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## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

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Meeting:  
Friday, January 15, 2021 - 8:00 AM  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Virtual Meeting  
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE  
Salem, OR 97302

**Friday, January 15, 2021**

*See notes on the last page of this agenda for instructions on how to [register](#) to testify on the exhibit items.*

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Field Reports – in written form only

### **EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Staff: Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director for Administration

### **ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES**

Curt Melcher, Director

#### **1.) 635-067-0000**

#### **Cancel hunting opportunity for the Burnt River Canyon 2021 bighorn sheep hunt #551**

Adopted: December 22, 2020 – Effective Dates: December 22, 2020 through June 29, 2021

Oregon Administrative Rules establishing tag numbers for 2021 controlled bighorn sheep hunts were adopted September 2020. Tag numbers adopted at that time did not anticipate the level of disease-related mortality and the low wildlife population levels observed through this fall-winter 2020-2021. This rule amendment is needed to reduce the number of tags that may be issued for the purpose of hunting bighorn sheep during the Burnt River Canyon 2021 controlled hunt #551.

#### **2.) 635-023-0125**

#### **Modify Hatchery Steelhead Bag Limit for Columbia River upstream of The Dalles Dam**

Adopted December 22, 2020: effective January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

This amended rule maintains a one-hatchery steelhead bag limit in the Columbia River upstream of The Dalles Dam through March 31, 2021.

#### **3.) 635-019-0090, 635-023-0134**

#### **Reduce Steelhead Bag Limit on Grand Ronde and Snake River and Their Tributaries**

Adopted December 22, 2020: effective January 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021.

These amended rules reduce the daily bag limit for steelhead to two from three hatchery fish per day in the Grand Ronde and Snake Rivers and tributaries from January 1 to April 30, 2020.

#### **4.) 635-016-0090**

#### **Prohibit Retention of Wild Spring Chinook in the Mainstem Umpqua River**

Adopted December 22, 2020: effective January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

This amended rule prohibits retention of all wild Chinook salmon on the Mainstem Umpqua River while allowing for retention of hatchery Chinook salmon from February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

**5.) 635-023-0095**

**Close White Sturgeon Recreational Retention in The Dalles Pool**

Adopted January 4, 2020: effective January 5, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

This amended rule closes the retention of white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool of the Columbia River. Catch projections indicate retention of white sturgeon after January 4, 2021 for The Dalles Pool would further exceed the allowable quota. Catch and release sturgeon fishing remains open in these waters, except for within the sturgeon angling sanctuaries as specified in permanent rules.

**6.) 635-023-0095**

**Close White Sturgeon Recreational Retention in Bonneville Pool**

Adopted January 7, 2020: effective January 8, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

This amended rule closes the retention of white sturgeon in Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River. Catch projections indicate retention of white sturgeon after January 7, 2021 would further exceed the allowable quota. Catch and release sturgeon fishing remains open in these waters, except for within the sturgeon angling sanctuaries as specified in permanent rules.

**7.) 635-017-0095**

**Allow temporary use of two-rod validation in lower Willamette River**

Adopted January 13, 2020: effective March 1, 2021 through August 15, 2021.

This amended rule allows for the usage of the two-rod validation in the lower Willamette River. Modifications allow the use of two-rod validation while fishing for all game and non-game fish species, except sturgeon, in the Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel), and that portion of the Clackamas River downstream of the Highway 99 bridge (just upstream of the confluence with the Willamette).

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**COMMISSION UPDATES**

**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 before 8:00 AM January 13, 2021 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.*

*Overlap of District Damage tags and General Season Elk Damage Tag areas  
Chris Heffernan*

*South Coast Wither Steelhead  
Leonard Krug, President of Oregon Anglers Alliance*

*Retention of antlers from a harvested animal  
Jeff Van Winkle*

**EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from December 11, 2020.

## **EXHIBIT B: CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROJECT APPROVAL**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee's recommendations for projects from the Conservation & Recreation Fund.

Staff: Davia Palmeri, Conservation Strategy Coordinator

Dr. Karl Wenner, Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory  
Committee Chair

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Approval

## **EXHIBIT C: SCHEDULE OF DAMAGES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING VIOLATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to amend rules to update existing food fish species market values that will be used to access damages resulting from commercial fishing violations.

Staff: Dr. Allen Molina, Senior Economist

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT D: NON-NATIVE GAMEFISH MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Commission will be asked to approve rulemaking for the Non-Native Gamefish Management Policy.

Staff: Michael Gauvin, Recreational Fisheries Program Manager

Gary Galovich, Western Oregon Warm Water Fish Biologist

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Rulemaking

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

This Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, as well as to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

## **ADJOURN**

## **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](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us) or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

### **February 12, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open December 15, 2020*

- 2020 Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon Population and Fisheries Update- Informational
- Removal of Borax Chub from T&E List – Rulemaking
- Recreational Abalone Fishery Suspension - Rulemaking

### **March 19, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open January 15, 2021*

- A&H Project Funding- Approval
- 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries Informational Briefing- Informational
- Regional Dry Maintenance Time Periods and Timing of In-Water Work to Protect Fish and Wildlife Resources - Rulemaking
- Review of Salmon Forecast and Stock Status – Director’s Report

### **April 23, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2021*

- 2021-2022 Oregon Game Bird Regulations- Rulemaking
- 2021 Pacific Halibut Fisheries Regulations - Rulemaking
- 2021 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Ocean Terminal Fisheries - Rulemaking

### **May 14, 2021 - HOLD**

*\*Written public comment period will open March 15, 2021*

*No Meeting Scheduled*

### **June 18, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2021*

- A&H Project Funding – Approval
- 2022 Big Game Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations – Approval
- R&E Board's recommendations for project funding – Approval

### **July 9, 2021 – HOLD**

*\*Written public comment period will open May 15, 2021*

*No Meeting Scheduled*

### **August 6, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2021*

- 2022 Sport Fish Regulations - Rulemaking

**September 17, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2021*

- Big Game Regulations – Rulemaking
- A&H Project Funding - Approval

**October 15, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2021*

**November 19, 2021 – HOLD**

*\*Written public comment period will open September 15, 2021*

*No Meeting Scheduled*

**December 17, 2021 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2021*

- A&H Project Funding – Approval
- Ground Fisheries and Nearshore Logbook Report – Rulemaking
- R&E Project Approval, Appointments, STEP Annual Report –Approval

## PLEASE NOTE

### AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. January 15, 2021 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 or see the agency's website at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>.

The Commission will take a lunch recess as close to 12:00 p.m. as the agenda will accommodate.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGISTRATION

If you wish to give verbal testimony on any Exhibit item scheduled on the January 15 agenda, you **must register before 8:00AM Wednesday January 13, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.**

### HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE JANUARY 13, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

When registering to testify please provide ***first and last name, topic, a valid email address, and phone number.***

Listed below are three way that you can register:

- 1) Click on the link provided on the agenda: fill out [the registration form](#); and click submit. ,
- 2) Send an email the [ODFW.Commission@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Commission@state.or.us) ; in your email, the information listed above must be provided.
- 3) Call the Department at 503-947-6044 or 503-507-5546.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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) Limit testimony to three (3) minutes, recognizing that substance, not length, determines the value of testimony or written information;
- 2) Endorse rather than repeat testimony of other witnesses; and
- 3) Groups or organizations wishing to testify should designate one spokesperson whenever possible.

### PUBLIC FORUM

If you wish to give testimony on any item not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda, please contact the Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 503.947.6044, **you must register before 8:00AM Wednesday January 13, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.**

Please provide written summaries or other materials to the Commission Assistant prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.

### THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PRESENT YOUR VIEWS

Materials delivered to the Director's Office sufficiently in advance of the meeting will be distributed to the Commission prior of the meeting day; any correspondence or materials received less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be provided to the Commissioners the day of the meeting. If you have questions regarding this Agenda, please contact Michelle Tate, Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon, 97302, or call 503- 947-6033.

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodation, such as assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotope, 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 connect to 503-947-6044.