



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:  
Thursday, June 13, 2024 -8:00 AM  
Sleep Inn & Suites Chiloquin  
34333 Hwy 97N  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Meeting:  
Friday, June 14, 2024 - 8:00 AM  
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35601 Choke Cherry Way,  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

### Friday, June 14, 2024

*The Fish and Wildlife Commission has moved to hybrid meetings, meaning that you have the option to attend in-person or virtually. Those who would like to provide **virtual testimony** on an Exhibit scheduled on this agenda must **REGISTER** no less than 48 hours in advance to receive a testimony link to the meeting. To provide testimony on an agenda item in-person, registration will be available at the meeting.*

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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**FIELD REPORTS** – in written form only

### EXPENDITURE REPORT

Ken Loffink, Interim Deputy Director of Administration

### ADAPTING TO CLIMATE AND OCEAN CHANGE REPORT

The importance of Oregon's high desert lakes and playas as bird migration hot spots  
Emily VanWyk, Sensitive Species Conservation  
Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

## ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Debbie Colbert, Director

### 1. 635-023-0125

#### **Reopen the recreational spring salmon fishery in the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam**

Adopted 5/16/2024: effective 5/17/2024 through 6/15/2024.

This amended rule will add days to the recreational salmon fishery in the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam May 17-19, May 25-27, and June 12-15.

### 2. 635-042-0022, 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180

#### **Adopt Non-Treaty Columbia River Commercial Mainstem Tangle Net Fishery**

Adopted 5/16/2024: effective 5/20/2024 through 7/31/2024.

These amended rules authorize one commercial fishing period for hatchery salmon in commercial fishing zones 1-5 of the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam on May 20 and modify allowable sales for fish harvested in the Select Areas during the mainstem commercial fishery.

### **3. 635-019-0520**

#### **Open hatchery Chinook salmon angling in Lookingglass Creek**

Adopted 5/17/2024: effective 5/24/2024 through 7/31/2024.

This amended rule allows recreational harvest of hatchery Chinook in Lookingglass Creek from May 24 through June 14.

### **4. 635-023-0125**

#### **Modify the recreational spring salmon fishery in the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam**

Adopted 5/23/2024: effective 5/24/2024 through 6/15/2024.

This amended rule will add one additional day (May 24) to the recreational salmon fishery in the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam currently scheduled for May 25-27 and June 12-15.

### **5. 635-005-0490**

#### **Allow waivers to retrieve excess derelict crab gear**

Adopted 5/24/2024: effective 5/25/2024 through 8/14/2024.

This amended rule will allow state contracted vessels to recover more derelict gear under a waiver issued by ODFW than the amount otherwise allowed by rule.

### **6. 635-023-0125**

#### **Modify the recreational spring Chinook salmon fishery in the Columbia River downstream of Bonneville Dam**

Adopted 5/30/2024: effective 6/1/2024 through 6/15/2024.

This amended rule will add 11 additional days (June 1-11) to previously-adopted dates (June 12-15) in the Columbia River recreational spring Chinook salmon fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.

### **7. 635-023-0125**

#### **Modify recreational spring salmon and steelhead season in the Columbia River**

Adopted 6/7/2024: effective 6/8/2024 through 6/15/2024.

This amended rule will expand the legal area to angle from a boat for salmon and steelhead below Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River through June 15. It will also open the Columbia River above Bonneville to angling for hatchery salmon and hatchery steelhead through June 15.

### **8. 635-023-0128**

#### **Set Recreational Salmon/Steelhead Summer Season and Enact Thermal Angling Sanctuaries in Columbia River**

Adopted 6/7/2024: effective 6/16/2024 through 7/31/2024.

This amended rule sets the Columbia River recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries from June 16 through July 31 (summer season).

This rule also closes angling in portions of the mainstem Columbia River adjacent to the mouths of Eagle Creek and the Deschutes River, and that portion of Herman Creek and Lagoon within the Columbia River Zone beginning July 15.

**9. 635-041-0045, 635-041-0076**

**Authorize Commercial Sales for Columbia River Treaty Indian Summer Fisheries**

Adopted 6/7/2024: effective 6/17/2024 through 7/31/2024.

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in several treaty fisheries. Sales allowed in Zone 6 (between Bonneville and McNary dams) platform and hook-and-line fisheries from June 17 through July 31.

Sales allowed in platform and hook-and-line fisheries downstream from Bonneville Dam from June 17 through July 31. Sales allowed in Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributary (Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River) fisheries from June 17 until further notice. Sales allowed in Zone 6 (between Bonneville and McNary dams) gillnet fisheries during periods from June 17 through June 19 and June 24 through June 27.

**10. 635-018-0500**

**Steelhead Protections in Eagle Creek (Columbia River Tributary) and Deschutes River**

Adopted 6/7/2024: effective 6/16/2024 through 9/18/2024.

This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit for hatchery steelhead to one fish per day in the lower reaches of Eagle Creek (Columbia River Tributary) and Deschutes River from June 16 through July 14 to align with regulations for the adjacent Columbia River mainstem enacted to provide additional protection for upriver steelhead.

This rule also closes angling in the Thermal Angling Sanctuary portions of Eagle Creek (Columbia River Tributary) and the Deschutes River beginning July 15.

**11. 635-019-0500**

**Steelhead Protections in Lower John Day River**

Adopted 6/7/2024: effective 6/16/2024 through 8/29/2024.

This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit for hatchery steelhead in the lower John Day River from June 16 through August 29, 2024.

**COMMISSION UPDATES**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

*Note: [This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not listed elsewhere on this agenda.](#) Please [contact](#) the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the Director before 8:00 AM, Wednesday, June 12, 2024 (at least 48 hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.*

*Upper Klamath and Agency Lakes Native Trophy Trout Redband Trout Fishery  
Dave Gerard*

**EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from April 19; May 3; and May 10.

## **EXHIBIT B: 2025-2027 BUDGET**

The Commission will be asked to approve the 2025-27 Agency Request Budget.

Ken Loffink, Interim Deputy Director of Administration  
Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator  
Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator  
Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTER](#) required for virtual participation.  
Approval

## **EXHIBIT C: MULE DEER PLAN UPDATE**

The Commission will be asked to approve the revised Mule Deer Management Plan.

Dr. Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator  
Dr. Josh Smith, Mule Deer Coordinator  
Brian Wolfer, Deputy Wildlife Division Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTER](#) required for virtual participation.  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT D: FISHING REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2024 OREGON COASTAL FALL SALMON SEASONS AND SMALLMOUTH BASS IN COOS-COQUILLE**

The Commission will be asked to consider proposed modifications to angling regulations for coastal streams for 2024 fall fishing seasons and to allow spear/spear gun harvest of smallmouth bass in Coos Coquille District.

Chris Kern, West Region Manager  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTER](#) required for virtual participation.  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT E: BEAVER TAKE PERMIT RULES**

The Commission will be asked to adopt take permit and disposition rules for beaver and other wildlife to implement House Bill 3464 (2023 Oregon Legislative Session).

Brian Wolfer, Deputy Wildlife Division Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTER](#) required for virtual participation.  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT F: 2024 -2026 FURBEARER REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to approve Furbearer Regulations for 2024-26.

Derek Broman, Game Program Manager  
Brian Wolfer, Deputy Wildlife Division Administrator  
Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTER](#) required for virtual participation.  
Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT G: ACCESS & HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING AND BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat Board recommendations for project funding and to appoint two Hunter Representatives to the Access and Habitat Board.

Travis Schultz, A&H Program Coordinator

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

Approval

## **EXHIBIT H: 2024 AUCTION RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to approve recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and ODFW staff for 2024 auction and raffle tag allocations.

Dr. Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

Travis Schultz, A&H Program Coordinator

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

Approval

## **EXHIBIT I: COMMERCIAL COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES RULE AMENDMENTS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt rule amendments to conform with federally adopted limits and management measures for Pacific sardine.

Greg Krutzikowsky, Nearshore Policy and Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries Project Leader

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

Rulemaking

## **EXHIBIT J: LIST OF STATE AGENCIES/LANDS THAT CAN PLAY A ROLE IN SOUTHERN RESIDENT ORCA CONSERVATION**

The Commission will be asked to approve a list of state agencies that own or manage land or have recorded easements for lands which can play a role in Southern Resident Orca conservation.

Howard Takata, Interim Southern Resident Orca Listing Coordinator

Mike Brown, Marine Mammal Project Leader

John North, Assistant Fish Division Administrator

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

Approval

## **EXHIBIT K: OREGON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND PROJECT FUNDING**

The Commission will be asked to approve Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory Committee recommendations for project funding.

Reva Gillman, OCRF Program Coordinator

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

Approval

## **ADJOURN**

## 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](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov) or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

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

#### **August 9, 2024 -Salem**

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

Licensing Rule Updates - *Rulemaking*

Water Project Community Engagement Rulemaking- *Rulemaking*

Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Rule Revision- *Rulemaking*

#### **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*

2025 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations- *Rulemaking*

Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy Plan - *Rulemaking*

## PLEASE NOTE

### HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE COMMISSION MEETING

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Comment and testimony are limited to three minutes or less. All parties interested in providing public comment or testifying as part of a public hearing shall participate using one of the following methods:

- In-Person Comment: Parties interested in providing in-person verbal public comment shall fill out a “Witness Registration” form available at the meeting.
- Video or Audio Conference Call: **If you wish to give virtual testimony on Exhibits scheduled on the Friday, June 14 agenda, *YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY June 12, 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](mailto: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, 72 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.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** If you wish to give testimony virtually or in-person on any item not listed elsewhere on the agenda, ***PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE 8:00AM WEDNESDAY June 12, 2024; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.*** Please provide written summaries or other materials to the Commission Assistant prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to act on items brought to their attention in this forum. Send written summaries or other materials to [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov) or 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon, 97302.

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.

### REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

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