeting in Salem. The proposed changes are the  
10 result of staff evaluating the topic and engaging with stakeholders.

11 Staff: Derek Broman, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator

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13 Derek provided the Commission with a presentation on the petition history,  
14 Federal Classification, Oregon Classification, distribution and range, evaluation of  
15 petition requests, an overall evaluation, and the staff proposal.

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17 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
18 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09\\_Sep/Ex%20E\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/19/09_Sep/Ex%20E_Presentation.pdf)  
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21 **Public Testimony**

Amy Patric, Oregon Hunters Association	
Stan Steele, Oregon Trappers Association	
Jim Soares, Oregon tappers Association	
Rich Nawa, Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center	
Tierra Curry, Center for Biological Diversity	
Kyle Williams, Oregon Forest Industries Counsel	
Doug Nichol, Oregon Trappers Association	
Rebeca Whate,	
Eileen Cooper, Vice- President Friends of Del Norte	
Phoebe Lenhart	
Mike Miller	

22 **Rulemaking**

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24 **Action:**

25 Commissioner Wahl moved to amend OAR, Chapter 635, and Division 050 as  
26 proposed by the petitioners on page 11 of the [petition](#). Commissioner Wolley seconded  
27 the motion and the motion was carried four (4) in favor Zarnowitz, Wolley, Finley, Wahl;  
28 three (3) opposed- Labhart, Spelbrink, Bittle.

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30 **OTHER BUSINESS**

31 The Commission approved the dates for the 2020 Commission meetings.

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33 Chair Mike Finley adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.