



Meeting:
Friday, May 13, 2022 – 1:00-4:00 PM
Virtual
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive
Salem, OR 97302

1 Commission minutes are draft until approved by the Commission.
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3 Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those
4 attending part or all of the meeting included:
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Table with 2 columns: Name and Title. Rows include Mary Wahl, Chair; Curt Melcher, Director; Jill Zarnowitz, Vice-Chair; Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director; Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner; Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director; Mark Labhart, Commissioner; Nick Myatt, East Region Manager; Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioner; Chris Kern, Acting West Region Manager; Kathayoon Khalil, Commissioner; Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General; Leslie King, Commissioner; Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General; Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant; Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator; Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator; Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police.

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9 On Friday, May 13, 2022, at 8:00 AM, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife
10 Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.

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12 Adopt Temporary Rules

13 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The four
14 (4) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

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16 635-005-0490

17 Allow Waivers to Retrieve Excess Derelict Crab Gear

18 Adopted 05/03/2022: effective 05/03/2022 through 08/14/2022.

19 This amended rule will allow state contracted vessels to recover more derelict gear under a
20 waiver issued by ODFW than the amount otherwise allowed by rule.

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22 635-023-0125

23 Close Recreational Spring Chinook and Steelhead Retention Above Bonneville Dam in
24 the Columbia River

25 Adopted 05/03/2022: effective 05/03/2022 through 06/15/2022.

26 This amended rule closes angling for and retention of Chinook and steelhead in the Columbia
27 River from Bonneville Dam to the OR/WA border starting May 4, 2022.

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1 **635-023-0095**

2 **Authorize White Sturgeon Retention in the Lower Columbia River**

3 Adopted 05/10/2022: effective 05/11/2022 through 06/26/2022.

4 This amended rule allows recreational retention of white sturgeon in the mainstem Columbia
5 River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to Wauna Powerlines.

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7 **635-023-0125**

8 **Open Recreational Spring Chinook and Steelhead Retention Downstream of Bonneville
9 Dam in the Columbia River**

10 Adopted 05/11/2022: effective 05/12/2022 through 06/15/2022.

11 This amended rule sets retention periods for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead in the
12 Columbia River from Tongue Point/Rocky Point upstream to Bonneville Dam starting May
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15 **Action:**

16 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to ratify the four (4) temporary rules set forth in the May 13,
17 2022 agenda. Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde seconded the motion, and the motion carried
18 unanimously, seven (7) in favor.

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20 **2023-25 BUDGET UPDATE and POP PRIORITIZATION**

21 Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director

22 Roger Fuhrman, Information and Education Division Administrator

23 Informational
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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/22/05_May/May%20OFWC%20Budget
27 %20Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/22/05_May/May%20OFWC%20Budget%20Presentation.pdf)
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Public Testimony

Sally Compton, Bend	Think Wild
Kelly Peterson, Portland	Humane Society of the United States
David Moskowitz, Portland	The Conservation Angler
Sarah Spangler, Corvallis	Chintimini Wildlife Center
Joshua Saranpaa, Astoria	Wildlife Center of the North Coast
Amy Patrick	Oregon Hunters Association
Mark Stern	Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Board Member
Karl Wenner	Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Board Chairman
Danielle Moser, Portland	Oregon Wild

30 Informational
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1 **Exhibit A: CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND PROJECT**
2 **APPROVAL**

3 The Commission approved the Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory
4 Committee recommendation for a project.

5 Staff: Dr. Charlotte Regula Whitefield, Conservation Policy Coordinator
6 Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator
7 Roger Fuhrman, Information and Education Division Administrator
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9 *Presentation:* Charlotte provided the Commission with a presentation on the OCRF special
10 project request. The presentation included information on the department’s drought planning,
11 response, outreach, and the OCRF granting structure.
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13 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
14 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/22/05_May/May%2013th_OCRF%20Special%20Projects%20Request_Staff%20presentation_FINAL3.pdf
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17 **Public Testimony**

James Fraser, Portland	Trout Unlimited
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18 Approval

19 Action:

20 Commissioner Labhart moved to approve expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and
21 Recreation Fund of up to \$150,000 for the Department’s special project request “Drought Outreach
22 Campaign”. Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde seconded the motion, and the motion carried seven (7)
23 in favor.
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25 **BEAVER MANAGEMENT WORK GROUP**

26 Jamie Damon, Kearns & West
27 Samantha Meysohn, Kearns & West
28 Amy Patrick, Oregon Hunters Association
29 Chris Jordan, National Marine Fisheries Service
30 Jefferson Jacobs, Oregon Natural Desert Association
31 Leland Brown, Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society
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33 [Beaver Management Work Group Recommendations- Final 4-29-22](#)
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35 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
36 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/22/05_May/ODFW%20Beaver%20Management%20Work%20Group%20Report%20Presentation%205-13-22-v2.pdf
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39 **SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALES**

40 Chris Kern, Acting West Region Manager
41 Dr. Deborah Giles, UW/Wild Orca
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43 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
44 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/22/05_May/May%200FWC%20Budget%20Presentation.pdf ;
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1 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/22/05_May/Whale%20Health%20Monitoring%20Program_5.13.22_Giles.pdf

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4 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

5 The Commission met in Executive Session, pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider
6 information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, as well as to consult
7 with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation likely to
8 be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

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10 **MEETING (Reconvened)**

11 The Commission returned to public session at 3:08 PM. Upon return to public session,
12 Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to schedule a timely Commission meeting to discuss
13 additional information provided by the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe and other tribes
14 regarding the recent decision around the Rock Creek Hatchery. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded
15 the motion, the motion carried six (6) in favor – Hatfield-Hyde, Spelbrink, Labhart, Khalil, King;
16 one (1) opposed- Wahl.

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18 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.