



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:
Thursday, Sept 14, 2023, 8:00
Fish and Wildlife Commission
Tour
7th Mountain Resort
Bend, OR 97702

Meeting:
Friday, Sept 15, 2023– 8:00 AM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Hybrid Meeting
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2 Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those
3 attending part or all the meeting included:
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Mary Wahl, Chair	Curt Melcher, Director
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner – Virtual	Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Nick Myatt, East Region Manager
Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioner	Chris Kern, West Region Manager
Kathayoon Khalil, Commissioner - Virtual	Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator
Leslie King, Commissioner	Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator
	Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator
	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
	Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police
	Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General
	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General

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6 **MEETING**

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8 On Friday, **September 15, 2023, at 8:00 AM, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife**
9 **Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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11 Congressional District 6 seat is vacant.

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13 **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

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15 Field Reports – in written form only; *this report is available in the meeting materials and at*
16 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/September%202023%20Field](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/September%202023%20Field%20Report%20.pdf)
17 [%20Report%20.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/September%202023%20Field%20Report%20.pdf)

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19 Expenditure Report

20 Staff: Ken Loffink, Administration Service Division Administrator
21 Ken reported that the most recent period evaluated unrestricted cash finished with a balance of
22 \$65.9 million, while restricted cash ended the month at \$57.6 million. Total ending balance is
23 \$123.6 million. The agency’s development process for the 2025-27 biennium will be initiated in
24 the winter of 2023 with a review of revenue and expenditure projections for the next biennium.
25 The Internal Auditor began work on scoping two audit topics to be conducted during fiscal year

1 2023-2024. Those two audits will review hazardous spill response and the Information and
2 Education Division programs.

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4 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*

5 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Commission%20Financial%20](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20September%202023.pdf)
6 [Report%20September%202023.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20September%202023.pdf)

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

9 Oregon Spotted Frog Conservation

10 Kaly Adkins, East Region Conservation Wildlife Biologist

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12 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*

13 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Adapting%20to%20Climate%](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Adapting%20to%20Climate%20and%20Ocean%20Change%20Report.pdf)
14 [20and%20Ocean%20Change%20Report.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Adapting%20to%20Climate%20and%20Ocean%20Change%20Report.pdf)

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16 **STATUS UPDATE ON OREGON'S INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES**
17 **STRATEGY UPDATE PROCESS**

18 Crystal Grinnell, Integrated Water Resources Strategy Specialist (IWRS); Oregon Water
19 Resources Department

20 Chandra Ferrari, Habitat Division Deputy Administrator

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22 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*

23 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Integrated%20Water%20Reso](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/Integrated%20Water%20Resources%20Strategy%20Update%20Process.pdf)
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26 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

27 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The
28 fifteen (15) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action
29 authority.

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31 **1.) 635-065-0635, 635-065-0760**

32 **Amend Rules to Modify Controlled Hunt Permit Numbers for 2023 Oregon Sage-Grouse**
33 **Hunting**

34 Adopted: August 8, 2023 – Effective Dates: August 8, 2023, through February 1, 2024

35 Oregon Administrative Rules establishing seasons and permit numbers for 2023 controlled sage-
36 grouse hunts were adopted by the Commission on April 21, 2023, as described on page 14 of
37 Attachment 3 in Exhibit B. Permit numbers adopted at that time did not account for on-going sage-
38 grouse population surveys that were not yet complete. This rule amendment is necessary to adjust
39 permit numbers in two sage-grouse hunt areas to account for unanticipated changes to sage-grouse
40 population estimates resulting from data collected in the surveys completed after permit numbers
41 were adopted.

1 **2.) 635-017-0090**

2 **Close Mainstem McKenzie River**

3 Adopted 8/16/2023: effective 8/16/2023 through 12/31/2023.

4 This amended rule closes the mainstem McKenzie River from the mouth of Trout Creek to the
5 Leaburg Dam to all salmon angling.

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7 **3.) 635-014-0090, 635-016-0090**

8 **2023 Fall Wild Coastal Coho Seasons**

9 Adopted 8/18/2023: effective 8/18/2023 through 12/7/2023.

10 This amended rule sets recreational wild coho seasons in specified Oregon coastal rivers during the
11 fall season from September 9 through November 30.

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13 **4.) 635-041-0075**

14 **Set Treaty Commercial Fall Gillnet Fisheries**

15 Adopted 8/18/2023: effective 8/18/2023 through 12/31/2023.

16 These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty gillnet fisheries to include
17 open periods from August 21 through August 31.

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19 **5.) 635-013-0003**

20 **Adopt Chinook Retention Regulations for Nearshore Marine Waters Adjacent to the**
21 **Tillamook and Nehalem Rivers**

22 Adopted 8/24/2023: effective 9/1/2023 through 10/31/2023.

23 These amended rules establish Chinook salmon retention regulations for nearshore marine waters
24 adjacent to the Nehalem and Tillamook rivers that match the temporary regulations adopted for
25 those systems during fall 2023. Adopting concurrent regulations deters anglers from fishing
26 immediately outside these tributaries under more liberal ocean salmon regulations than exist inside
27 the tributaries.

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29 **6.) 635-013-0003**

30 **Adopt Chinook Retention Regulations for Nearshore Marine Waters Adjacent to the**
31 **Tillamook and Nehalem Rivers**

32 Adopted 8/25/2023: effective 9/1/2023 through 10/31/2023.

33 These amended rules establish Chinook salmon retention regulations for nearshore marine waters
34 adjacent to the Nehalem and Tillamook rivers that match the temporary regulations adopted for
35 those systems during fall 2023. Adopting concurrent regulations deters anglers from fishing
36 immediately outside these tributaries under more liberal ocean salmon regulations than exist inside
37 the tributaries.

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39 **7.) 635-039-0080**

40 **Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Recreational Groundfish**
41 **Fisheries**

42 Adopted 8/28/2023: effective 8/28/2023 through 12/31/2023.

43 These amended rules adopt in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for the
44 2023-2024 Pacific Coast recreational groundfish fishery which increase the bag limit for the
45 longleader gear recreational fishery from 10 to 15 fish.

1 **8.) 635-039-0090**

2 **Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Recreational Groundfish**
3 **Fisheries**

4 Adopted 8/28/2023: effective 8/28/2023 through 9/4/2023.

5 These amended rules adopt in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for the
6 2023-2024 Pacific Coast recreational groundfish fishery which increase the bag limit for the
7 longleader gear recreational fishery from 10 to 15 fish.

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9 **9.) 635-041-0075**

10 **Set Treaty Commercial Fall Gillnet Fisheries**

11 Adopted 8/31/2023: effective 8/31/2023 through 12/31/2023.

12 These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty gillnet fisheries to include
13 a one-day extension to the on-going period and an additional period from September 4 through
14 September 8.

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16 **10.) 635-019-0090**

17 **Open Grande Ronde River Coho Salmon Fishery**

18 Adopted 9/1/2023: effective 9/1/2023 through 12/31/2023.

19 This amended rule opens a recreational coho fishery on the Grande Ronde River from September 1
20 through November 30.

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22 **11.) 635-023-0130**

23 **Allow Recreational Chinook Salmon Retention in the Buoy 10 Fishery**

24 Adopted 9/7/2023: effective 9/8/2023 through 12/31/2023.

25 This amended rule expands retention regulations in the Buoy 10 recreational salmonid fishery to
26 include Chinook salmon from September 8 through December 31.

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28 **12.) 635-041-0075**

29 **Set Treaty Commercial Fall Gillnet Fisheries**

30 Adopted 9/8/2023: effective 9/11/2023 through 12/31/2023.

31 These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty gillnet fisheries to include
32 additional periods from September 11 through September 15 and September 18 through September
33 22.

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35 **13.) 635-042-0032**

36 **Set Columbia River Non-Treaty Late Fall Commercial Tangle Net Salmon Fishery**

37 Adopted 9/8/2023: effective 9/18/2023 through 12/31/2023.

38 This rule authorizes 28 late fall non-Treaty commercial tangle net periods in Zones 1-3 of the
39 lower Columbia River.

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41 **14.) 635-023-0130**

42 **Modify Lower Columbia River Recreational Chinook Salmon Fishery**

43 Adopted 9/14/2023: effective 9/15/2023 through 12/31/2023.

44 This amended rule adds retention days in the Columbia River recreational salmonid fishery from
45 the west Puget Island line to the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island line from September 15 through
46 September 17. It also extends the Chinook and hatchery coho retention period from the Warrior

1 Rock/Bachelor Island line to Bonneville Dam through September 21.

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3 **15.) 635-042-0060**

4 **Authorize Mainstem Columbia River Non-Treaty Commercial Fisheries**

5 Adopted 9/14/2023: effective 9/15/2023 through 12/31/2023.

6 This rule authorizes one commercial non-treaty gillnet fishing period in the mainstem Columbia
7 River commercial Zones 4-5 for September 17 through September 18 and one period in Oregon
8 waters only of commercial Zones 4-5 for September 19 through September 20.

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10 Action:

11 Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to ratify the fifteen (15) temporary rules set forth in the
12 memo dated September 14, 2023. Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion
13 carried unanimously, six (6) in favor.

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15 **COMMISSION UPDATES**

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17 **OTHER BUSINESS**

18 The Commission will be asked to approve the 2024 Commission meeting dates.

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20 **PUBLIC FORUM**

21 This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled on the agenda. The Commission is
22 not able to act on items brought to their attention in this forum.

23 *Winchester Dam Repair Project*

24 *Kirk Blaine*

25 *Dax Messett*

26 *Charles Gehr*

27 *Nate Humphrey*

28 *Jenny O'Brian*

29 *Alex Worth*

30 *Scott Howell*

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32 *North Umpqua River*

33 *Rich Zellman, Steelhead Water Guide Service*

34 *Jake Crawford, Fly Water Travel & Far Bank Enterprises*

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36 *ODFW Marine Reserve Program*

37 *Michael Gaskill, Coast Range Association*

38 *Angela Whitlock, Marine Program Coordinator; NCLC*

39 *Paul Engelmeyer*

40 *Joe Liebezeit*

41 *Charlie Plybon*

42 *Jamie Kish*

43 *Jim Carlson*

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45 *Hatchery Science and Management*

46 *David Moskowitz, The Conservation Angler*

1 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

2 Action:

3 Commissioner King moved to approve the June 16 and August 4, 2023, meeting minutes
4 with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Labhart seconded the
5 motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

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7 **Exhibit B: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM FUNDING**

8 The Commission approved the Access and Habitat Board recommendations for project
9 funding.

10 Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

11 Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Coordinator

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13 *This presentation slide is located in the commission material and can be viewed a*

14 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/B/Exhibit%20B_Presentation](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/B/Exhibit%20B_Presentation%20Access%20and%20Habitat.pdf)
15 [_Access%20and%20Habitat.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/B/Exhibit%20B_Presentation%20Access%20and%20Habitat.pdf)

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17 No Public Testimony

18 Approval

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20 Action:

21 Commissioner King moved to approve the two projects recommended for funding by the
22 Access & Habitat Board. Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion, and the motion was carried
23 six (6) in favor.

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25 **Exhibit C: TILLAMOOK BAY COCKLE CLAM COMMERCIAL HARVEST QUOTA**

26 The Commission adopted the annual catch limit for the commercial fishery for intertidal
27 cockle clams in Tillamook Bay.

28 Mitch Vance, Shellfish Project Leader

29 Scott Groth, Resource Assessment & Management Section Manager

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31 Presentation: Mitch and Scott provided the Commission with a presentation on the annual
32 landing limits for commercial harvest of cockles from the intertidal zone of Tillamook Bay. The
33 presentation included information on commercial bay clam intertidal rake fishery and subtidal dive
34 fishery; landing limits; Shellfish and Estuarine Assessment of Coastal OR (SEACOR)/ODFW
35 stock assessment 2022-23; ODFW/SEACOR survey of intertidal biomass of cockles in Tillamook
36 Bay 2022-23; Tillamook Bay Calm Advisory Committee recommendations; and the existing
37 temporary rule.

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39 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

40 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/C/Ex%20C%20Presentation%](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/C/Ex%20C%20Presentation%20Tillamook%20Cockle%20Quota.pdf)
41 [20Tillamook%20Cockle%20Quota.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/C/Ex%20C%20Presentation%20Tillamook%20Cockle%20Quota.pdf)

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43 No Public Testimony

44 Rulemaking

1 Action:

2 Commissioner Labhart moved to amend OAR 635-005-0387 as proposed in Attachment 3.
3 Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

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5 **EXHIBIT D: 2023 OCEAN TERMINAL SALMON FISHERIES**

6 The Commission adopted terminal commercial and sport salmon seasons in nearshore
7 waters of the Pacific Ocean.

8 John North, Fish Division Deputy Administrator

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10 Presentation: John provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2023 Ocean
11 Terminal Area Salmon Fisheries. John's presentation included background of the fishery;
12 general recreational and commercial fishery's ocean salmon seasons; Elk River Terminal
13 Area Fishery; and the Elk River Terminal Area commercial and recreational fishery
14 proposals.

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16 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
17 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/D/Ex%20D%20Presentation](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/D/Ex%20D%20Presentation%20Ocean%20Terminal%20Area%20Salmon%20Fisheries.pdf)
18 [%20Ocean%20Terminal%20Area%20Salmon%20Fisheries.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/D/Ex%20D%20Presentation%20Ocean%20Terminal%20Area%20Salmon%20Fisheries.pdf)

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20 **Public Testimony**

Dave Kuehn, Brookings	
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21 Rulemaking

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23 Action:

24 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to adopt the staff recommendations to OAR 635-003-0085
25 and 635-013-0007 as proposed in Attachment 3. Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion, and
26 the motion was carried five (5) in favor: King, Khalil, Spelbrink, Labhart, Hatfield-Hyde; one (1)
27 opposed: Wahl.

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29 **EXHIBIT E: EXHIBIT E: CONTEST PROHIBITION FOR TAKING**
30 **UNPROTECTED MAMMALS**

31 The Commission amended administrative rules to prohibit taking unprotected mammals
32 native to Oregon as part of a contest.

33 Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

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35 Presentation: Brian provided a presentation that included background information on the
36 Oct 2022 petition to prohibit coyote killing contest and the Commission's decision to deny the
37 petition and direct staff to draft rules consistent with their authority. The presentation also included
38 information on the Wildlife Laws, Predatory Animal Laws, native species classifications, and the
39 proposal development.

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41 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
42 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/E/Exhibit%20E_Presentation](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/E/Exhibit%20E_Presentation%20Contest%20Prohibition%20for%20Taking%20Unprotected%20Mammals.pdf)
43 [%20Contest%20Prohibition%20for%20Taking%20Unprotected%20Mammals.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/E/Exhibit%20E_Presentation%20Contest%20Prohibition%20for%20Taking%20Unprotected%20Mammals.pdf)

Public Testimony

Renee Seacor, Stanfordville	
Debra Merkins, Powell Butte	
Kim Norris, Portland	
Kat Balogh, Scappoose	
Quinn Read, Portland	
Mary Fleischmann, Bend	
Meghan Jones, Portland	
Cris Waller, Milwaukie	
Su Libby, Eugene	
Monica Gration, Fairview	
Connie Derry, Molalla	
Randy Comeleo, Corvallis	
Mia Bonadonna, Portland	
Wally Sykes, Joseph	
Robert Wielgus, Professor	
Jennifer Hauge, Salem	
Mark Salvo, Bend	
Donna Harris, Sunriver	
Danielle Moser, Portland	
John Rowell, Commissioner	Grant County Commission
Jon Lutz, Bend	
Brad Witt, Salem	
Julie Buer, Powell Butte	
Paul Donheffner, Salem	
John Rosapepe, Portland	
Tyler Dungannon	Oregon Hunters Association
Wendy VonKlinowski, Sisters	
Mary Jo Hedrick	
Kelly Peterson	US Humane Society
Nick Arrivo	US Humane Society
Brian Posewitz	Humane Voters
Joey Drucker	
Sophia Ressler	
Chris Kell	
Bethany Cotton	Cascadia Wildlands
Donna Owens	
Sally Compton	
Amy Knudsen	
Jessi Pronciotto	
Jim(guest)	
Kristen Sapo	
Daphna	
Jennifer	
Molly Honea	

Tim Barbouletos	
Launa Santi	

1 Rulemaking

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3 Action:

4 Commissioner Labhart moved to approve the amendments to OAR Chapter 635, Division
 5 050 as proposed by staff in Attachment 3. Commissioner Khalil seconded the motion, and the
 6 motion was carried five (5) in favor: Spelbrink, Labhart, Hatfield-Hyde, Khalil; Wahl one (1)
 7 abstained: King.

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9 **EXHIBIT F: SALMON AND TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM ADVISORY**
 10 **COMMITTEE RULES**

11 The Commission adopted rules for the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP)
 12 Advisory Committee (STAC).

13 Marty Olson, R&E and STAC Program Coordinator

14 Gary Vonderohe, Assistant District Fish Biologist

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16 Presentation: Marty and Gary provided the Commission with a presentation on the Salmon
 17 and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) administrative rule revisions. The presentation included
 18 background on prior rule revisions; public involvement and timeline; changes to definitions; new
 19 rules added; key proposed updates; and deletions of rules 635-009-0125 through 635-009-0150.
 20 Impact to volunteer participation and affect on STEP hatchery programs were also discussed.

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22 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

23 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/F/Ex%20F%20Presentation%](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/F/Ex%20F%20Presentation%20Step%20Rules.pdf)
 24 [20Step%20Rules.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/F/Ex%20F%20Presentation%20Step%20Rules.pdf)

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26 Public Testimony

Jordan Romney, Bend	
Josh Bettsworth, Charlston	

27 Rulemaking

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29 Action:

30 Commissioner King moved to approve the draft STEP OAR as set forth in Amended
 31 Attachment 3. Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six
 32 (6) in favor.

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34 **EXHIBIT G: BIG GAME REGULATIONS 2024 TAG SETTING, SEASONS AND**
 35 **REGULATIONS**

36 The Commission approved Big Game tag numbers, seasons, and regulations for 2024.

37 Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

38 Derek Broman, Game Program Manager

39 Dr. Don Whitaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

40 Holly Tuers-Lance, Acting Carnivore/Furbearer Coordinator

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1 Presentation: Staff provided the Commission with a presentation on the proposed 2024
2 Big Game Regulations. Included in the presentation was information on the adaptive management
3 framework; Big Game Seasons development; an overview of impacts of climate, weather, and
4 wildfires; review of 2020 hunt changes; and the 2024 proposals. Cooperative Travel Management
5 areas; species population monitoring; and Chronic Wasting Disease were also discussed.
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7 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

8 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/G/Exhibit%20G_Presentation](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/G/Exhibit%20G_Presentation_2024%20Big%20Game%20Regulations.pdf)
9 [_2024%20Big%20Game%20Regulations.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/G/Exhibit%20G_Presentation_2024%20Big%20Game%20Regulations.pdf)

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11 **Public Testimony**

Tyler Dungannon	Oregon Hunters Association
Steve Hagen	Oregon Hunters Association
Story Warren	Humane Society of the United States

12 **Rulemaking**

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14 **Action:**

15 Commissioner King moved to adopt the staff proposals in Attachment 3 and amend OAR
16 Chapter 635, Divisions 045, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, and 90 as
17 proposed by staff. Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde seconded the motion, and the motion was carried
18 six (6) in favor.
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20 **EXHIBIT H: MINAM LAND ACQUISITION APPROVAL**

21 The Commission directed the Department to move to closing on the second phase of the
22 Minam River Wildlife Area acquiring 10,964 acres.

23 Nick Myatt, East Region Manager

24 Bill Richardson, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
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26 Presentation: Nick and Bill provided the Commission with a presentation on Phase 2
27 Minam River Wildlife Area Acquisition. Project overview; Minam River Wildlife Area features;
28 funding; due diligence; public outreach; background on the Phase 1 Acquisition; and project
29 partners were discussed in the presentation.
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31 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

32 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/H/Exhibit%20H_Presentation](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/H/Exhibit%20H_Presentation_Phase%202%20Minam%20Aquisition.pdf)
33 [_Phase%202%20Minam%20Aquisition.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/23/09_Sep/H/Exhibit%20H_Presentation_Phase%202%20Minam%20Aquisition.pdf)
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35 **Public Testimony**

Richard Chasm, Dillard	
Tyler Dungannon	Oregon Hunters Association

36 **Approval**

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38 **Action:**

39 Commissioner Labhart moved to approve the acquisition of the Minam River Phase II property,
40 approximately 10,964 acres in Wallowa and Union Counties, and direct staff to proceed to escrow
41 closing upon completion of all processes required under Oregon law for land acquisition.
42 Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

1 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2 This Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information
3 or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, as well as to consult with legal
4 counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current
5 litigation or litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

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8 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.