



# Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:  
Friday, March 22, 2024– 4:00 PM  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Virtual Meeting  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE  
Salem, OR 97302

1                    *Commission minutes are considered 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:

Mary Wahl, Chair	Curt Melcher, Director
Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Vice Chair	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	
Leslie King, Commissioner	

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7 **MEETING**

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9 On Friday, **March 22, 2024, at 4:00 PM, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife**  
10 **Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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12 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

13 The Commission ratified two (2) temporary rules previously adopted by the director under his  
14 emergency action authority.

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16            1)    635-042-0130  
17            Extend Non-Treaty Columbia River Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery  
18            Adopted 3/16/2024: effective 3/18/2024 through 5/31/2024.  
19            This amended rule will implement six additional periods for the 2024 non-Treaty  
20            commercial smelt fishery in Zones 1-3 of the lower Columbia River between March 18  
21            and 28.

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23            2)    635-042-0145  
24            Expand fishing area for one period in Youngs Bay Select Area commercial fishery  
25            Adopted 3/21/2024: effective 3/21/2024 through 7/31/2024.  
26            This amended rule will expand the open fishing area for one period in the Youngs Bay  
27            Select Area commercial fishing site. The expanded area will accommodate more fishers  
28            and increase catches of salmon.

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30 Action:  
31 Commissioner Labhart moved to ratify the two (2) temporary rules set forth on March 22, 2024  
32 agenda. Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, five (5) in  
33 favor; one (1) absent - Khalil.

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35 **Exhibit A: DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT**

1 The Commission approved revisions to the Director's recruitment plan.  
2 Curt Melcher, Director  
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4 Action:  
5 Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to approve the Revised Recruitment Plan for the Fish and  
6 Wildlife Director position that is dated March 22,2024 as proposed by Director Melcher.  
7 Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion, and the motion was carried five (5) in favor; one  
8 (1) absent- Khalil.  
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11 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.