



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:
Thursday, September 12, 2024 -8:00 AM
Best Western Hood River Inn
1108 E Marina Dr
Hood River, OR 97031

Meeting:
Friday, September 13, 2024 - 8:00 AM
Fort Dalles Readiness Center
402 E Scenic Dr
The Dalles, OR 97058

Friday, September 13, 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.*

*To be added to September 13 agenda to provide testimony **virtually or in-person** during **Public Forum** you must **contact** the Director's office no less than 48 hours advance of the meeting for approval.*

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No Commission Action: Informational Only

FIELD REPORTS – In written form only

MARKET SQUID LIMITED ENTRY INTERIM REPORT - In written form only

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Ken Loffink, Interim Deputy Director of Administration

ADAPTING TO CLIMATE AND OCEAN CHANGE REPORT:

FORESTS AND LANDSCAPE RESILIENCY IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

Rod Kraemer, Forest Practices Program Coordinator

RATIFY TEMPORARY RULES

Commission Action: Rule ratification

Debbie Colbert, Director

1) Amend rules to modify open area for a 2024 Oregon controlled pronghorn antelope youth hunt.

Adopted: August 13, 2024 – Effective Dates: August 13, 2024 through August 25, 2024

Oregon Administrative Rules establishing hunt areas for 2024 controlled pronghorn antelope youth hunts were adopted by the Commission on September 15, 2023. Amendment of these rules is necessary as a result of wildfires significantly impacting the ability of tag holders to participate in certain controlled youth hunts.

- 2) **Authorize sales for Columbia River Treaty commercial fall gillnet fisheries**
Adopted 8/15/2024: effective 8/19/2024 through 12/31/2024.
These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty commercial gillnet fisheries. Open fishing periods are from August 19 through August 22, August 26 through August 30, and September 2 through September 6.
- 3) **Set Columbia River Non-Treaty Late Fall Commercial Tangle Net Salmon Fishery**
Adopted 8/23/2024: effective 9/16/2024 through 12/31/2024.
This rule authorizes 32 late fall non-Treaty commercial tangle net periods in Zones 1-3 of the lower Columbia River.
- 4) **Commercial Nearshore Fishery Limit Increases for Periods 5-6**
Adopted 8/29/2024: effective 9/1/2024 through 12/31/2024.
This amended rule will increase the commercial nearshore fishery two-month cumulative trip limits for black rockfish for periods 5-6 (September-December 2024).
- 5) **Modify Deep River Select Area fall-season commercial fishery**
Adopted 9/5/2024: effective 9/5/2024 through 12/31/2024.
This amended rule will modify the previously adopted periods for this fishery by adding five periods to the beginning of the 2024 fall season.
- 6) **Authorize sales for Columbia River Treaty commercial fall gillnet fisheries**
Adopted 9/6/2024: effective 9/9/2024 through 12/31/2024.
These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty commercial gillnet fisheries. This modification adds a fishing period from September 9 through September 13.

COMMISSION UPDATES

Commissioner Updates on Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

No Commission Action: Informational Only

PUBLIC FORUM

*Note: **This part of the agenda is for comments of any topic except those related to exhibits involving rulemaking, approval, or delegation listed below.***

*Please **REGISTER** the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the Director before 8:00 AM, Wednesday, September 11, 2024 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.*

*Natural Resources Guide Tag Allocation
Thaddeus Labhart*

*Setting Trap Check Times for Black Bears & All Game Mammals
Kelly Peterson, Humane Society*

*Mule Deer Management Plan
Wayne Endicott*

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from August 9, 2024.
Commission Action: Approval of Minutes

EXHIBIT B: COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to adopt regulations for the ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery including revisions to the Tri-State pre-season testing protocol, line marking requirements to help identify gear involved in marine life entanglements, and electronic monitoring requirements for crab vessels to transit closed areas. The Commission will also hear an update on ODFW's progress developing a Conservation Plan and Incidental Take Permit application for marine life entanglements.

Commission Action: Rule Adoption

John North, Deputy Fish Division Administrator
Justin Ainsworth, Marine Resources Program Manager
Kelly Corbett, Commercial Dungeness Crab Project Leader

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

EXHIBIT C: A&H PROJECT FUNDING

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

Commission Action: Approval of funding

Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Coordinator

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

EXHIBIT D: BEAVER ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Department will present an update of progress to date implementing the Beaver Action Plan.

No Commission Action: Informational Only

Adrienne Averett, Acting Interdivisional Beaver Coordinator
Derek Broman, Game Program Manager
Shaun Clements, Deputy Director for Fish and Wildlife Programs

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will hold an executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, as well as to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

OTHER BUSINESS

Delegation for Issuance of Commission Proposed Orders/Orders

Commission Action: Delegation

EXHIBIT E: 2025 BIG GAME REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve Big Game tag numbers, seasons and regulations for 2025.

Commission Action: Rule Adoption

Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Director
Derek Broman, Game Program Manager
Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

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.

October 11, 2024 - *No meeting scheduled*

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

Oregon Sea Urchins: Recreational Harvest, Commercial Take and Culling to Assist Conservation of Kelp - Rulemaking

Commercial Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries Rule Amendments - Rulemaking

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HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE COMMISSION MEETING

Public Comment and Public Hearing Testimony: Regular Commission meetings allow for in-person, virtual, or written public comment.

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, September 13 agenda, *YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY September 11, 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, 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 September 11, 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 to 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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