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Oregon Department Fish and Wildlife

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Columbia River Rules Advisory Committee will meet Feb. 14

SALEM – The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host a Columbia River Fisheries Reform Rules Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017 from 3 to 5 p.m. to consider new staff recommendations designed to ensure orderly fisheries with Washington. Rules that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission may consider for rule-making at their March 17 meeting in Corvallis.

The Committee will be comprised of invited representatives from interested groups potentially effected by new rules, such as sport and commercial fishers, fish processors and fish conservation. This rules advisory committee meeting is intended to provide recommendations to the Department regarding potential rulemaking related to Columbia River Fisheries reform. The Commission may adopt rules after consideration of additional information and/or further analysis that has occurred since Jan. 20, 2017, to address, among other considerations, whether modifications to existing rules are necessary to “[p]romote orderly fishery management with the State of Washington.” See ORS 508.980(1)(d). This rules advisory committee will meet to provide the Department its recommendations on (1) the text of potential rule(s) and (2) the fiscal impact of potential rule(s) in terms of (a) whether there will be a fiscal impact; (b) extent of it; and (c) how to reduce that impact on small businesses, if any, in a manner consistent with the public health and safety purpose of the rule(s).

The public is invited to listen/watch the meeting, but there will not be an opportunity for public comment.

To watch or listen in, members of the public may:

- attend the meeting, which will be held in the Commission Room at ODFW headquarters, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE in Salem,
- call to listen in, (866) 590-5055, Participant code: 485123
- watch a live stream via Periscope, follow the link found on the ODFW Columbia River Web page at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>

An audio record of this meeting will be located at <https://www.periscope.tv/ODFW/1kvJpnNewodKE>.