



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Fish and Wildlife Commission Tour:  
Thursday, April 21, 2022- 8:00-4:30 PM  
Best Western Astoria Bayfront Hotel  
555 Hamburg Ave.  
Astoria, OR 97103

Meeting:  
Friday, April 22, 2022 - 8:00 AM  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
The Loft at the Red Building  
555 Hamburg Ave Astoria OR  
Astoria, OR 97103

### Friday, April 22, 2022

*The Fish and Wildlife Commission has moved to hybrid meetings, meaning that you have the option to attend in-person or virtually. Those who would like to provide testimony virtually must [REGISTER](#) in advance to receive a testimony link to the meeting. In-person registration will be available at the meeting.*

*This meeting will be live streamed to YouTube and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW/videos>*

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**FIELD REPORTS** – in written form only

#### **EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director

#### **ADAPTING TO CLIMATE AND OCEAN CHANGE REPORT**

Overview of Wildlife Division's Climate Change Efforts

Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator

#### **WILDLIFE RESPONSE WORK GROUP UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Brian Wolfer, Game Program Manager

Bob Salinger, Director of Conservation, Portland Audubon

#### **GRAY WOLF POPULATION ANNUAL UPDATE**

Roblyn Brown, Wolf Program Coordinator

Derek Broman, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator

#### **FISH AND WILDLIFE STEWARDSHIP AWARD FOR FOREST LANDS**

Rod Krahrmer, Forester Practices Program Coordinator

Mary Wahl, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair

Jim Kelly, Oregon Board of Forestry Chair

#### **ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES**

Curt Melcher, Director

**1. 635-023-0095**

**Rescind White Sturgeon Retention Fishery in the Columbia River**

Adopted 03/22/2022: effective 03/22/2022 through 06/26/2022.

This amended rule rescinds the previously adopted retention fishing days after March 21 for white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool, including adjacent tributaries, of the mainstem Columbia River.

## **2. 635-018-0090**

### **Open Hood River Hatchery Chinook Fishery**

Adopted 03/30/2022: effective 04/15/2022 through 06/30/2022.

This amended rule authorizes recreational retention of one hatchery Chinook and five hatchery jack salmon in portions of the Hood River from April 15 through June 30.

## **3. 635-041-0020**

### **Retention Period Extension for Treaty Subsistence Fishing in the Fifteenmile Creek Sanctuary**

Adopted 04/06/2022: effective 04/07/2022 through 06/15/2022.

Under permanent rule, the annual closure date for treaty tribal subsistence fishing around the mouth of Fifteenmile Creek extends from November 16 through June 15. This amended rule allows subsistence fishing in this area to resume on April 7 to allow access to spring Chinook.

## **4. 635-017-0090**

### **Close Angling in Willamina Creek 200 feet below the Lower Falls**

Adopted 04/08/2022: effective 04/08/2022 through 08/15/2022.

This amended rule prohibits all angling in Willamina Creek approximately 200 feet below the lower falls in response to illegal targeting of winter steelhead.

## **5. 635-005-0290, 635-005-0387**

### **Implement Tillamook Bay Intertidal Commercial Cockle Fishery Quota and Closed Periods**

Adopted 04/14/2022: effective 04/18/2022 through 09/30/2022.

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

## **6. 635-017-0090**

### **Allow Temporary Use of Two Rod Validation in the Upper Willamette River**

Adopted 04/15/2022: 04/16/2022 through 08/15/2022.

This amended rule allows usage of the two-rod validation in the Willamette River and tributaries upstream of Willamette Falls while fishing for all game and non-game fish species, except sturgeon from April 16 through August 15, 2022.

## **7. 635-069-0000, 635-073-0000**

### **Amend rules to reduce hunting opportunity for specified 2022 Oregon controlled deer hunts**

Adopted: April 15, 2022 – Effective Dates: April 15, 2022, through October 11, 2022

Oregon Administrative Rules establishing tag numbers for 2022 controlled eastern Oregon deer hunts and deer bow hunters were adopted September 2021. Tag numbers adopted at that time did not account for the full scale of impacts from wildfires in the Interstate Wildlife Management Unit (WMU), reduction in the amount of land publicly accessible to hunters in the Heppner WMU, and the scale of deer population reduction within the Starkey Experimental Forest.

## **8. 635-042-0145**

### **Rescind select area commercial fishing periods**

Adopted: April 20, 2022 - Effective Date: April 21, 2022 through July 31, 2022

These rules rescind and modify previously adopted spring Select Area commercial fishing periods from April 21 through May 11. Fisheries addressed by these rules include Blind/Knappa Slough, Tongue Point/South Channel, and Youngs Bay.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

May Commission Meeting

## **COMMISSION UPDATES**

Beaver Management Working Group  
Trap Check Working Group  
Columbia River Working Group

## **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, April 20, 2022 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum).*

### *Columbia River Fishery Issues*

*Jim Coleman  
Steve Fick  
Jim Wells  
Rachel Kuhn  
Otis Hunsinger  
Patrick Kelly  
Heath Heikkila  
Bruce Buckmaster*

### *Columbia River Steelhead and Disaster Relief for the Steelhead Fishing Small business sector in 2021*

*David Moskowitz*

## **EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from March 18, 2022.

## **EXHIBIT B: AMEND BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE CEREMONIAL HARVEST PERMIT HUNT AREA**

The Commission will be asked to allow limited hunting for mule deer in the Buena Vista Unit of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR) and include the Buena Vista unit of MNWR in the hunt area for Burns Paiute Tribe ceremonial harvest permit for mule deer hunting.

Staff: Lee Foster, Assistant District Wildlife Biologist  
Brian Wolfer, Game Program Manager  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT C: 2022-2023 OREGON GAME BIRD REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt the game bird season regulations for 2022-23.

Staff: Brandon Reishus, Migratory Game Bird Coordinator  
Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator  
Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT D: 2022 PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt the 2022 regulations for recreational and commercial Pacific halibut fisheries.

Staff: Christian Heath, Assistant Project Leader – Groundfish and Pacific Halibut  
Dr. Caren Braby, Marine Resources Program Manager  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Rulemaking

### **EXHIBIT E: 2022 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES AND OCEAN TERMINAL FISHERIES RULEMAKING**

The Commission will be updated on 2022 ocean salmon fishery planning leading up to the March 15, 2022, salmon season start date. The Commission will be asked to adopt ocean salmon rules at the April meeting.

Staff: Christine Mallette, Ocean Salmon Technical Services Manager  
John North, Interim Fish Division Deputy Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Rulemaking

### **EXHIBIT F: NORTH UMPQUA SUMMER STEELHEAD HATCHERY PROGRAM**

The Commission will be asked to determine if the North Umpqua summer steelhead hatchery production should continue, be modified, or be eliminated effective April 2022.

Staff: Sara Gregory, Umpqua Watershed District Manager  
Dr. Shaun Clements, Fish Division Deputy Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [Registration](#) Required  
Approval  
Panel Testimony

#### **North Umpqua Coalition**

Kirk Blaine, NSF  
John McMillan, TCA  
Dean Finnerty, WSU  
Jennifer Fairbrother, NFS  
Rob Kirschner, TCA  
\*Jeff Dose, Steamboaters  
\*Gary Marsten, WSU

\*Zoom testimony

#### **Oregon Anglers Association**

*Oregon Anglers Alliance Science Team*  
\*Lyle Curtis  
\*Joe Watkins  
\*Dr. Richard Stroud  
\*James Pex  
Tom Rumreich  
\*Leonard Krug

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

### **May 13, 2022 – Salem – VIRTUAL**

*\*Written public comment period will open March 15, 2022*

- Agency Requested Budget Overview

### **June 17, 2022 – TBD**

*\*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2022*

- Furbearer and Unprotected Mammal Regulations – *Rulemaking*
- Access and Habitat Project Funding - *Approval*
- 2023 Auction/Raffle Tag Allocation- *Approval*

### **July 15, 2022 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled***

*\*Written public comment period will open May 15, 2022*

### **August 5, 2022 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2022*

### **September 16, 2022 – TBD**

*\*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2022*

- Access and Habitat Project Funding - *Approval*
- Big Game Regulations; 2023 Tag Setting, Seasons, and Regulations - *Rulemaking*

### **October 14, 2022 – Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2022*

### **November 18, 2022 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled***

*\*Written public comment period will open September 15, 2022*

### **December 16, 2022 – TBD**

*\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2022*

- Access and Habitat Project Funding- *Approval*

## PLEASE NOTE

### HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE COMMISSION MEETING

**Public Comment and Public Hearing Testimony:** Regular Commission meetings allow for in-person, virtual, or written public comment. When registering to testify please provide *first and last name, topic, a valid email address, and phone number*.

Comment and testimony are limited to three minutes. All parties interested in providing public comment or testifying as part of a public hearing shall participate using one of the following methods:

- In-Person Comment: Parties interested in providing in-person verbal public comment shall fill out a “Witness Registration” form available at the meeting.
- Video or Audio Conference Call: **If you wish to give virtual public comment or testimony on Exhibits scheduled on the Friday, April 22 agenda, YOU MUST REGISTER (Registration) BEFORE 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY April 20, 2022; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.** Staff will collect contact your information and provide information on how to access the meeting to provide comment.
- Written Comment: Send to [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov) or 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon, 97302. 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.

**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, or [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov). **YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE 8:00AM WEDNESDAY April 20, 2022; 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 act on items brought to their attention in this forum.

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

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.