Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Tour:
Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018 – 8:00 AM
Running Y Ranch, Lobby
500 Running Y Road
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Meeting:
Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 – 8:00 AM
Running Y Ranch, Ponderosa Room
500 Running Y Road
Klamath Falls, OR 976011

Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.

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

Mike Finley, Chair
Bob Webber, Vice- Chair
Holly Akenson, Commissioner
Bruce Buckmaster, Commissioner
Jim Bittle, Commissioner

Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director
Bernadette Graham-Hudson, West Region Manager
Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager
Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator
Captain Jeff Samuels, Oregon State Police
Chris Kern, Deputy Fish Division Administrator

MEETING

On Friday, **October 12, 2018 at 8:00 AM, Chair Mike Finley called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.
Commissioner Wolley is excused.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Field Reports – in written form only; *this report is available in the meeting materials and at*
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/10_oct/Field%20Report%20Oct%2012.18%20.pdf

Expenditure Report
Staff: Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director of Programs
This report is available in the meeting materials and at
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/10_oct/2017-19%20(2018-10)%20Commission%20Financial%20Report.pdf

Update on Topics Related to November Joint WA/OR Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
Tucker Jones, Ocean Salmon/Columbia River Program Manager;
Chris Kerns, Deputy Fish Division Administrator

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Adopt Temporary Rules

Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The twelve (12) temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency action authority.

1.) 635-023-0130

Fall Mainstem and Select Area Recreational Fisheries Close Effective September 13, 2018

Adopted September 11, 2018: effective September 13 through December 31, 2018.

Close angling for and retention of all salmon and steelhead in mainstem and Select Area recreational fisheries effective September 13, 2018.

2.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180

Close Fall Commercial Seasons in the Select Areas of the Columbia River.

Adopted September 11, 2018: effective September 13 through December 31, 2018.

These rules close the 2018 fall commercial salmon seasons for Select Area fisheries in the Columbia River beginning noon September 13, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

3.) 635-039-0090 (0095)

Daily Marine Fish Bag Limit Increased from 4 to 5 Fish per Angler

Adopted September 17, 2018: effective September 19 through December 31, 2018.

This amended rule increases the daily general marine fish bag limit from four (4) fish per angler to five (5) beginning at 12:01 a.m. on September 19, 2018.

4.) **635-041-0075**

Modification of Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Fisheries

Adopted September 18, 2018: effective September 19 through December 31, 2018.

These amended rules extend sales of fish caught in fall Treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries set for the Columbia River from 6:00 a.m. September 19 through 6:00 p.m. September 22, 2018. Modifications are consistent with action taken September 18, 2018 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

5.) 635-023-0130

Fall Select Area Recreational Fisheries Re-Open Effective September 24, 2018.

Adopted September 18, 2018: effective September 24 through December 31, 2018.

Re-open angling for and retention of Chinook and hatchery Coho salmon in Select Area recreational fisheries effective September 24, 2018.

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6.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180

Re-open Fall Commercial Seasons in the Select Areas of the Columbia River

Adopted September 20, 2018: effective September 23 through December 31, 2018.

These rules re-open 2018 fall commercial salmon seasons for Select Area fisheries in the Columbia River beginning 6 PM Sunday September 23, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

7.) 635-016-0090

Modifications to Hunter Creek in the Southwest Zone.

Adopted October 2, 2018: effective October 15 through December 31, 2018.

This amended rule closes angling of Chinook salmon on Hunter Creek beginning October 15, through December 31, 2018.

8.) 635-019-0090

Fall Chinook and Coho Bag Limit Modifications and Steelhead Closure in the Northeast Zone.

Adopted October 2, 2018: effective October 15 through April 30, 2019.

Closure of the Umatilla River to angling for steelhead from the Hwy 730 Bridge to the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), reservation boundary (approximately 0.7 miles above Hwy 11 bridge) October 15, 2018 to April 30, 2019.

Closure of the Walla Walla River to angling for steelhead from state line to confluence of the North and South forks, December 1-31, 2018 and January 1 to Aril 30, 2019. Bag limit: One adult fall Chinook or coho salmon per day and five jack salmon per day. In addition, 5 mini jack (8-15 inches) coho or fall Chinook salmon per day. Umatilla River open for coho and fall Chinook salmon, September 1 – November 30, 2018

9.) 635-005-0290, 635-039-0090 (0095)

Razor Clams Closed in Clatsop County Beaches October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

Adopted September 27, 2018: effective October 1 through October 31, 2018.

This amended rule will close both recreational and commercial take of razor clams from October 1, through October 31, 2018.

10.) 635-041-0075

Modification of Columbia River Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Fisheries

Adopted October 2, 2018: effective October 3 through December 31, 2018.

These amended rules extend sales of fish caught in fall Treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries set for the Columbia River from 6:00 a.m. October 3 through 6:00 p.m. October 6, 2018. Modifications are consistent with action taken October 2, 2018 by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington in cooperation with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes at a meeting of the Columbia River Compact.

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Commissioner Webber moved to approve to ratify the twelve (12) temporary set forth in the tan agenda. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor. Wolley excused.

Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES

Action:

Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the amended September 14, 2018 meeting minutes with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Bittle seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor. Wolley excused.

EXHIBIT B: DESTRUCTION OF FORFEITED FIREARMS FROM WILDLIFE LAW VIOLATIONS

Defered

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e), ORS 192.660 (2)(f) and ORS 192.660(2)(h) which allow the Commission to meet in executive session to deliberate with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions, to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with legal counsel with respect to litigation filed or likely to be filed against the Commission.

EXHIBIT C: ANDERSON PROPERTY PURCHASE

Commission was asked to approve the purchase of 214 acres in Klamath County, adjacent to Klamath Wildlife Area.

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Staff: Trevor Watson, Malheur and Klamath Wildlife Area Manager
Approval

Presentation: Trevor provided a presentation to the Commission on the Anderson property acquisition. The presentation included information on the Klamath Basin Wildlife Area, Anderson property NRCS WRP easement; funding; and benefits.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/10_oct/Ex%20%20C_Presentation.pdf

No Public testimony

Action:
Commissioner Akenson moved to approve the acquisition of the Anderson Property and direct staff to proceed to escrow closing upon completion of all processes required under Oregon law for land acquisition. Commissioner Webber seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor. Wolley excused.

EXHIBIT D: EDMUNDS WELL PROPERTY PURCHASE

The Commission was asked to approve purchase of the 560-acre Edmunds Well property to be added to the Summer Lake Wildlife Area in Lake County.
Staff: Trevor Watson, Malheur and Klamath Watershed District Manager
Approval

Presentation: Trevor provided the Commission a presentation on the Edmonds Well Wildlife Sanctuary land acquisition. The presentation included information on the Ruby Pipeline Project mitigation requirements; funding; Summer Lake Wildlife Area; Edmonds Well Wildlife Sanctuary property and facilities, benefits and future management area planning efforts.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/10_oct/Ex%20D_Presentation.pdf

Public testimony

Chaylon Shuffield, Summer Lake Community Member	Provided written testimony
Emily Kreiling, Summer Lake Land owner	
Jay Orueta	
~~Connie Orueta~~	
Dan Edge, Oregon State University	
Ken Kestner	
Carol Edmonds, Property Owner, Donald R Edmonds Trust	

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Action:

Commissioner Webber moved to approve the acquisition of the Edmunds Well property, including the required access easements, and direct staff to proceed to escrow closing upon completion of all processes required under Oregon law for land acquisition. Commissioner Akenson seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor. Wolley excused.

EXHIBIT E: SALVAGE OF ROAD STRUCK DEER AND ELK

The Commission was asked to approve rules pertaining to House Bill 372 permitting the salvage of road struck deer and elk.
Staff: Brian Wolfer, South Willamette Watershed District Manager
Rulemaking

Presentation: Brian provided the Commission with a presentation on the proposed Roadkill Salvage Program. The presentation included information on the need and history; Senate Bill 372; and proposed Administrative rules.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/18/10_oct/Ex%20E_Presentation.pdf

No Public testimony

Action:

Commissioner Finley moved to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 002, 043, 065, and 200 as proposed by staff. Commissioner Webber seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor. Wolley excused.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Finley adjourned the meeting 11:04.

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