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**To:** [Greg D Apke](#)  
**Subject:** RE: ODFW Fish Passage Rule Revision Initiative  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 09, 2021 9:38:28 AM

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**Thanks Greg.**

**Do the proposed rules make any changes to the process of getting a fish passage waiver. As a member of the original passage task force that worked to develop the current statutes, I would be disappointed it getting a waiver was made easier by changing the “net benefit” requirement.**

**Jim**

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Jim –

Good to hear from you.

Our goal with this rule revision initiative is to bring the state’s fish passage rules into more alignment with our Climate and Ocean Change Policy. The last update to the OAR’s was in 2006. There are numerous areas where clarity is needed, ranging from definitions to new design criteria for fish passage alternatives like roughened channels and more natural like fishways.

Your participation is encouraged throughout the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) process. More information can be found at [ODFW Fish Passage Requirements](#) .

Greg

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**Thanks Greg. Besides the climate policy, what are the other driving forces behind these proposed revisions to the rules?**

**Thanks,**

**Jim Myron**

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## **ODFW Fish Passage Administrative Rule Revision Initiative Public Participation and Comment Solicitation**

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has initiated a fish passage administrative rule revision process. Aligning the state's passage rules with the ODFW Climate and Ocean Change Policy is one of the driving forces behind this initiative. Oregon's Fish Passage Task Force will function as the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC). ODFW and the RAC subcommittee will host a series of public meetings to identify and discuss draft rule revisions for consideration. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will consider final draft rule revisions later this year during a regularly scheduled public meeting where comment or testimony can be provided.

Public participation and involvement is encouraged. To submit public comment on draft rule revisions for consideration by the RAC, an online comment form has been developed and is [available here](#). In addition, the RAC subcommittee and ODFW have planned bi-monthly virtual public meetings scheduled every other Tuesday from 2-4pm. These meeting dates include March 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Members of the public interested in participating or viewing these virtual meetings can access them at [Join Skype Meeting](#).

The nine-member Task Force meets regularly to advise ODFW and the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on fish passage policies and issues. Task Force members represent water users and owners-operators of artificial obstructions, fisheries and conservation interests, and the general public. Additional information on the Task Force, the ODFW Fish Passage Program and the rule revision initiative is available on the ODFW [website](#) or by contacting Greg Apke, ODFW Fish Passage Program Coordinator, at (503) 947-6228 or [ODFW.Passagerules@state.or.us](mailto:ODFW.Passagerules@state.or.us).

Thank you, Greg

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