



Meeting:
Friday, January 26, 2024– 2:00 PM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual Meeting
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302

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2 Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.
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4 Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those
5 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; Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner; Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director of Administration; Mark Labhart, Commissioner; Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs; Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioner-Virtual; Nick Myatt, East Region Manager; Kathayoon Khalil, Commissioner; Chris Kern, West Region Manager; Leslie King, Commissioner; Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator; 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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10 On Friday, January 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife
11 Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.

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13 Adopt Temporary Rules

14 The Commission ratified the following temporary rules. The four (4) temporary rules were
15 previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

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17 1) 635-016-0500

18 Modify Wild Spring Chinook Regulations in Umpqua District

19 Adopted 1/17/2024: effective 2/1/2024 through 6/30/2024.
20 This amended rule will prohibit retention of all wild Chinook on the Mainstem Umpqua River and
21 on the North Umpqua River from February 1 through June 30 in accordance with the sliding scale
22 established by the State’s Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP).

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24 2) 635-042-0130

25 Adopt Non-Treaty Columbia River Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery

26 Adopted 1/23/2024: effective 1/24/2024 through 3/14/2024.

1 This amended rule will implement the 2024 non-Treaty commercial smelt fishery in Zones 1-3 of  
2 the lower Columbia River on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. from  
3 January 24 through March 14.

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5 **3) 635-005-0465**

6 **2023-24 Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Final Opening**

7 Adopted 1/23/2024: effective 1/28/2024 through 3/31/2024.

8 This amended rule sets the opening date for the Oregon 2023-2024 ocean commercial Dungeness  
9 crab fishery from Cape Falcon to the Oregon-Washington border.

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11 **4) 635-005-0480**

12 **Create Crab Gear Marking Requirements Waiver for Ilwaco Fire Loss**

13 Adopted 1/24/2024: effective 1/24/2024 through 7/21/2024.

14 This amended rule will allow ODFW to issue waivers exempting commercial fishing vessels that  
15 lost commercial crab gear in the Ilwaco Landing fire of January 22, 2024, from certain gear  
16 marking requirements, provided that ODFW receives documentation of gear markings, or lack  
17 thereof, on gear that the vessel intends to use.

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19 Action:

20 Commissioner Labhart moved to ratify the four (4) temporary rules set forth in the today's agenda.  
21 Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, six (6) in  
22 favor.

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24 **Exhibit A: DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT**

25 The Commission approved the proposed recruitment plan.

26 Curt Melcher, Director

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28 **Public Testimony**

Senator David Brock Smith	Oregon Legislature
Leonard Krug	Oregon Anglers Alliance
Michael O'Casey	
Sristi Kamal	
Joseph Janowicz	
Jenny O'Brien	Wild Steelhead Coalition
Tim Barbouletos	
Josh Bettsworth	Englund Marine
Cliff Lance	
Stan Steele	
Kerry Spurgin	
John Ogan	Coquille Indian Tribe

29 Approval

1           Action:  
2 Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to approve the Recruitment Plan for the Fish and Wildlife  
3 Director position with the adaptation to the attributes noted on page 2 in the document titled “January  
4 26 proposed changes” and continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner  
5 King seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.  
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9 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.

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