



1 American Fisheries Society, Sport Fish Restoration Award Nomination, Oregon STEP  
2 project  
3 Jim Fredericks, Idaho Fish and Game  
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## 5 **PUBLIC FORUM**

6 This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled on the agenda. The  
7 Commission will be unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.  
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9 Elk River update  
10 Mary Wahl and Ann Vilesis  
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12 Oregon Disabilities Hunting Permit Eligibility and Permit Process  
13 Bill Wolfe, Disabled Hunter  
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15 Prohibited Methods, Hunting  
16 Andy York, SIG SAUER, President Electro- Optics  
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## 18 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

19 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.  
20 The four (4) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his  
21 emergency action authority.  
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23 **1.) 635-014-0090**  
24 **Modifications to Chinook Fishery in the Northwest Zone Effective November**  
25 **10, 2018**  
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27 **2.) 635-005-0465**  
28 **Commercial Dungeness crab Season Opening Delay**  
29 Adopted November 14, 2018: effective November 14, through February 15, 2019.  
30 This amended rule delays the opening of the 2018-2019 commercial ocean  
31 Dungeness crab fishing season from December 1, 2018 until at least December  
32 16, 2018 in accordance with the Tri-State Memorandum-Of-Understanding and  
33 Preseason Testing Protocol. Additional Temporary Rules will be promulgated to  
34 open the fishery in accordance with that agreement. A housekeeping amendment  
35 clarifies the definition of fishing in relation to the Tri-State Preseason Testing  
36 Protocol for regional consistency.  
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38 **3.) 635-014-0090**  
39 **Modifications to Chinook Fishery in the Northwest Zone Effective November**  
40 **17, 2018**

41 Adopted November 7, 2018: effective November 10, through December 31, 2018.  
42 From the mouth of the Siletz to the ODFW marker 1,200 feet above the  
43 Ojalla Boat Ramp, Chinook Fishing re-opens beginning November 10, through  
44 December 31, 2018. This rule is needed to open a section of the Siletz River to  
45 allow the public angling opportunities.  
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1 Adopted November 15, 2018: effective November 17, through December 31, 2018.  
2 Chinook fishing reopens in parts of the Yaquina and Alsea rivers beginning  
3 November 17, through December 31, 2018.  
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5 **4.) 635-016-0090**

6 **Modifications to the Chetco and Winchuck Rivers in the Southwest Zone.**

7 Adopted November 26, 2018: effective November 27, through December 31, 2018.

8 Modifications to the Chetco and Winchuck rivers are needed to remove all  
9 temporary angling restrictions previously put in place.  
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11 Action:

12 Commissioner Webber moved to ratify the four temporary rules set forth in the today's  
13 agenda. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion, and the motion carried  
14 unanimously, six (6) in favor.  
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16 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

17 Action:

18 Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the October 12 and November 6, 2018  
19 meeting minutes with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation.  
20 Commissioner Buckmaster seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in  
21 favor.  
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23 **Exhibit B: A&H PROJECT FUNDING AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

24 The Commission was asked to approve the Access and Habitat Board  
25 recommendations for project funding.

26 Staff: Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator  
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28 *Presentation:* Travis provided the Commission with a presentation on Emergency Fire  
29 Reseedings; and approval of board Recommended projects  
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31 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*

32 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec/EX%20B\\_PDF%20FI](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20B_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20B_Presentation.pdf)  
33 [LES/Ex%20B\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20B_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20B_Presentation.pdf)  
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35 Public Testimony

Al Elkins, Oregon Hunters Association	Provided written testimony
Jim Akenson, Oregon Hunters Association	

36 Approval  
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38 Action:

39 Commissioner Bittle moved to approve funding for the two projects recommended  
40 by the Access and Habitat Board. Commissioner Webber seconded the motion and the  
41 motion was carried six (6) in favor.  
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1 **EXHIBIT C: URBAN DEER POPULATION CONTROL PILOT PROGRAM**

2 The Commission was asked to approve rules pertaining to the  
3 Urban Deer Population Control Pilot Program.

4 Staff: Trevor Watson, Malheur and Klamath Watershed District  
5 Manager

6 *Presentation:* Trevor provided the Commission with a presentation on Urban Deer  
7 Population issues; Senate Bill 373 (2017); rule development; and proposed  
8 administrative rules.

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

12 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20C_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20C_Presentation.pdf)  
13 [/EX%20C\\_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20C\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20C_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20C_Presentation.pdf)  
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15 **Public Testimony**

Brian Posewitz, Human Voters Oregon	
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16 Rulemaking

17 Action:

18 Commissioner Wolley moved to adopt OAR Chapter 635, Division 043 as  
19 proposed by staff. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was  
20 carried six (6) in favor.

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22 EXHIBIT D: moved to after lunch break  
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24 **EXHIBIT E: BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE CEREMONIAL HUNTING TAGS**

25 The Commission was asked to approve ceremonial big game tags for the Burns  
26 Paiute Tribe.

27 Staff: Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator  
28 Trevor Watson, Malheur and Klamath Watershed District  
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30 *Presentation:* Kevin provided the Commission with a presentation on Ceremonial Hunting  
31 tags for the Burns Paiute Tribe.

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

34 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec/EX%20E\\_PDF%20FI](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20E_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20E_Presentation.pdf)  
35 [LES/Ex%20E\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20E_PDF%20FILES/Ex%20E_Presentation.pdf)  
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37 **Public Testimony**

Zach Adams, Burns Paiute Tribal Member	
Dean Adams, Burns Paiute Tribal Council Member	

38 Rulemaking  
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1 Action:

2 Commissioner Buckmaster moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Division 043 as  
3 proposed by staff. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was  
4 carried six (6) in favor.

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6 **SPECIAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

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8 **EXHIBIT D: BIG GAME HUNTING TAGS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR USE**  
9 **BY QUALIFIED DISABLED VETERANS**

10 The Commission was asked to approve rules on big game hunting tags to nonprofit  
11 organizations for use by qualified disabled veterans.

12 Staff: Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager

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14 *Presentation:* Tom provided the Commission with a presentation on the background of the  
15 Program and proposed changes to add tags for use by disabled veterans.

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17 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
18 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec/EX%20D\\_PDF%20FI](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20D_PDF%20FI)  
19 [LES/Ex%20D\\_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20D_PDF%20FI)

20 No Public Testimony  
21 Rulemaking

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23 Action:

24 Commissioner Akenson moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Division 065 as  
25 proposed by staff. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion and the motion was  
26 carried six (6) in favor.

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28 **EXHIBIT F: WILD TURKEY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

29 The Commission was asked to approve the Wild Turkey Management Plan.

30 Staff: Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Program Coordinator

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32 *Presentation:* Mikal provided the Commission with a presentation on the review process;  
33 notable updates; overview; management strategies; trap and transplant guidelines; and  
34 proposed rules.

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36 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
37 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec/EX%20F\\_PDF%20FI](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20F_PDF%20FI)  
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40 Public Testimony

41 Jim Akenson, Oregon Hunters Association	
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42 Rulemaking  
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1 Action:  
2 Commissioner Akenson moved to adopt OAR Chapter 635, Division 135 as  
3 proposed by staff. Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion and the motion was carried  
4 six (6) in favor.

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6 **EXHIBIT G: PETITION TO MODIFY ANGLING REGULATIONS FOR ROGUE**  
7 **SPRING CHINOOK - "PETITION WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER"**  
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9 **The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has withdrawn and revoking request for Public**  
10 **Comment this subject matter**

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12 **EXHIBIT H: 2019 GROUND FISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS AND 2017**  
13 **NEARSHORE LOGBOOK REPORT**

14 The Commission was asked to adopt 2019 regulations for recreational and commercial  
15 groundfish fisheries and review the 2017 commercial nearshore logbook report.

16 Staff:

17 *Presentation:* Maggie provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2017  
18 Commercial Nearshore Logbook Report, geographic distribution, nearshore fishing  
19 activities, 2017 Summarized logbook catch by block; return rate; 2019 groundfish fishery  
20 regulations, 2019 state harvest guidelines, 2019 Commercial nearshore fishery  
21 regulations, recent trip limit performance, commercial nearshore trip limits, recreational  
22 groundfish fishery, 2018 season setup, 2018 season progress, 2018 long leader fishery-  
23 charter effort and private effort, long leader fishery species caught, 2019 recreational  
24 groundfish fishery regulations , 2019 seasonal depth restrictions, 2019 general marine  
25 bag limit; move jacksmelt and topsmelt from general marine bag limit to baitfish bag limit,  
26 offshore long leader fishery, lingcod bag limit, flatfish bait limit, and a summary of staff  
27 recommendations.

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29 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
30 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec/EX%20H\\_PDF%20FI](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20H_PDF%20FILES/Presentation.pdf)  
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33 Public Testimony

Joe Watkins, Commercial Fisherman	
Andy Martin, Charter Operator	

34 Rulemaking

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36 Action:  
37 Commissioner Webber moved to adopt the recommended recreational and  
38 commercial groundfish regulations as proposed by staff in attachment 3. Commissioner  
39 Finley seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.  
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1       **EXHIBIT I: R&E PROJECT APPROVAL**

2       The Commission was asked to approve the Restoration and Enhancement Board's  
3       recommendations for project funding from their September 14, 2018 meeting (Cycle  
4       6) and appoint Sport and Commercial Representatives to RE Board.

5       Staff: Kevin Herkamp; Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program and Trout  
6       Enhancement Program Coordinator

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8       *Presentation:* Kevin provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2019 R & E  
9       legislative concept, R & E Board appointments, R & E Board selection criteria,  
10      Recommended project locations , recommended enhancement projects , and 17-058  
11      ODFW small Hatchery projects bundle 2018, R & E budget status 2017-2019 biennium,  
12      and staff recommendations.

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14      *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*  
15      [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12\\_Dec/EX%20I\\_PDF%20FI](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/12_Dec/EX%20I_PDF%20FILES/Presentation.pdf)  
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18                      Public Testimony

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19      Approval

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21              Action:

22              Commissioner Webber moved to appoint \_\_\_Heap\_\_\_ to four year term as the Sport  
23      Fishing representative and \_\_\_Johnson\_\_\_ to a four year term as the Gill Net repetitive on the  
24      Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board. Commissioner Wolley seconded the motion  
25      and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

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27              Commissioner Akenson\_ moved to approve the recommendations of the Fish  
28      Restoration and Enhancement Board (with the following exceptions...). Commissioner  
29      \_Bittle\_ seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) in favor.

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32      **OTHER BUSINESS**

33      ELS

34      Washinton FW Commission, Columbia River Fishing reform- for 2019 ODFWCommission  
35      – hold series of Joint meeting/subgroup- open to public, about reaching concerancy.

36      Over the next four months. Three Commissioners to be on Sub Committee-  
37      Webber/Finley, Buckmaster, Akenson

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39      Feb 2015 appointed to four year term, may come to Janaury meeting to appoint Curt to  
40      another four year term.

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45      Chair Mike Finley adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.