

2024-2025 Sport Fishing Regulations

Exhibit D



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Commission Rulemaking - August 2023

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Public Involvement Process

Solicited input through email, phone calls, and local meetings

Posted proposed changes to ODFW Recreation Report website

Posted Commission materials to ODFW website prior to the Commission meeting

Provided opportunity for public comment at the Commission meeting

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Issue 1: OAR Restructuring

- Over the last ten years temporary rules went from an average of 75/yr to over 150/yr
- Majority Columbia River but more district rules in current years
- Shared rules have overlapping end dates
 - Requires refile
 - Additional scrutiny to ensure no errors
- No public impact



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OAR Restructuring

Northwest Zone

North Coast
Mid-Coast

Southeast Zone

Klamath
Southeast

Southwest Zone

Umpqua
Coos-Coquille
South Coast
Upper Rogue

Central Zone

Mid-Columbia
Deschutes

Willamette Zone

North Willamette (Coast)
North Willamette (Cascade)
Mid-Willamette
Upper Willamette

Northeast Zone

John Day
Umatilla
La Grande
Wallowa

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Issue 2: Sport Fishing Regulations

- Oregon Administrative Rules
 - Approval of Sport Fishing Regulations on a biennial basis
 - Change all references in OAR's concerning "2023" Sport Fishing Regulations to refer to the "current annual" Sport Fishing Regulations (Attachment 3)

Division 14
NORTHWEST ZONE SPORT ANGLING REGULATIONS

635-014-0080
Purpose and Scope
(1) The purpose of Division 014 is to provide for management of sport fisheries in the Northwest Zone over which the State has jurisdiction.
(2) Division 014 incorporates by reference the **[2023]current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**. Therefore, persons must consult the **[2023]current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** in addition to Division 011 and Division 014 to determine all applicable sport fishing requirements for the Northwest Zone.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138 & ORS 496.146
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162

635-014-0090
Inclusions and Modifications
The **[2023]current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** provide requirements for the Northwest Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the **[2023]current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations** pamphlet.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138 & ORS 496.146
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.162

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Sport Fishing Regulations

- Guidelines for proposals
 - Conservation needs
 - Housekeeping, simplification and error corrections
 - Inadvertent restrictions
 - Regulation changes directed by plan adoption
 - New or expanded angling opportunities
 - Consideration of climate change impacts
- 32 proposed changes
- Proposed rule language (Attachment 4)

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Northwest Zone

- Skipanon River
 - Open all year for hatchery Chinook salmon and hatchery coho salmon



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Oregon Angling Zones



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Willamette Zone

- Willamina Creek
 - Below the Falls
 - Open all year for trout
 - Harvest allowed May 22 - Oct 31 remainder of year catch-and-release only
 - Lower Falls to Upper Falls
 - Open for trout May 22 - Oct 31
 - Above the Falls
 - Open all year for trout
 - Harvest allowed May 22 - Oct 31 remainder of year catch-and-release only



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Oregon Angling Zones



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Central Zone



- Crescent Lake
- East Lake
- Paulina Lake
 - 5 kokanee per day in addition to trout bag limit

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Central Zone

- Hood River (mainstem) and Tributaries
 - Open for hatchery spring Chinook salmon Apr 15 - Jun 30
 - 1 adult hatchery spring Chinook salmon per day



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Northeast Zone

- Grand Ronde River – Stateline to Clark Creek Road
 - Open for coho salmon, Sep 1 - Nov 30
 - 2 adult coho salmon per day

A photograph of a man with a beard and a baseball cap, wearing a grey jacket, holding a large, vibrant coho salmon. He is standing on a metal platform next to a body of water, with a building and trees in the background.

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Southeast Zone

- Klamath River
 - 1 rainbow trout per day, 12" minimum – 15" maximum
 - Closed from Hwy 66 bridge to Keno Dam Jun 16 – Sep 30

The map shows the Klamath River watershed with the following features:

- Project Reach:** Indicated by a purple line from the Hwy 66 bridge to Keno Dam.
- Non-Project Dams:** J.C. Boyle Dam, Iron Gate Dam, Keno Dam, and Copco Dams 1 & 2.
- Other Locations:** Madford, Ashland, Happy Camp, Yreka, West, Hoopa, Crescent City, Klamath, Orleans, Eureka, and the Pacific Ocean.

Project Vicinity Map
Klamath River Renewal Project

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Southeast Zone

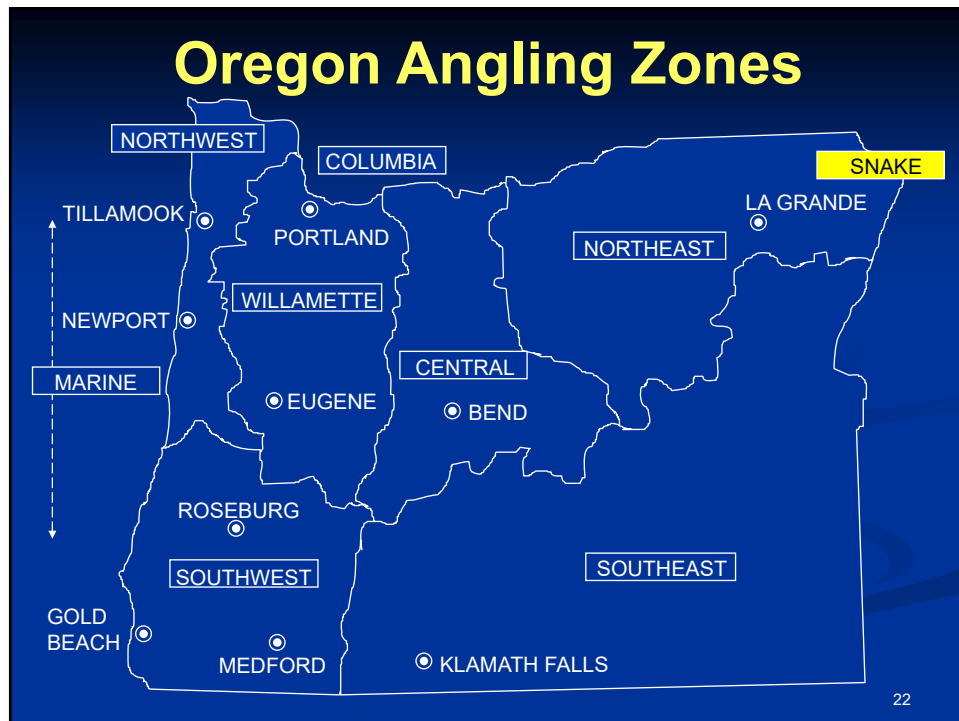
- Klamath Lake
 - Closed to all angling in Hagelstein Park



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Snake Zone

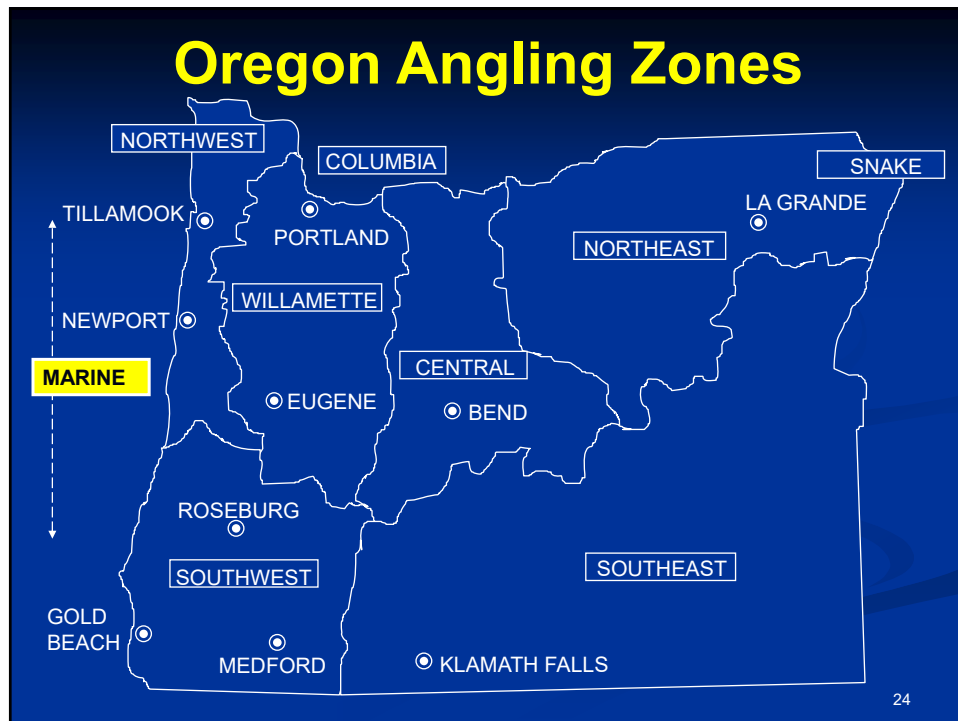
- Snake River
 - Open for hatchery Chinook salmon Apr 22 - Aug 17
 - Dug Bar Boat Ramp to Hells Canyon Dam
 - 4 hatchery Chinook salmon per day



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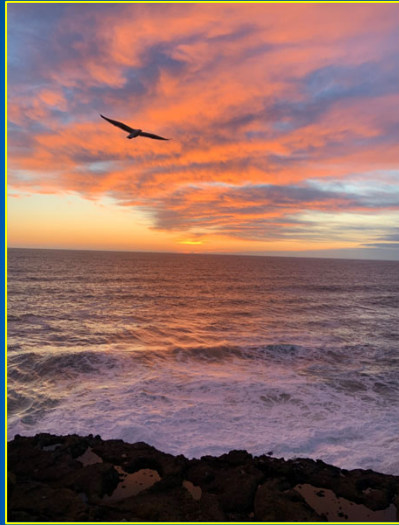
Oregon Angling Zones



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Marine Zone



- Updated maps and new locations for Marine Protected Areas

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Other Changes

- Northwest and Southwest Zones
 - Remove references to wild chinook salmon aggregate bag limits

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Statewide
Fall coastal salmon management
June 29, 2023

Fall salmon fishing seasons in rivers along Oregon's coast from Necanicum River to the Winchuck River depend on the outlook for wild Chinook and coho. Expect fewer closed fisheries in 2023 over 2022 thanks to a somewhat improved forecast for fall Chinook and another strong coho run.

Subscribe to this page for information on fall coastal salmon seasons.

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Fall salmon regulations for coastal rivers announced
Alternative 2 selected, allowing for additional harvest in some rivers

For the full list of Chinook regulations that take effect as early as July 1 in some rivers, visit the Fishing Report for the [SW Zone](#) and [NW Zone](#) and click Regulation Updates.

[Proposed coho regulations are here](#). They are considered tentative until final approval from the National Marine Fisheries Service (required because Oregon coast coho are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act).

To view a recording of the [June 14 webinars](#), scroll to the bottom of the page.

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Staff Recommendation

- Accept staff recommended proposal to adopt the OAR revisions as shown in Attachment 3
- Accept staff recommended proposals as shown in Attachment 4
- Authorize staff to update necessary calendar dates, make formatting changes to correct spelling or grammar errors, and to address inadvertent inconsistencies to improve readability

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Questions?



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Draft Motion

I move to amend OAR Chapter 635 Divisions 011, 013, 014, 016, 017, 018, 019, 021, 023, 024, and 039 as proposed by staff in Attachment 3, and I move to adopt modifications to regulations proposed by staff as described in Attachment 4. I also authorize staff to update necessary calendar dates and make formatting changes, to correct spelling or grammar errors, and to address inadvertent inconsistencies to improve readability.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

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