



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting: **VIRTUAL**
Friday, January 26, 2024 - 2:00-4:00 PM
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302

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*The Fish and Wildlife Commission will conduct this meeting virtually. Those who would like to provide **testimony** on the Exhibit scheduled on this agenda must **REGISTER** no later than Thursday, January 25 at 2:00 PM to receive a testimony link to the meeting.*

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

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-016-0500

Modify Wild Spring Chinook Regulations in Umpqua District

Adopted 1/17/2024: effective 2/1/2024 through 6/30/2024.

This amended rule will prohibit retention of all wild Chinook on the Mainstem Umpqua River and on the North Umpqua River from February 1 through June 30 in accordance with the sliding scale established by the State's Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP).

2.) 635-042-0130

Adopt Non-Treaty Columbia River Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery

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

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

3.) 635-005-0465

2023-24 Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Final Opening

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

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

4.) 635-005-0480

Create Crab Gear Marking Requirements Waiver for Ilwaco Fire Loss

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

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

EXHIBIT A: DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT

The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed recruitment plan.

Curt Melcher, Director

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTER](#) required for virtual participation.

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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 or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

February 16, 2024 -Hillsboro

**Written public comment period will open December 15, 2023*

Oregon Listing Determination for Southern Resident Orcas- *Rulemaking*

March 15, 2024 -Roseburg

**Written public comment period will open January 15, 2024*

A&H Project Funding – *Approval*

Private Forest Accord Grant Program Project Funding - *Approval*

April 19, 2024 -Tillamook

**Written public comment period will open February 15, 2024*

Oregon Game Bird Regulations -*Rulemaking*

2024 Columbia River Salmon Stock Status-*Informational*

Pacific Halibut Fisheries -*Rulemaking*

Ocean Salmon Fishery- *Rulemaking*

May 10, 2024 -*HOLD - No meeting scheduled.*

June 14, 2024 -Klamath Falls

**Written public comment period will open April 15, 2024*

A&H Project Funding – *Approval*

OCRF Project Funding- *Approval*

R&E Project Funding - *Approval*

2024 Auction Raffle Tag Allocations – *Approval*

Furbearer Regulations -*Rulemaking*

Coastal Pelagic Species -*Rulemaking*

July 12, 2024 -*HOLD - No meeting scheduled.*

August 9, 2024 -Salem

**Written public comment period will open June 15, 2024*

September 13, 2024 -The Dalles

**Written public comment period will open July 15, 2024*

A&H Project Funding – *Approval*

Big Game Regulations- *Rulemaking*

October 11, 2024 -Albany

**Written public comment period will open August 15, 2024*

November 15, 2024 - *HOLD - No meeting scheduled.*

December 13, 2024 -Salem

**Written public comment period will open October 15, 2024*

A&H Project Funding – *Approval*

OCRF Project Funding- *Approval*
R&E Project Funding and Board Appointment - *Approval*
2024 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations- *Rulemaking*

PLEASE NOTE

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE COMMISSION MEETING

Public Comment: This Commission meeting allows virtual or written public comment.

Comments are limited to three minutes or less. All parties interested in providing public comment as part of a public meeting shall participate virtually.

- Video or Audio Conference Call: **If you wish to give virtual testimony on the Exhibit scheduled for Friday, January 26 agenda, *YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE 8:00 AM THURSDAY January 25, 2024; 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 or 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon, 97302. Materials delivered to the Director's Office sufficiently in advance of the meeting, 48 hours or more, will be distributed to the Commission prior to the meeting day. Any correspondence or materials received less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be entered into the record and when reasonably possible, will be provided to the Commissioners the day of the meeting.

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.

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Reasonable accommodation, such as assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotape, will be provided as needed. 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.