



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:
Thursday, June 9, 2016 – 1:00 p.m.
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive S.E.
Salem, Oregon 97302

Meeting:
Friday, June 10, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
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Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.

June 10, 2016

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

Michael Finley, Chair
Bob Webber, Commissioner
Holly Akenson, Commissioner
Laura Anderson, Commissioner
Jason Atkinson, Commissioner

Curt Melcher, Director
Bill Herber, Deputy Director
Steve Sanders, Assistant Attorney General
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

MEETING

On Friday, **June 10, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.**, Chair **Michael Finley** called the **Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster are excused for business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only; *this report is available in the meeting materials and at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp*

Expenditure Report

Staff: Bill Herber, Deputy Director for Administration

This report is available in the meeting materials and at

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp

Adopt Temporary Rules

Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The 31 temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

1 **1) 635-023-0095**

2 **Bonneville Pool White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries Authorized**

3 Adopted April 7, 2016: effective May 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

4 This amended rule authorizes two one-day retention fisheries for recreational white
5 sturgeon in the Bonneville Pool of the Columbia River. The two days are Saturday, June 18 and
6 Friday, July 1, 2016. Catch-and-release sturgeon angling will still be allowed except in the area
7 from The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8 miles to a line from the east (upstream) dock at the Port
8 of The Dalles boat ramp straight across to a marker on the Washington shore during the period
9 from May 1 through July 31, 2016. Revisions are consistent with action taken April 7, 2016 by
10 the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of
11 the Columbia River Compact.

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13 **2) 635-021-0090**

14 **Burns Paiute Tribal Experimental Spring Chinook Fishery Opens May 1, 2016**

15 Adopted April 12, 2016: effective May 1, 2016 through October 27, 2016.

16 This amended rule sets the parameters that allow an experimental Burns Paiute Tribal
17 fishery for spring Chinook salmon, using traditional fishing techniques, to occur in the Malheur
18 River Basin. This experimental fishery has been coordinated between the Oregon Department
19 of Fish and Wildlife and the Burns Paiute Tribe.

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21 **3) 635-039-0090**

22 **Corrections and Updates to Published 2016 Marine Zone Regulations**

23 Adopted April 22, 2016: effective April 26, 2016 through October 22, 2016.

24 This amended rule corrects errors in the Marine Zone of the published version of the **2016**
25 **Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations**. Corrections include gear restriction clarifications, location
26 and deadline clarifications, and updates made to the permanent rule adopted by the Oregon
27 Fish and Wildlife Commission at a hearing on April 22, 2016.

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29 **4) 635-014-0090**

30 **Rules for Two-Rod Usage in the Northwest Zone**

31 Adopted April 26, 2016: effective May 1, 2016 through September 27, 2016.

32 This amended rule clarifies new regulations for usage of a Two-Rod Validation in the
33 Northwest angling zone. Modifications allow the use of two fishing rods while fishing for either
34 hatchery spring chinook and hatchery steelhead in the Tillamook Bay Basin, Nestucca Bay, and
35 tributaries. Only a single rod can be used when angling for any other game and non-game fish
36 species.

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38 **5) 635-023-0095**

39 **The Dalles Pool White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery Closes**

40 Adopted April 27, 2016: effective April 30, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

41 This amended rule closes the recreational white sturgeon fishery in The Dalles Pool (an
42 area from The Dalles Dam upstream to McNary Dam) beginning 12:01 a.m. Saturday, April 30,
43 2016. Catch in The Dalles Pool is at 96% of the 100 fish annual guideline. Revisions are
44 consistent with action taken April 27, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the
45 States of Oregon and Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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47 **6) 635-019-0090**

48 **John Day River Spring Chinook Fishery in the Northeast Angling Zone**

49 Adopted May 4, 2016: effective May 10, 2016 through June 5, 2016.

50 This amended rule allows recreational anglers opportunities to harvest adipose fin-clipped

1 and wild adult and jack Spring Chinook salmon in the upper mainstem John Day River, which
2 are in excess of the Department's escapement goals, beginning May 10 through June 5, 2016.

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4 **7) 635-023-0125**

5 **Columbia River Sport Salmon and Steelhead Season above Bonneville Dam Extended**

6 Adopted May 5, 2016: effective May 6, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

7 This amended rule extends the season for recreational Spring Chinook and steelhead in
8 the mainstem Columbia River upstream of Bonneville Dam by two days, beginning at 11:59 pm
9 Friday, May 6, 2016. All other regulations as published in the **2016 Oregon Sport Fishing**
10 **Regulations** pamphlet remain in effect. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the
11 Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington on May 5, 2016.

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13 **8) 635-042-0022, 635-042-0145**

14 **Columbia River Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for May 11, 2016**

15 Adopted May 10, 2016: effective May 11, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

16 This amended rule authorizes a 14-hour non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net
17 fishery in the mainstem Columbia River to commence on Wednesday, May 11 at 12:00 noon
18 through 2:00 a.m. Thursday, May 12, 2016 (14 hours) from the mouth of the Columbia River
19 upstream to Beacon Rock (Zones 1 thru 5). Modifications are consistent with action taken May
20 10, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the
21 Columbia River Compact.

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23 **9) 635-016-0090**

24 **Tiger Trout Catch-and-Release Only Fishery Opens on Diamond Lake**

25 Adopted May 10, 2016: effective May 11, 2016 through November 6, 2016.

26 This amended rule prohibits the retention of tiger trout in Diamond Lake for a very specific
27 fisheries management purpose. The confirmed presence of Tui chub in Diamond Lake in the fall
28 of 2015 requires pro-active measures to reduce their population. By stocking piscivorous tiger
29 trout into the lake, it is hoped that they will feed on the non-native and invasive Tui chub, as well
30 as golden shiners, which are also non-native and unwanted in the lake. Fisheries managers
31 believe the presence of tiger trout in Diamond Lake will have little to no negative biological
32 and/or conservation impact and is beneficial for both anglers and law enforcement personnel.

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34 **10) 635-023-0125**

35 **Three-Day Columbia River Mainstem Sport Salmon and Steelhead Season Authorized**

36 Adopted May 10, 2016: effective May 13, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

37 This amended rule authorizes a three-day recreational season for retention of spring
38 Chinook, steelhead and shad in the mainstem Columbia River, with the exception of a closure
39 area near the mouth of the Lewis River. The three-day period begins Friday, May 13 and
40 continues through Sunday, May 15, 2016. Fishers may only keep healed adipose fin-clipped
41 Chinook salmon or steelhead, totaling two adult salmonids per day, of which only one may be a
42 Chinook. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife
43 for the States of Oregon and Washington on May 10, 2016.

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45 **11) 635-041-0065**

46 **Columbia River Zone 6 and Tributary Treaty Indian Commercial Fisheries Set**

47 Adopted May 10, 2016: effective May 16, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

48 This amended rule allows sales of fish from a platform and hook-and-line fishery in all of
49 Zone 6 beginning 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 16 through 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2016;
50 and a Yakama Nation tributary fishery from 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2016 until further notice.
51 Modifications are consistent with action taken May 10, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington

1 Departments of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a
2 meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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4 **12) 635-073-0000**

5 **Amendment to Correct Premium Hunt Text on Page 16 of the 2016 Big Game Regulations**

6 Adopted: May 10, 2016. Effective Dates: May 10, 2016 through November 01, 2016.

7 This temporary rule is needed to remove incorrect language from the 2016 Big Game
8 Regulations (page 16). This correction is necessary to clarify that premium hunt tags are only
9 valid in designated units or hunt areas.

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11 **13) 635-006-0212; 635-006-0215; 635-006-0225**

12 **Commercial Sales of Dressed Salmon and Steelhead by Columbia River Treaty Tribal**
13 **Fishers Allowed**

14 Adopted May 17, 2016: effective May 18, 2016 through November 13, 2016.

15 These amended rules allow commercial sales of gilled and gutted Columbia River salmon
16 and steelhead caught by treaty tribal members to wholesale fish dealers, canners, and buyers.
17 Modifications also require wholesale fish dealers, canners, and buyers to report totals of fish
18 purchased in round eights on the Fish Receiving Ticket using a conversion factor of 1.17 to 1.
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20 **14) 635-023-0125**

21 **Three-Day Columbia River Mainstem Sport Salmon and Steelhead Season Authorized**

22 Adopted May 18, 2016: effective May 20, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

23 This amended rule authorizes a three-day recreational season for retention of spring
24 Chinook, steelhead and shad in the mainstem Columbia River, with the exception of a closure
25 area near the mouth of the Lewis River. The three-day period begins Friday, May 20 and
26 continues through Sunday, May 22, 2016. Fishers may only keep healed adipose fin-clipped
27 Chinook salmon or steelhead, totaling two adult salmonids per day, of which only one may be a
28 Chinook. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife
29 for the States of Oregon and Washington on May 18, 2016.
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31 **16) 635-042-0022; 635-042-0145**

32 **Columbia River Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for May 24, 2016**

33 Adopted May 18, 2016: effective May 23, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

34 This amended rule authorizes a 12-hour non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net
35 fishery in the mainstem Columbia River to commence on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. through
36 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016 from the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to Beacon
37 Rock (Zones 1 thru 5). Modifications are consistent with action taken May 18, 2016 by the
38 Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River
39 Compact.
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41 **17) 635-019-0090**

42 **Sport Spring Chinook Fishery Opens on Lookingglass Creek**

43 Adopted May 19, 2016: effective May 28, 2016 through June 5, 2016.

44 This amended rule allows recreational anglers opportunity to harvest adipose fin-clipped
45 adult and jack spring Chinook salmon, which are in excess of the Department's hatchery
46 production needs, in Lookingglass Creek. This fishery is scheduled to begin Saturday, May 28
47 and run through Tuesday, May 31, 2016
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1 **18) 635-041-0065**

2 **Columbia River Zone 6 Tributary Treaty Indian Commercial Fishery Set**

3 Adopted May 24, 2016: effective May 25, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

4 This amended rule allows sales of fish from a Yakama Nation tributary gill net fishery
5 beginning 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, 2016 in all of Zone 6 and running through 6:00 p.m.
6 Friday, June 27, 2016. Modifications are consistent with action taken May 24, 2016 by the
7 Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Yakama
8 Nation Treaty Tribe, at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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10 **19) 635-023-0095**

11 **John Day Pool White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery Closes**

12 Adopted May 24, 2016: effective May 29, 2016 through November 24, 2016.

13 This amended rule closes the recreational white sturgeon fishery in the John Day Pool (an
14 area from the John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam) beginning 12:01 a.m. Sunday, May 29,
15 2016. Few fish remain in the John Day Pool's annual guideline. Revisions are consistent with
16 action taken May 24, 2016 by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and
17 Washington at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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19 **20) 635-023-0125**

20 **Seventeen Day Columbia River Mainstem Sport Salmon and Steelhead Season**
21 **Authorized**

22 Adopted May 24, 2016: effective May 28, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

23 This amended rule authorizes two recreational seasons for retention of spring Chinook
24 and steelhead in the mainstem Columbia River in the area from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point
25 line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank); plus bank only angling from Beacon Rock
26 upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline (approximately four miles downstream from
27 Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One). The fishery begins Friday, May 27 and runs through
28 Monday, May 30 (4 days); then closes from May 31 through June 2 (3 days); and re-opens
29 Friday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 15, 2016 (13 days). Fishers may only keep healed
30 adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon or steelhead, totaling two adult salmonids per day, of which
31 only one may be a Chinook. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the Departments
32 of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington on May 24, 2016.

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34 **21) 635-021-0090**

35 **Powder River Sport Spring Chinook Fishery Opens June 8, 2016**

36 Adopted May 25, 2016: effective June 8, 2016 through September 1, 2016.

37 This amended rule allows the recreational harvest of spring Chinook salmon in the Powder
38 River from June 8 through September 1, 2016. Rule modifications allow anglers opportunities to
39 harvest spring Chinook which have been out-planted specifically for this purpose. The Oregon
40 Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) will be transporting spring Chinook salmon from the
41 collection trap at Hells Canyon Dam on the Snake River and releasing them into the Powder
42 River for the express purpose of providing this unique opportunity to the sport fishing public.
43 Salmon returning to Hells Canyon Dam are predominantly the result of smolt releases intended
44 to provide fisheries on the Snake River. The salmon trapped and transported to the Powder
45 River are in excess of the number needed to provide sport fisheries on the Snake River.

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47 **22) 635-005-0920**

48 **Directed Commercial Market Squid Fishery Rule Modified**

49 Adopted May 26, 2016: effective June 3, 2016 through November 29, 2016.

50 This rule amends regulations for directed commercial purse seine fisheries for market
51 squid. The modifications increase allowable take of osmerid smelt species from 1% of a landing

1 (by weight), currently allowed for all commercial fisheries, to 10% of a landing (by weight) when
2 fishing for market squid using purse seine gear. Further modifications allow incidental take of
3 certain species which are generally prohibited in the Cape Perpetua Seabird Protection Area
4 (CPSPA), up to 10% of the landed weight of market squid. Mackerel are also included in the
5 CPSPA bycatch landing limit. The Department will recommend the addition of mackerels to the
6 list of CPSPA prohibited species by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in a separate
7 rulemaking action scheduled for June 9-10, 2016.

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9 **23) 635-042-0022; 635-042-0145**

10 **Columbia River Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for May 31, 2016**

11 Adopted May 26, 2016: effective May 31, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

12 This amended rule authorizes a 12-hour non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net
13 fishery in the mainstem Columbia River to commence on Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. through
14 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 1, 2016 from the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to Beacon
15 Rock (Zones 1 thru 5). Modifications are consistent with action taken May 26, 2016 by the
16 Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River
17 Compact.

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19 **24) 635-023-0134**

20 **Recreational Spring Chinook Fishery Closes in the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam**

21 Adopted May 31, 2016: effective June 2, 2016 through June 15, 2016.

22 This amended rule closes the recreational spring Chinook salmon fishery on the Snake
23 River in the area from the Dug Bar Boat Ramp upstream to the deadline below Hells Canyon
24 Dam effective at 11:59 p.m. on June 2, 2016 to coincide with the state of Idaho's closure of this
25 fishery.

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27 **25) 635-019-0090**

28 **Spring Chinook Fisheries Open in the Imnaha River**

29 Adopted May 25, 2016: effective June 15, 2016 through August 31, 2016.

30 This amended rule allows recreational anglers opportunities to harvest adipose fin-clipped
31 adult and adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook salmon, which are in excess of the Department's
32 hatchery production needs, in the Imnaha River beginning Saturday, June 15, 2016 until harvest
33 guidelines are met.

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35 **26) 635-039-0085**

36 **Sport Pacific Halibut All-Depth Season Closes from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon,
37 OR**

38 Adopted June 1, 2016: effective June 2, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

39 This amended rule closes the all-depth sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area between
40 Leadbetter Point, WA and Cape Falcon, OR at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 3, 2016 due to the
41 projected attainment of the pre-season quota of 10,509 pounds. These rule modifications are
42 consistent with regulations previously implemented by the federal government and the
43 International Pacific Halibut Commission for the 2016 Oregon sport fishery for Pacific halibut.

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45 **27) 635-042-0022, 635-042-0145**

46 **Columbia River Commercial Spring Chinook Drift Net Fishery Set for May 31, 2016**

47 Adopted June 2, 2016: effective June 7, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

48 This amended rule authorizes an 8-hour non-Indian commercial spring Chinook drift net
49 fishery in the mainstem Columbia River to commence on Tuesday, June 7 at 9:00 p.m. through
50 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 8, 2016 from the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to Beacon
51 Rock (Zones 1 thru 5). Modifications are consistent with action taken June 2, 2016 by the

1 Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife at a meeting of the Columbia River
2 Compact.

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4 **28) 635-041-0065**

5 **Treaty Indian Columbia River Zone 6 and Tributary Salmon Fisheries Close**

6 Adopted June 6, 2016: effective June 6, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

7 This amended rule prohibits sales of fish from the Treaty Indian hook-and-line, gill net, and
8 tributary fisheries in Zone 6 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2016. Rule modifications
9 are consistent with action taken June 6, 2016 by the Oregon and Washington Departments of
10 Fish and Wildlife, in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes, at a meeting of the
11 Columbia River Compact.

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13 **29) 635-039-0085**

14 **Sport Pacific Halibut Nearshore Season from Leadbetter Point, WA to Cape Falcon, OR**
15 **Closes**

16 Adopted June 6, 2016: effective June 8, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

17 This amended rule closes the nearshore sport fishery for Pacific halibut in the area
18 between Leadbetter Point, WA and Cape Falcon, OR at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 8,
19 2016 due to the attainment of the entire subarea quota of 11,009 pounds. This rule is consistent
20 with regulations previously implemented by the federal government and the International Pacific
21 Halibut Commission for the 2016 Oregon sport fishery for Pacific halibut.

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23 **30) 635-017-0090**

24 **Additional Opportunity for Personal Use Harvest of Pacific Lamprey at Willamette Falls**
25 **Allowed**

26 Adopted June 9, 2016, effective June 9, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

27 This amended rule allows three additional days for personal use harvest of Pacific
28 lamprey at Willamette Falls, beginning on Tuesday, June 14 through Thursday, June 16, 2016
29 by individuals with the required permit. This season modification provides opportunity for
30 harvest of Pacific lamprey following the scheduled installation of water flow devices at
31 Willamette Falls. All other regulations for the harvest of Pacific lamprey remain unchanged.

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33 **31) 635-023-0125**

34 **Columbia River Bank Only Angling Restrictions Lifted below Bonneville Dam**

35 Adopted June 9, 2016, effective June 10, 2016 through June 16, 2016.

36 This amended rule allows angling from a boat in the mainstem Columbia River in the
37 area from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline (approximately four miles
38 downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One). This area had previously been closed to
39 all but bank angling. Modifications are consistent with action taken by the Departments of Fish
40 and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington on June 9, 2016.

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42 *Action:*

43 Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the 31 temporary rules presented on today's
44 agenda. Akenson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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46 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.

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48 **EXHIBIT B: PERMANENT ADOPTION OF WILDLIFE CONTROL OPERATORS**
49 **TEMPORARY RULE**

50 The Commission was asked to amend 635-435-0010(3) regarding Wildlife Control Operators
51 activities for all bat species as proposed by staff.

52 Staff: Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

1 Public Testimony
2 Rulemaking
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4 *Kevin Blakely provided a presentation briefing the Commission about the amendments*
5 *proposed to Division 435, Wildlife Control Operators. The rule was developed to protect bat*
6 *nursery locations from disturbance and eviction during June, July and August, which is the time*
7 *period that bats raise their young.*

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9 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
10 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp
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12 **Action:**

13 Commissioner Akenson moved amend Chapter 635-435-0010 as proposed by staff.
14 Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.
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16 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.
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18 No public testimony.
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20 **Exhibit E: MULE DEER AND ELK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES**

21 The Commission was given an informational briefing on mule deer and elk management
22 objectives.

23 Staff: Doug Cottam, South Willamett Watershed District Manager
24 Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

25 Public Testimony
26 Informational
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28 Doug Cottom and Kevin Blakely provided a presentation briefing the Commission on the
29 process for the review of the Management Objective for population and buck ratios for mule
30 deer, and population and bull ratios for Rocky Mountain and Roosevelt elk.
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32 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
33 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp
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Public Testimony

Al Elkins, OHA	Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) fully supports the recommendations of their local committees and biologist. OHA provided written testimony. This testimony <i>is located in the commission material and can be viewed at</i> http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp
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35 **Action:** Informational only
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37 **EXHIBIT F: COMMISSION MINUTES**

38 The Commission was asked to approve the draft, November 9 and December 4, 2015
39 Commission meeting minutes.
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41 **Action:**

1 Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the November 9 and December 4, 2015
2 meeting minutes. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was
3 carried unanimously.

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5 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.

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7 **EXHIBIT G: 2017 ACCESS AND HABITAT AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS**

8 The Commission was asked to approve auction and raffle tag allocation for 2017.

9 Staff: Don Whittaker, Ungulate Management Coordinator

10 Isaac Sanders, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

11 Public Testimony

12 Approval

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14 Don Whitaker and Isaac Sanders provided a presentation briefing the Commission on the
15 proposed 2017 allocation of bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, pronghorn, deer, and elk tags
16 to be auctioned and raffled annually to benefit wildlife and habitat management, as well as
17 expand hunting access in Oregon.

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19 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

20 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp

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22 *Action:*

23 Commissioner Webber moved to approve the 2017 auction and raffle big game tag allocation as
24 proposed by staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and the motion was carried
25 unanimously.

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27 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.

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29 No public testimony.

30 **EXHIBIT H: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING AND HUNTER**
31 **REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT**

32 The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat (A&H) Board
33 recommendations for project funding and appointment of a Hunter Representative.

34 Staff: Isaac Sanders, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

35 Public Testimony

36 Approval

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38 Isaac Sanders provided a presentation summarizing the projects recommended for
39 funding by the A&H Board and the top ranked applicants for the A&H Board Hunter
40 Representative vacancy.

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42 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

43 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp

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45 *Action:*

46 Issue 1) Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the recommendations of the Access and
47 Habitat Board for project funding. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion
48 was carried unanimously.

1 Issue 2) Commissioner Akenson moved to appoint Candis Yow to serve a four-year term as
2 Hunter Representative on the Access and Habitat Board. Commissioner Webber seconded the
3 motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

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5 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.

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7 Discussion:

8 The Commission asked to know when the current member's term expired and to have that
9 information included in future packets.

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11 **EXHIBIT I: COMMERCIAL COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES (CPS) FISHERIES**

12 The Commission will be asked to adopt federal fishery regulations for Pacific sardine and Pacific
13 mackerel in 2016-2017 and multi-year fishery specifications for monitored and prohibited CPS
14 stock categories; permanent state regulations for CPS fisheries; and inspection authority for
15 commercial licenses, fishing gear and fish and wildlife.

16 Staff: Chris Kern, Fish Division Deputy Administrator

17 Public Testimony

18 Rulemaking
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20 Chris Kern provided a presentation briefing the Commission on the three issues set forth here
21 for the Commission to consider: 1) adoption of federal harvest specifications for Pacific sardine
22 and Pacific mackerel fisheries for the July 2016 through June 2017 fishing period, and multi-
23 year specifications for jack mackerel, northern anchovy and krill; 2) adoption of state fishery
24 management regulations for CPS other than Pacific sardine; and 3) adoption of inspection
25 authority related to commercial licenses, fishing gear, and fish and wildlife.

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27 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
28 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp

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30 *Action:*

31 Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt the staff recommendation for Coastal Pelagic Species
32 fisheries and inspection authority as proposed in Attachment 3 and as indicated in the
33 amendment with corrections highlighted in yellow. Commissioner Webber seconded the motion
34 and the motion was carried unanimously.

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36 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.
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Public Testimony	
Ninette Jones	Number of seabirds and marine mammals starving up and down the Pacific coast. My concern is with the sardine fishery collapsing and with the warming water market squid are coming up. This is a relatively new species to the area and that the precautionary principle is applied before we pull out two million metric tons. This is a very important keystone species, salmon eat them, and marine mammals eat them. Loosing sardines and the salmon eat sardines and now the market squid is putting pressure on the salmon. Now we are seeing sea lions and sea birds starving up and down the coast. If we do have protected areas like Cape Perpetua that we do not have any trolling in these at areas and not allow other species be caught up in the by-catch. I support more enforcement.
Veronica Montoya	Sea lions - When ODFW is trapping and branding, visitors are disgusted

by this barbaric practice. Many say they will not come back to our state because of this. Sea lions are an indicator species they have an ancient predator-prey relationship that spans over thousands of years on this river. There has been a huge drop in the number of sea lions in the East Mooring Basin.

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Discussion:
Assistant Attorney General Sanders drafted new proposed rules language for OAR 635-004-0377. The new language did not change the substance of the rule; the changed language provides clarity and readability.

EXHIBIT J: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS

The Commission was asked to approve three projects recommended by the Restoration and Enhancement Board at their May 20, 2016 meeting (Cycle 5), that must begin prior to the August Commission meeting when the remaining projects are scheduled to be presented.

Staff: Kevin Herkamp, STEP and R&E Program Coordinator
Public Testimony
Approval

Kevin Herkamp provided a presentation summarizing three of the fourteen projects recommended for funding as presented in the staff report.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp

Action:
Commissioner Atkinson moved to approve the recommendation of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.

Exhibit K: 2015-17 BUDGET

The Commission will be asked to approve the proposed 2017-19 Agency Budget.

Bill Herber provided a presentation briefing to the Commission with summary budget information for the next biennium, including a look at continuing program levels, program priorities, and budget reduction options.

The 17-19 biennium is the 2nd of three biennia under a six-year budget planning cycle started in the 15-17 biennium. As such, this budget is largely a continuation of that initial effort resulting in primarily a Current Service Level budget, with the exception of continuation, General Fund tasks, and some other minor Policy Option Packages.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp

Public Testimony	
Kim Overhage	See recording 3:30; provided fact sheet on Restoring California Condors to the Pacific Northwest. This document <i>is located in the</i>

	<i>commission material and can be viewed at</i> http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp
Ninette Jones	Provided written testimony. This testimony <i>is located in the commission material and can be viewed at</i> http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp
John Goodell, OR TWS	Provided written testimony. This testimony <i>is located in the commission material and can be viewed at</i> http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/16/06_June/index.asp
Clair Klock	There are a large number of voters that don't know what ODFW is or what they do. I believe that POP145, the strategic plan, can help with this. An increase in staff and outreach and education will also help with this. Also new hires should have skills in public speaking, so that they can better spread the word of what the agency does.
Al Elkins, OHA	We are very supportive of POP 144, the hiring of a lead outreach coordinator; POP 130 wolf plan implementation; and POP 116-OSP OT for increase winter range enforcement.

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**Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
State Statesman Award**

Presenter:
George Houston, former President
Larry Jacobes, President
Dave Geeland, First Vice President
Alan Day, Treasurer

Award Recipients

Ron Anglin, Wildlife Division Administrator
Captain Jeff Samuels, Oregon State Police

This award is in recognition to the extra attention Ron Anglin and Captain Samuels has directed toward bighorn sheep and mountain goat in the state of Oregon over the years. We are very thankful for the aggressive pursuit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – returning @ 1:15

The Commission will hold an executive session to consult with legal counsel with respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission, as authorized by ORS 192.660(2) (h).

Action:

Commissioner Atkinson moved to approve that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission endorse the removal of the \$10 million dollar line item deferred maintenance from the agency budget and requests that it is added to a State of Oreogn general obligation bond.

Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.

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2 Commissioner Anderson, asked that as the list for differed maintenance projects is being
3 prioritized and updated that the Commission be continually updated.
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5 Commissioner Akenson stated that this is such a complicated and important topic, we need to
6 get the budget information earlier to allow time to review the materials and ask staff questions
7 prior to the meeting.
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9 Commissioner Akenson asked the department that the Conservation Strategy Implementation
10 POP be moved from #18, to the top of the list of new general fund tasks. This ranking will
11 represent the importance of this program to the state. The Commission feels very strongly that
12 this is an important program and needs to be a higher ranking.
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14 The Conservation Program is currently ranked as #17 in the agency, this sends a message to
15 the public that this program is not as important to the agency. This is an essential program to
16 our mission to “protect and enhance Oregon’s fish and wildlife and their habitats...” Would like
17 the Conservation Program to be ranked higher on the program priority list.
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19 The Commission asked to include a POP in the Agency requested budget for Strategic
20 Planning; to include a deadline.
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22 *Action:*

23 Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the department’s 2017-19 Agency Request Budget
24 as recommended. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried
25 unanimously.
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27 Commissioners Wolley and Buckmaster excused.
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29 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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31 Chair Michael Finley adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.