



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Workshop
Thursday June 17, 2021 – 9:00 AM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual Meeting
4034 Fair View Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 97302

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FIELD REPORTS – in written form only

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Steve Bergmann, Administrative Services Division Administrator

ADAPTING TO CLIMATE AND OCEAN CHANGE REPORT

The 2021 State Agency Climate Adaptation Framework & Climate Equity Blueprint
[Oregon's Climate Change Adaptation Framework](#)
Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator

Oregon Territorial Sea Plan Part 3; update and changes to coastal management areas
Dr. Caren Braby, Marine Resources Manager

WESTERN POND TURTLES

Susan Barnes, Wildlife Conservation Biologist

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-023-0095

Open White Sturgeon Recreational Retention Fisheries in the Mainstem Columbia River Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Adopted 4/26/2021: effective 5/10/2021 through 6/30/2021.

This amended rule allows the retention of white sturgeon on the mainstem Columbia River in two management areas of the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam.

2.) 635-041-0020

Modify closure dates for Treaty Tribe subsistence fishing around the mouth of Fifteenmile Creek

Adopted 4/26/2021: effective 4/28/2021 through 6/15/2021.

This amended rule modifies the dates that Treaty Tribal subsistence fishing is prohibited in an area around the mouth of Fifteenmile Creek, near The Dalles Dam, to allow access to spring Chinook for subsistence purposes.

3.) 635-017-0090

Allow temporary use of two-rod validation in the upper Willamette River

Adopted 4/28/2021: effective 5/1/2021 through 8/15/2021.

This amended rule allows usage of the two-rod validation in the Willamette River and tributaries upstream of Willamette Falls in flowing waters that are open to angling for hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead, trout, or warmwater gamefish while fishing for both game and non-game fish species, except sturgeon.

4.) 635-016-0090

Close Recreational Spring Chinook Angling in the Rogue River

Adopted 4/29/2021: effective 5/1/2021 through 6/30/2021¹.

This amended rule closes recreational angling to all angling in the section of the Rogue River known as the "hatchery hole" located just downstream of Cole Rivers Hatchery Dam from May 1 through July 31, 2021.

5.) 635-042-0145

Revise 2021 Commercial Fishing Season in Youngs Bay Select Area

Adopted 4/29/2021: effective 5/4/2021 through 7/29/2021.

This amended rule adds one 4-hour fishing period (May 4) in the Youngs Bay Select Area.

6.) 635-039-0090

Reduce Daily Bag Limit for Bottomfish

Adopted 5/6/2021: effective 5/10/2021 through 11/6/2021.

This amended rule reduces the recreational groundfish daily bag limit from six to five fish from May 10 through December 31.

7.) 635-005-0290; 635-005-0387

Implement Tillamook Bay Intertidal Commercial Cockle Fishery Quota and Closed Periods

Adopted 5/6/2021: effective 5/7/2021 through 11/3/2021.

These amended rules impose an annual harvest quota of 80,000 pounds on the Tillamook Bay commercial intertidal cockle fishery. The amended rules also disallow the commercial harvest of intertidal cockles in Tillamook Bay during all weekends or holidays.

8.) 635-023-0125

Set 2021 Recreational Spring Fishing Seasons in the Columbia River

Adopted 5/20/2021: effective 5/21/2021 through 6/15/2021.

This amended rule adds fishing periods between May 21 and June 15 to the 2021 Columbia River spring salmon and steelhead fishery and revises bag limit requirements for steelhead.

9.) 635-017-0095

Open White Sturgeon Recreational Retention Periods in the Lower Willamette River

Adopted 5/20/2021: effective 6/12/2021 through 6/19/2021.

This amended rule allows the retention of white sturgeon in the lower Willamette River on June 12 and June 19.

10.) 635-016-0090

Increase Harvest Methods for Smallmouth Bass in the Coquille River

Adopted 5/20/2021: effective 5/22/2021 through 6/30/2021¹.

This amended rule allows the use of bait, spears, and spear guns to harvest smallmouth bass in the Coquille River (mainstem), East Fork Coquille River, Middle Fork Coquille River, North Fork

Coquille River, and South Fork Coquille River (mouth to USFS boundary near Powers) for the period of May 22 through October 31.

11.) 635-019-0090

Revoke Angling and Retention Closure for Spring Chinook in the Umatilla River

Adopted 5/24/2021: effective 5/25/2021 through 6/30/2021.

This amended rule opens recreational spring Chinook retention in the Umatilla River Basin starting May 25. The rule provides angling opportunities per permanent regulations. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the CTUIR for the portion of the Umatilla River that is within the CTUIR reservation.

12.) 635-039-0090

Prohibit Retention of Copper, Quillback and China Rockfish in the Recreational Boat-Based Fishery

Adopted 5/26/2021: effective 6/1/2021 through 11/5/2021.

This amended rule prohibits retention of copper, quillback, and China rockfish from June 1 through December 31 when fishing from a boat. People fishing from shore may continue to retain one of these species in aggregate, within the daily bag limit for general marine species.

13.) 635-023-0125

Extend 2021 Recreational Spring Fishing Seasons in the Columbia River

Adopted 5/26/2021: effective 5/29/2021 through 6/15/2021.

This amended rule adds a fishing period in the lower Columbia River on May 29, and on June 5 and June 6 in the area above Bonneville Dam.

14.) 635-018-0090

Close Hatchery Chinook Fishery on the Hood River

Adopted 5/27/2021: effective 6/1/2021 through 6/30/2021.

This amended rule closes retention of Chinook on the Hood River from June 1 through June 30. Modifications are consistent with the action taken by the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation as they closed fishing to tribal members.

15.) 635-041-0045 & 635-041-0076

Treaty Commercial Spring and Summer Salmon Fisheries Set

Adopted 6/8/2021: effective 6/8/2021 through 7/31/2021.

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Treaty Indian commercial spring and summer platform hook-and-line fisheries both above and below Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River starting on June 8, summer commercial gillnet periods on June 16-19 and June 21-24, and for fish caught in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries.

16.) 635-008-0170

Amend Wenaha Wildlife Area (Wallowa County) rules to remove ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit requirement

Adopted: June 9, 2021 – Effective Dates: June 9, 2021 through October 31, 2021

The Wenaha Wildlife Area receives an increase in visitors during the summer and fall seasons. An ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit is required to be placed on the dashboard of vehicles parked at this wildlife area. There is no local Electronic License System agent for visitors to purchase and receive a printed parking permit; A visitor could purchase a parking permit from a personal mobile device but would also need a printed copy to display. Temporary Rules are needed so visitors can reasonably comply with wildlife area rules.

17.) 635-075-0022

Adopt Limited Landowner Preference Mule Deer Tag numbers for 2021 controlled deer hunts in Oregon

Adopted: June 9, 2021 – Effective Dates: June 9, 2021 through December 1, 2021

This rule amendment is needed to establish the maximum number of Limited Landowner deer tags that may be issued for the purpose of hunting deer during previously established controlled hunts in Wildlife Management Units 31-77 on pages 31-36 of the 2021 Oregon Big Game Regulations.

18.) 635-023-0125

Modify 2021 Recreational Spring Fishing Seasons in the Columbia River

Adopted 6/11/2021: effective 6/12/2021 through 6/15/2021.

This amended rule 1) opens Chinook and steelhead retention in the mainstem Columbia River upstream of Bonneville Dam and, 2) increases the hatchery Chinook bag limit below Bonneville Dam, from June 12 through June 15.

19.) 635-023-0095

Add Sturgeon Recreational Retention Fishery Period in the Lower Mainstem Columbia River

Adopted 6/11/2021: effective 6/12/2021 through 6/30/2021.

This amended rule allows the retention of white sturgeon on the mainstem Columbia River downstream of Wauna Powerlines on June 12.

20.) 635-023-0128

Set 2021 Columbia River Summer Recreational Fisheries

Adopted 6/14/2021: effective 6/16/2021 through 7/31/2021.

This amended rule sets the open periods and related management measures for the summer 2021 recreational Columbia River salmon and steelhead fisheries from June 16 through July 31.

21.) 635-004-0095

Reference Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

Adopted 6/15/2021: effective 6/16/2021 through 12/11/2021.

This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2021-2022 Pacific Coast commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to adjustments to the harvest limits for incidental lingcod retention in the salmon troll fishery north of 40°10' N lat.

22.) 635-018-0090

Steelhead Protections in Eagle Creek and Deschutes River Waters

Adopted 6/15/2021: effective 6/16/2021 through 6/30/2021¹.

This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit to one hatchery steelhead per day in the lower reaches of Eagle Creek and Deschutes River from June 16 through July 14 to align with regulations for the adjacent mainstem Columbia River mainstem enacted to provide additional protection for upriver steelhead.

23.) 635-019-0090

Steelhead Protections in Lower John Day River Waters

Adopted 6/15/2021: effective 6/16/2021 through 6/30/2021¹.

This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit for hatchery steelhead in the John Day River from June 16 through August 31.

¹. A current temporary rule for this section expires June 30, 2021, so this rule will be refiled for the remainder of the period.

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, June 16, 2021 (at least 48 hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.

*Native Fisheries Conservation Program and Fish Hatchery Management
Lyle Curtis, Oregon Anglers Alliance*

*Native Mountain White Fish
Chris Foster*

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from April 23, 2021.

EXHIBIT B: CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND PROJECT APPROVALS

The Commission will be asked to approve expenditures from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund for projects approved at the April 2 and meeting of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee. Expenditures are for projects with large restricted gifts.

Staff: Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator

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

Approval

EXHIBIT C: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECT FUNDING

The Commission will be asked to approve the project recommendations of the R&E Board.

Staff: Kevin Herkamp, STEP and R&E Program Coordinator

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

Approval

EXHIBIT D: COMMERCIAL COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to adopt by reference federal sardine harvest limits and management measures for July 2021 - June 2022.

Staff: Maggie Sommer, Marine Fisheries Section Manager

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

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT E: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM PROJECT FUNDING

The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat Board recommendations for project funding.

Staff: Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

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

Approval

EXHIBIT F: 2022 AUCTION RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and ODFW staff for 2022 auction and raffle tag allocations.

Staff: Dr. Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator
Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator
Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required
Approval

EXHIBIT G: FERN RIDGE WILDLIFE AREA PROPERTY ACQUISITION WITHIN THE WILLAMETTE WILDLIFE MITIGATION PROGRAM; SOUTH COYOTE ADDITIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve the purchase of two conservation properties (140 acres total) to be added to the Fern Ridge Wildlife Area in Lane County using Bonneville Power Administration funding through the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program.

Staff: Kelly Reis, Willamette Fish and Wildlife Policy and Program Manager
Jennifer Ringo, South Willamette Watershed District Manager
Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required
Approval

EXHIBIT H: BIG GAME HUNT REVIEW-2022 ARCHERY ELK SEASONS INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

The Commission will be given an update on proposal development for 2022 Archery Elk Seasons as part of Big Game Hunt Review process.

Staff: Jeremy Thompson, Big Game Hunting Review Project Lead
Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required
Informational

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

August 6, 2021 – Salem

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

- 2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget Update- Director's Report
- 2022 Sport Fish Regulations – Rulemaking
- 2022 Archery Elk Big Game Season Proposals –Rulemaking
- Climate and Ocean Change Policy Update – Director's Report
- Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan 12 year Assessment – Informational
- 2021 Coastal Coho Fishery Regulations – Rulemaking
- Klamath anadromous fish reintroduction update and completion of the Implementation Plan- Director's Report
- Minam Wildlife Area Land Acquisition Phase 1- Approval

September 17, 2021 – Salem

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

- Employee Pride Award – Employee Recognition
- 2022 Big Game Regulations – Rulemaking
- A&H Project Funding – Approval
- Conservation Plan to Reduce Risk of Whale Entanglement in Dungeness Crab Gear –Informational

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
- 2022 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations and 2020 Nearshore Logbook Report – Rulemaking
- R&E Project Approval, Appointments, STEP Annual Report –Approval
- Regional Dry Maintenance Time Periods & Timing of In-Water Work to Protect Fish and Wildlife Resources - Rulemaking

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. June 18, 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 June 18 agenda, you **must register before 8:00AM Wednesday 16, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.**

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE 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@odfw.oregon.gov; 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, ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov; **you must register before 8:00AM Wednesday June 16, 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 audiotape, 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.