



Meeting:
Monday, October 25, 2021– 2:30 PM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

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

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Mary Wahl, Chair	Curt Melcher, Director
Greg Wolley, Vice- Chair	Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General
Jill Zarnowitz, Commissioner	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioner	Shaun Clement, Fish Division Deputy Administrator

4 **MEETING**

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6 On Monday, October 25, 2021, at 2:30 PM, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife
7 Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.
8 Commissioner Khalil was excused.

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10 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

11 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The three (3)
12 temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

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1.) 635-042-0032

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3.) 635-005-0355

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Close Tillamook Bay Commercial Dive Butter Clam Fishery

1 Adopted 10/19/2021: Effective Date:: 10/21/2021 through 12/31/2021

2 This amended rule closes the commercial Tillamook Bay subtidal butter clam fishery. The
3 annual harvest quota allowed for the Tillamook Bay Butter clam fishery is 225,000 pounds,
4 and the fishery is projected to reach that quota on October 21, 2021.
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6 Action:

7 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to ratify the three (3) temporary rules set forth in the today's tan
8 agenda. Commissioner Zarnowitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, six (6)
9 in favor. Absent: Khalil
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11 **EXHIBIT A: ROGUE-SOUTH COAST MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION AND**
12 **MANAGEMENT PLAN**

13 The Commission reviewed the draft Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management
14 Plan and provided direction to staff for consideration of plan adoption in December.
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16 Staff: Dr. Chris Lorion, Conservation Planning Coordinator

17 Dan VanDyke, District Biologist

18 Tom Stahl, Conservation and Recovery Program Manager

19 Informational
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21 *Presentation:* Dr. Lorion provided the Commission with a presentation including information on
22 angling controls, conservation thresholds, interim period monitoring, WFEAS and MEAs, and
23 increasing opportunity.
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25 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

26 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/21/10_Oct_spec/Exhibit%20A_Presentation](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/21/10_Oct_spec/Exhibit%20A_Presentation.pdf)
27 [.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/21/10_Oct_spec/Exhibit%20A_Presentation.pdf)
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29 The Commission provided the direction to staff as follows:

- 30 • Provide options for consideration in December:
 - 31 ○ Catch and Release during the monitoring period.
 - 32 ○ No impact alternative, close fishing to all during the monitoring period- no catch and
33 release and no consumptive harvest during the winter steelhead time frame.
 - 34 ○ Update buffers because of conservation concerns and climate change (adult data,
35 climate change, low flows, and water temperatures).
 - 36 ○ Adopt as proposed by staff, to include a conservative but consumptive harvest
37 approach.
- 38 • Remove Chinook from plan, leave for Chinook plan
- 39 • Wild fish emphasis area
- 40 • Clarify the Conservation Matrix
- 41 • Clarify and articulate actions that the department will take when the conservation status
42 line is reached; list triggers and actions as a menu to choose from so that the public
43 knows those levels and what actions will occur. Include recommendations in the plan as
44 options that the department will plan to take as well as other actions that may not be listed.
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1 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.
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