



Meeting:
Friday, June 12, 2020 – 8:00 AM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual Meeting
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, Oregon 97302

1 *Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.*

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

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| Mary Wahl, Commission Chair | Curt Melcher, Director |
| Greg Wolley, Commission Vice- Chair | Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director |
| Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner | Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director |
| Mark Labhart, Commissioner | Bruce Eddy, East Region Manager |
| Jill Zarnowitz, Commissioner | Bernadette Graham Hudson, West Region Manager |
| Beck Hatfield-Hyde, Commissioner | Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General |
| | Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General |
| | Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant |
| | Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator |
| | Captain Casey Thomas, Oregon State Police |

6 **MEETING**

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8 On Friday, **June 12, 2020 at 8:00 AM**, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife
9 **Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

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11 **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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13 Field Reports – in written form only; *this report is available in the meeting materials and at*
14 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Field%20Report%20J](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Field%20Report%20June%202020.pdf)
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17 Expenditure Report

18 Staff: Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director for Administration

19 Erica provided the Commission the Financial Report for the 2019-21 biennium as of April
20 30, 2020.

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22 *This report is available in the meeting materials and at*

23 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Commission%20Fina](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20June%202020.pdf)
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1 *Big Game Hunting Review*

2 *Nick Myatt, Big Game Hunting Review Project Lead*

3 *This presentation is available in the meeting materials and at*

4 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Presentation_Directors%20Report_Big%20Game%20Hunting%20Review_6-12-20.pdf

7 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

8 Curt Melcher, Director, requested the Commission ratify the following temporary rules.
9 The 26 temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under his emergency
10 action authority.

12 Action:

13 Chair Wahl moved to ratify the 26 temporary rules set forth and listed on the document
14 title “Temp. Oregon Administrative Rules April 7 through June 11”. Commissioner Wolley
15 seconded the motion, and the motion carried with, five (5) infavor- Wahl, Wolley, Labhart,
16 Zarnowitz, Hatfield-Hyde; one(1) abstained – Spelbrink.

18 *This document is available in the meeting materials and at*

19 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Temp%20Oregon%20Administrative%20Rules%20April%207%20through%20June%2011%20final_.pdf

22 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

23 Action:

24 Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to approve the April 17, 2020 meeting minutes
25 with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Spelbrink
26 seconded the motion and the motion was carried six (6) infavor.

28 **Exhibit B: 2021 -2023 Budget**

29 The Commission was provided an informational briefing on the Draft proposed
30 2021-2023 Agency Budget.

31 Staff: Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director for Administration

32 Brandy Nichol, Budget and Economic Services Manager

33 *Presentation:* Erica and Brandy provided the Commission with an informational
34 presentation on the 2021-23 Agency Requested Budget review: the Governor’s vision
35 and ODFW budget principles, public engagement; budget development; and policy
36 option package.

38 *This presentation is located in the commission materials and can be viewed at*

39 https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/Temp%20Oregon%20Administrative%20Rules%20April%207%20through%20June%2011%20final_.pdf

42 **Public Testimony**

Davis Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler	
Bob Sallinger, Portland Audubon	
Jennifer Fairbrother, Native Fish Society	
Al Elkins, Oregon Hunters Association	
Danielle Moser, Oregon Wild	

Kirk Blaine	
Ann Vileisis	
Brian Posewitz	

1 Informational

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3 **Exhibit C: Access and Habitat Project Funding and Board Member Appointment**

4 The Commission approved the Access and Habitat Board recommendations for
5 project funding and appointed two members to the hunter representative seats on
6 the Access and Habitat Board.

7 Staff: Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator

8 Presentation: Travis provided the Commission with a presentation on the Access
9 and Habitat Board recommended projects and Hunter Representative Applicants to fill
10 two current vacancies.

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12 *This presentation is located in the commission materials and can be viewed at*
13 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20C/Exhibi](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20C/Exhibit%20C_Presentation_AH_6-12-2020.pdf)
14 [t%20C_Presentation_AH_6-12-2020.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20C/Exhibit%20C_Presentation_AH_6-12-2020.pdf)

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16 No Public Testimony
17 Approval

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19 Action:

20 Commissioner Zarnowitz moved to approve the five (5) projects recommended for
21 funding by the Access and Habitat Board. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion
22 and the motion was carried six (6) infavor.

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24 Commissioner Labhart moved to reappoint Candice Yow to serve a second term
25 and Morgan Olson to serve an initial four-year term as Hunter Representatives on the
26 Access and Habitat Board. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion and the motion
27 carried six (6) infavor.

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29 **EXHIBIT D: 2020 Auction Raffle Allocations**

30 The Commission approved the recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board
31 and ODFW staff for the 2021 auction and raffle tag allocation.

32 Staff: Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Program Coordinator

33 Dr. Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

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35 Presentation: Travis and Don provided the Commission with a presentation on the 2021
36 Oregon Big Game Auction and Raffle Tag Allocation. The presentation included a
37 program overview; and species proposals.

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39 *This presentation is located in the commission materials and can be viewed at*
40 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20D/Exhibi](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20D/Exhibit%20D_Presentation_Auction%20Raffle%20Tag_6-12-2020.pdf)
41 [t%20D_Presentation_Auction%20Raffle%20Tag_6-12-2020.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20D/Exhibit%20D_Presentation_Auction%20Raffle%20Tag_6-12-2020.pdf)

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43 No Public Testimony
44 Approval

1 Action:

2 Commissioner Wolley moved to approve the 2021 Auction Raffle tag allocation as
3 proposed by staff. Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde seconded the motion and the motion was
4 carried six (6) in favor.

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6 **EXHIBIT E: Furbearer Regulations for 2020-2022**

7 The Commission was asked to approve the Furbearer Regulations for 2020-2022
8 Season.

9 Staff: Derek Broman, Carnivore/Furbearer Coordination

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11 Presentation: Derek provided the Commission with a presentation overview of the
12 Furbearer Program.

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14 *This presentation is located in the commission materials and can be viewed at*
15 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20E/Exhibi](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/20/06_Jun/EXHIBIT%20E/Exhibit%20E_Presentation_Furbearer%20Hunting%20Regulations_6-12-20.pdf)
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18 Commissioner Labhart read the following statement into the record:

19 “First let me say thanks to all those who took the time to provide us input. You care or you
20 would not have taken the time to write us. The 1,218 pages of testimony we received is
21 likely getting close to a record for public input. Lots of passionate, thoughtful, scientific
22 and thorough input from as far away as Louisiana but most from right here at home in
23 Oregon.

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25 The request before us today asks that we ban beaver recreational and commercial
26 trapping on 30 million federally managed lands in Oregon.

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28 I doubt that most would not question that beavers can and do improve riparian areas and
29 their habitats. There’s research that show that beavers improve waterfowl numbers in
30 areas where beavers are located. There’s research that show that there are positive
31 changes to stream flows when beaver show up and the water table benefits they bring
32 during drought conditions. There are papers that show the negative financial effects of
33 beaver can have regarding road damage and increased culverts maintenance costs.
34 There is a paper that shows the increased benefits beavers have on the abundance of
35 small mammals and birds that benefit from beaver-created ecosystems. There’s a paper
36 that outlines how beavers can reduce the incidence of unacceptable flooding
37 downstream. A paper that outlines how beavers and their work can reduce stream
38 temperatures to some extent. Another that talks about how beavers can positively
39 influence the amount of groundwater retention. One paper makes a case for how beaver
40 ponds improve Coho smolt rearing. I’m sure that’s true for steelhead too. One paper I
41 read talks about how beaver dams or beaver dam analogues can substantially accelerate
42 the recovery of incised streams and can help create and maintain complex fluvial
43 ecosystems.

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45 The petitioners are asking us to ban beaver removal on 30 million acres of federal land.
46 Some of the correspondence we received as part of the public comment can be
47 summarized as banning commercial and recreational fur taking practices on federal lands

1 will have little effect on the hunting/trapping community. They argue that commercial
2 beaver trapping is already low now so what's the problem with just banning it outright.
3 Others argue just the opposite using the same rationale. So, what's the problem if the
4 harvest is already low and the species is increasing throughout its range, why not allow
5 some beavers to be taken as Oregon has historically allowed since it became a state.
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7 If you look at the most recent data from the harvest records the five year (2014-2018)
8 average shows that there is an average of 147 trappers per year spread across 36
9 counties. They take an average of 1,529 beavers per year. The Department tells me that
10 if there is available beaver habitat, eventually you will find beavers and that is currently
11 the case in all 36 counties in the state. The Department says there is not one county in
12 Oregon where you will not find beavers. The key point here is available habitat.
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14 I'm going to get into the weeds a little bit because it's important to understand the habitat
15 question that is one of the focus points of the petitioners.
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17 I was particularly interested in two papers that zeroed in on the Siuslaw National forest
18 where there has been considerable discussion regarding beavers. One paper by William
19 C. McComb and David E. Hibbs and one by Karen Leidholt-Bruner, David E. Hibbs, and
20 William C. McComb.
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22 One paper compares a wilderness area unlogged stream to one that was logged. It
23 demonstrated what we know about the coastal beaver. What they eat and don't eat, what
24 value they have in providing habitat for other fish species and how dams in the coast
25 range are ephemeral and in particular how they come and go seasonally because of
26 winter flows. There was significant discussion and a good description of what kind of
27 habitat in which they don't build dams – mid-story and overstory conifer dominated
28 riparian areas. In other words, suitable sites for beaver depended on mixed species (their
29 food source) and topography. They don't prefer conifer dominated riparian areas where
30 food is lacking.
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32 The other paper focused to on water temperature and introducing large woody debris to
33 streams does not help create beaver ponds, but is and would be beneficial to Coho, but
34 not beaver. It seems to me one of main drivers behind this effort to ban trapping is to
35 benefit listed Coho and to help address climate change, but not benefit the habitat beaver
36 need which diversity of riparian habitat. Single species management i.e. conifer
37 dominated streams to provide shading for streams is not the proper manner to manage
38 our fish and wildlife as we have to focus on ecosystems and a diversity of habitat in
39 riparian areas. Unfortunately, because of some species being listed, federal lands are
40 required to manage for the majority of the habitat for these single species. As a result,
41 many other wildlife species do not benefit and some are negatively affected i.e. beavers
42 by the requirements for single species management.
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44 I was particularly taken with previous Commission Chair Levy's comments. She sates in
45 the department's own presentation, it was stated there are 16 specific areas currently
46 closed to beaver harvest which average 47 years in duration (Table 2). All closures were
47 the product of satisfying requests from outside the Department. Fourteen of the 16

1 closures are on or affiliated with federal lands with most associated with National Forests.
2 These National Forest closures average 46 years. For all closures, limited information is
3 available or being collected to determine why the closures were implemented, if they were
4 successful, or if the closures should continue. Efforts to address these questions with
5 data and a science-based approach are desired. She finds it very disturbing that these
6 closures have remained in effect for an average of 46 years, and the necessary data
7 needed to “determine why the closures were implemented in the first place or even if they
8 should continue” is not available.

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10 This matter is controversial to say the least. One side wants to continue with the fur
11 bearer rules as written as they say the science is sound to allow trapping and the
12 population is sustainable and even increasing all across Oregon. Another side wants
13 beaver trapping should be banned on 30 million acres of federal land because the
14 science is sound and/or they are morally opposed to trapping. Some say if the Oregon
15 Department of Fish and Wildlife is serious about wanting to mitigate climate change, its
16 imperative they incorporate these natural allies into the plan. They are a low-cost fix with
17 a lot of potential to help, but only if we allow them to do so. They say it’s all or nothing for
18 both sides. No room for compromise they say. Some on both sides see it as a social
19 decision. Some on both sides see it as a scientific decision and argue their science
20 should be the priority for our decision. Some on both sides see it as a legal decision and
21 argue the law is the law and you can decide either way depending upon how interpret of
22 Oregon’s Wildlife Policy statute. (496.012)

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24 So, let’s see what Oregonians have to say when asked when asked about beavers. There
25 was a statically valid survey that Suzanne Fouty provided me of landowners in Oregon
26 titled “Landowner Incentives and Tolerances for Managing Beaver Impacts in Oregon”
27 completed in 2011 by the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State
28 University that was done with funding from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
29 and the Bonneville Power Administration. One question was particularly interesting to me.
30 It was do you trust ODF&W/Commission to make the right decision? The largest
31 proportions of landowners trusted ODFW to provide the best information (70%), truthful
32 information (67%), and enough information to decide what actions to take regarding
33 wildlife (66%), and use the best available science to inform management (65%).
34 So, the question I ask is with the information provided by Staff today, the public testimony
35 and the science out there should we continue our current fur bearer regulations as
36 recommended by staff. The major question for me is are we in compliance with our
37 Wildlife Policy which is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their
38 habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations and ORS statute
39 496.012 which the Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law that directs us to
40 address the social, scientific and legal issues. It specifically says:

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42 It is the policy of the State of Oregon that wildlife shall be **managed to prevent serious**
43 **depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational and**
44 **aesthetic benefits for present and future generations** of the citizens of this state. In
45 furtherance of this policy, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall represent the
46 public interest of the State of Oregon and implement the following **coequal goals of**
47 **wildlife management:**

- 1 (1) To maintain all species of wildlife at optimum levels.
- 2 (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will
3 enhance the production and public enjoyment of wildlife.
- 4 (3) To **permit an orderly and equitable utilization of available wildlife.**
- 5 (4) To develop and maintain public access to the lands and waters of the state and
6 the wildlife resources thereon.
- 7 (5) To regulate wildlife populations and the public enjoyment of wildlife in a manner
8 that is compatible with primary uses of the lands and waters of the state.
- 9 (6) To provide optimum recreational benefits.
- 10 (7) **To make decisions that affect wildlife resources of the state for the benefit**
11 **of the wildlife resources and to make decisions that allow for the best social,**
12 **economic and recreational utilization of wildlife resources by all user groups.**
13 [1973 c.723 §6; 1993 c.659 §2; 2001 c.762 §6]

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15 It's my opinion that beavers are good for Oregon. Beavers can and do play an important
16 role not only for what they do for the habitats but for those who enjoy the **orderly and**
17 **equitable utilization** of this wildlife as defined in Sec. 3 of the Wildlife Policy ORS
18 496.012. Even with this **orderly and equitable utilization** of this resource, the numbers
19 of beavers are sustainable and increasing and I believe that is not disputable. It's my
20 opinion that beavers are being **managed to the prevent serious depletion of this**
21 **indigenous species** as required by law. It is our charge to interpret what the Legislature
22 meant when they said maintain species at **optimum levels** as defined in Sec. 1 of the
23 statute in terms of the regulations we put in place. In my opinion Optimum does not mean
24 no allowable harvest of some wildlife species that are sustainable and some would argue
25 thriving.

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27 We are charged in the Statute under Sec. 7 **to make decisions that affect wildlife**
28 **resources of the state for the benefit of the wildlife resources and to make**
29 **decisions that allow for the best social, economic and recreational utilization of**
30 **wildlife resources by all user groups.**

31 I believe that we have in the past and continue to allow for the best social, economic and
32 recreational management and utilization of this sustainable and increasing resource in
33 Oregon. It's a fair and balanced approach rather than a shut-down 30 million acre all at
34 once approach and see what happens.

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36 I think the comments from the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society summarize it well
37 for me. *"Permanent trapping bans would be in opposition to the well-established practices*
38 *of sustainable resource harvest and proven wildlife management strategies widely utilized*
39 *in the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. The long-term success of the North*
40 *American Model comes from seven interdependent principles that must be maintained for*
41 *consistent, sustainable conservation. A core principle of the North American Model is the*
42 *application of wildlife science to discharge the management of wildlife resources. Given*

1 *the lack of data on the negative impacts of trapping, combined with harvest data showing*
2 *recreational trapping harvest rates per unit effort have been consistent, there is little*
3 *indication that trapping is having a negative population impact. Trapping has long been*
4 *recognized as an appropriate tool for wildlife and habitats. Statewide or even regional*
5 *bans on recognized management tools must be supported biologically, be limited in*
6 *scope both spatially and temporally, and allow for the resumption of sustainable use when*
7 *appropriate.”*

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9 In addition, the National Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies have developed Best
10 Management Practices for furbearer management that includes trapping that OD&W
11 follows and supports and include these BMP’s in the furbearer regulations that trappers
12 are required to follow.

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14 So, I will summarize my comments with three points.

15 **Point One: No scientific, social or economically reason to stop all beaver**
16 **harvesting on federal lands.**

17 As I stated above and supported by our Wildlife Policy, there is not substantial evidence
18 to stop all beaver harvest on federal lands for a species that is currently sustainable,
19 healthy and increasing throughout Oregon.

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21 **Point Two: Major Change without adequate public review and comment**

22 This is a major change to our Rule making process. We have not allowed adequate public
23 discussion of the pros and cons of this drastic proposal to ban beaver trapping on 30
24 million acres of federal land in Oregon.

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26 **Point Three: We are not in compliance with the Secretary of State’s actual**
27 **rulemaking notice**

28 I also feel strongly that banning beaver trapping on 30 million acres of federal land is **not**
29 **in compliance with the Secretary of State’s actual rulemaking notice** for our meeting
30 today. The legal notice specifically states: *“Propose amendments to rules regarding*
31 *seasons and bag limits for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 furbearer harvest and pursuit*
32 *seasons. These rules are amended biennially and reviewed annually for program*
33 *administration.”* We should only be voting on seasons and bag limits not banning beaver
34 harvest on 30 million acres of federal lands.

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36 A compromise I would propose is to support the staff recommendation and request the
37 formation of a Work Group to develop a proposal to take a serious look at the issue of
38 banning beaver trapping. Study the results pro and con of beaver trapping from a paired
39 watershed study perspective and/or review the effects pro and con of where for 65 years
40 beaver trapping has not been allowed on federal land. Review the current science papers
41 that are published to determine if we wish to take a different approach in the future. Today
42 is not the time or place to consider banning beaver trapping on 30 million acres of federal
43 land.”

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45 Public Testimony

Representative Witt	
Representative Sprenger	

Representative Brock-Smith	
Mark Petrie; Tribal Council Vice-Chair, North Bend	
Commissioner Bob Main, Coquille	
David Romanowski, Coquille	
Robert Beschta; Corvallis	
Boone Kauffman; Corvallis	
Leland Brown, Portland	
Paul Engelmeyer; Yachats	
Samantha Bruegger ; Salem Julian Kanter	
Ernie Niemi; Dexter	
Wally Sykes; Joseph	
Bobby Levy, Echo	
Stanley Petrowski; Roseburg	
Cindy Haws; Myrtle Creek	
Mike Broili; South Beach	
Lisa Brown; Portland	
Quinn Read; Portland	
Michael O'Casey, Bend	
Patricia McDowell; Eugene	
Dan Rosenberg; Corvallis	
Fran Recht; Depoe Bay	
Aoibheann Cline; Western States Coordinator, Washington DC	
Ray Temple, Salem	
Kelly Peterson, Portland	
Matthew Sloat, Philomath	

Jim Soares	
Kevin Goodson, Blodgett, OR	
Randy Comeleo, Corvallis	
Craig Lacy, Bend	
David Moskowitz, Portland	
Bob Sallinger, Portland	
Jim Furnisch, Iowa City	
Maggie Peyton, Vernonia	
Doug Nichol, Aumsville, OR	
Stan Steele, Corvallis	
Brian Posewitz, Portland	
Holly Zapf,	
Amy Patrick, Sublimity	
Jim Akenson, Enterprise	
Tom Shafer, Tidewater, OR	
Hans Radtke, Yachats, OR	
Bill Montgomery,	
Jacob Hupp	
John Mellgren, Eugene	
Kirk Blaine, Roseburg	
Nick Cady, Eugene	
Suzanne Fouty, Baker City	
Chelsea Stewart-Fusek, Portland	
John Daniel, Birchwood, TN	
Jerome Rosa, Salem	

David Romanowski, Coquille	
Brad Mombert, Bend	
David Walker, Tillamook	
Buddy Woodberry, Yacolt, WA	
Donald Gilbert, Roseburg	
Chris Jordan, Corvallis	
Donna Mickley,	
Jimmy Taylor, PH.D.	

1 Rulemaking

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3 Action:

4 Commissioner Labhart moved to approve the amendments to OAR 635 Division
5 050 as proposed by staff to set regulations and seasons for the harvest and pursuit of
6 furbearing mammals. Commissioner Zarnowitz/Spelbrink seconded the motion. The
7 motion was carried five (5) infavor- Wahl, Spelbrink, Labhart, Zarnowitz, Hatfield-Hyde;
8 one (1) opposed – Wolley.

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10 Commissioner Wolley provided the statement below for the record:

11 “I vote no with this statement. I know that my no vote doesn’t carry the day, but I vote no. I
12 appreciate there is interest in creating a workgroup or resurrecting the workgroup that I
13 would just hope that workgroup could be fair and balanced. Apparently there was an
14 issue with the previous workgroups. So I hope that we would stock that group with umm,
15 a fair balance of opinions.

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17 Also, I vote no with the understanding that we are not talking about a single species
18 management. It is very clear that we are talking about multiple species management
19 when we are talking about protecting beaver. And so, I want that to be also on the record.
20 Umm, also that no one has disputed that habitat is the primary cause for the depletion of
21 beaver, it comes up over and over again; that is generally understood by everyone. I don’t
22 think anyone is saying trapping, banning trapping is the answer.

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24 No one has brought this up, but we have been talking about morals and philosophy and
25 things like that. I just wanted to put out there, I am fundamentally opposed to killing
26 animals for vanity and fashion. And umm, that hasn’t been brought up but as long as we
27 are talking about. Regardless of all the rules, the statutes, the different sides of the
28 argument, and ban and not to ban, trap checks I just need to put it out there that is where
29 I am coming from as my own overarching moral value. That is the [substance] of my no
30 vote.

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2 The Commission direct the department to review trap check time requirements and
3 come back to the Commission by January with proposed change if any.
4 This direction was supported six (6) in favor.

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6 The Commission directed the department to convene a work group to address
7 beaver management in Oregon. At the July meeting the Commission will bring back
8 addition direction to the department regarding the work group. Six (6) thumbs up in
9 support.

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12 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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15 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.