



**Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes**

Meeting:  
Friday, May 10, 2024– 8:00 AM  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Commission Room  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE  
Salem, OR 97302

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Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Mary Wahl, Chair	Davia Palmeri, Interim Director
Becky Hatfield-Hyde Vice Chair	Nick Myatt, East Region Manager
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Chris Kern, West Region Manager
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator
Kathayoon Khalil, Commissioner	Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator
Leslie King, Commissioner	Sarah Reif, Habiata Division Administrator
	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
	Casey Thomas, Captain Oregon State Police
	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General

**MEETING**

On Friday, **May 10, 2024, at 8:00 AM**, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (the Commission) meeting to order.

**Adopt Temporary Rules**

Davia Palmeri, interim director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rule. The one (1) temporary rule was previously adopted by the director under her emergency action authority.

635-023-0125

Close Recreational Spring Salmon/Steelhead Season Fishery in the Columbia River upstream of Bonneville Dam

Adopted 4/29/2024: effective 4/29/2024 through 6/15/2024.

This amended rule closes the mainstem Columbia River salmon/steelhead recreational fishery upstream of Bonneville Dam.

Action:

Commissioner Spelbrink moved to ratify the one (1) temporary rule set forth on the May 10, 2024 agenda. Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, six (6) in favor.

**EXHIBIT A: DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT**

1 Motus recruiting introduced the candidates for the Director position and asked each candidate  
2 questions generated by the public and staff. The Commission interviewed the candidates.

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4 Patrick David, Executive Search Recruiting Consultant, Motus Recruiting & Staffing Inc

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6 Appointment

7 No Public Testimony

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9 Action:

10 Commissioner Labhart moved to extend an offer of employment as permanent director of the  
11 Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to Debbie Colbert and that the Commission authorizes  
12 the Chair to handle the employment offer and associated negotiations with Debbie Colbert in  
13 partnership with the Department of Administrative Services and ODFW's Human Resources  
14 department. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in  
15 favor.

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17 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

18 The Commission held an executive session to consider employment of a director, as authorized by  
19 ORS 192.660(2)(a).

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21 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.