



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Friday, December 11, 2020 - 8:00 AM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual Meeting
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 97302

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See notes on the last page of this agenda for instructions on how to [register](#) to testify on the exhibit items.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Staff: Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director for Administration

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET UPDATE

Staff: Erica Kleiner, Deputy Director for Administration
Brandy Nichols, Budget, and Economic Services Manager

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1) 635-016-0090¹

Temporary low flow angling closures lifted for Chetco, Winchuck, and Sixes Rivers

Adopted November 16, 2020: effective November 17, 2020 through November 30, 2020

This amended rule removes temporary low flow angling closures in the Winchuck, Chetco, and Sixes Rivers. Reduced wild chinook harvest and bag limits remain in effect.¹

2) 635-005-0465

Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening Delay

Adopted November 19, 2020: effective November 20, 2020 through February 15, 2020

This amended rule delays the opening of the 2020-2021 commercial ocean Dungeness crab fishing season from December 1, 2020 until at least December 16, 2020 in accordance with the Tri-State Memorandum-Of Understanding and Preseason Testing Protocol. Additional Temporary Rules will be promulgated to open the fishery in accordance with that agreement.

3) 635-023-0130

Increase Adult Steelhead Bag Limit in Columbia River

Adopted December 3, 2020: effective December 3, 2020 through December 31, 2020

This amended rule allows retention of one hatchery steelhead in the Columbia River upstream of The Dalles Dam for the remainder of the year.

4) 635-016-0090²

Coastal Wild Chinook Salmon Bag Limit Reduction, Area Closures, and Lifting of Low Flow Restrictions

Adopted December 8, 2020: effective December 8, 2020 through December 31, 2020

This amended rule modifies bag limits and other measures for harvest of wild salmon in specified Oregon coastal rivers and removes temporary low flow angling closures in the Winchuck, Chetco, and Sixes Rivers.²

5) 635-005-0465

Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening South of Cape Falcon

Adopted December 9, 2020: effective December 9, 2020 through February 15, 2020

This amended rule sets the opening date and related management measures for the 2020-2021 ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) southward to the California border (42° 00' 00" N. Lat.) on December 16, 2020. The commercial Dungeness crab fishery will remain closed from Cape Falcon (45° 46' 00" N. Lat.) northward to the Washington border (46° 15' 00" N. Lat.).

¹ A current temporary rule for this section expires November 30, 2020, so this rule will be refiled for the remainder of the period.

² A current temporary rule for this section expired, so this rule was refiled for the remainder of the period.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMISSION UPDATES

PUBLIC FORUM

Note: This part of the agenda is for comments on topics not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda. Please contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of the Director before 8:00 AM December 9, 2020 (at least 48 hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum. If you bring written summaries or other materials to the meeting please provide the Commission Assistant with 20 copies prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.

Mule Deer Management Plan

Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association

Public Participation with Commission, and OR Coastal Winter Steelhead Fishing Issues

David Moskowitz, the Conservation Angler

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from November 13, 2020.

EXHIBIT B: CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROJECT APPROVAL

The Commission will be asked to approve expenditures from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund for projects approved at the September 11 meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Expenditures all consist of restricted gifts received to expand the scale of the previously approved projects.

Staff: Davia Palmeri, Conservation Strategy Coordinator

Dr. Karl Wenner, Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory
Committee Chair
Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required
Approval

EXHIBIT C: CEREMONIAL HARVEST BY THE BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE OF OREGON

The Commission will be asked to amend rules for ceremonial hunting and fishing by Burns Paiute tribal members.

Staff: Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Deputy Administrator
Mike Gauvin, Recreational Fisheries Manager
Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required
Rulemaking

EXHIBIT D: 2021 GROUND FISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS AND 2019 NEARSHORE LOGBOOK REPORT

The Commission will be asked to adopt the 2021 recreational and commercial groundfish fisheries and review the 2019 Commercial Nearshore Logbook Report.

Staff: Maggie Sommer, Marine Fisheries Section Manager
Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required
Rulemaking

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(e), (2)(f) and (2)(h), which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to conduct deliberations 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 against the Commission.

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FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION TOPICS

* Written public comments for future Commission Topics can be submitted in writing prior to the meeting date at ODFW.Commission@state.or.us or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

January 15, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open November 15, 2020*

- Schedule of Damages for Commercial Fishing Violations- Rulemaking
- Non-Native Gamefish Management Policy - Rulemaking
- Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee Project Approval- Approval

February 12, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open December 15, 2020*

- 2020 Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon Population and Fisheries Update- Informational

March 19, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open January 15, 2021*

- A&H Project Funding- Approval
- 2020 Ocean Salmon Fisheries Informational Briefing- Informational
- Regional Dry Maintenance Time Periods and Timing of In-Water Work to Protect Fish and Wildlife Resources - Rulemaking

April 23, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open February 15, 2021*

- 2021-2022 Oregon Game Bird Regulations- Rulemaking
- 2021 Pacific Halibut Fisheries Regulations - Rulemaking
- 2021 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Ocean Terminal Fisheries - Rulemaking

May 14, 2021 - HOLD

**Written public comment period will open March 15, 2021*

No Meeting Scheduled

June 18, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open April 15, 2021*

- A&H Project Funding – Approval
- 2022 Big Game Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations – Approval
- R&E Board's recommendations for project funding – Approval
- Review of Salmon Stock Status – Informational

July 9, 2021 – HOLD

**Written public comment period will open May 15, 2021*

No Meeting Scheduled

August 6, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open June 15, 2021*

- 2022 Sport Fish Regulations - Rulemaking

September 17, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open July 15, 2021*

- Big Game Regulations – Rulemaking
- A&H Project Funding - Approval

October 15, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open August 15, 2021*

November 19, 2021 – HOLD

**Written public comment period will open September 15, 2021*

No Meeting Scheduled

December 17, 2021 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open October 15, 2021*

- A&H Project Funding – Approval
- Ground Fisheries and Nearshore Logbook Report – Rulemaking
- R&E Project Approval, Appointments, STEP Annual Report –Approval

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. November 13, 2020 and proceed chronologically through the agenda. If you wish to receive written materials prepared for any of the agenda items, please contact the Director's Office in Salem at 503.947.6044 or see the agency's website at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/>.

The Commission will take a lunch recess as close to 12:00 p.m. as the agenda will accommodate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGISTRATION

If you wish to give verbal testimony on any Exhibit item scheduled on the November 13 agenda, you **must register before 8:00AM Wednesday November 11, 2020; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.**

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE November 13, 2020 COMMISSION MEETING

When registering to testify please provide ***first and last name, topic, a valid email address, and da phone number.***

Listed below are three way that you can register:

- 1) Click on the link provided on the [agenda](#); fill out the registration form; and click submit.
- 2) Send an email the ODFW.Commission@state.or.us ; in your email, the information listed above must be provided.
- 3) Call the Department at 503-947-6044 or 503-507-5546.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

You will be called to testify by the Commission Chair. The Commission places great value on information received from the public, and wants to avoid arbitrary limits on the time or attention allocated to each witness. Therefore, persons desiring to testify or otherwise present information to the Commission are encouraged to:

- 1) Limit testimony to three (3) minutes, recognizing that substance, not length, determines the value of testimony or written information;
- 2) Endorse rather than repeat testimony of other witnesses; and
- 3) Groups or organizations wishing to testify should designate one spokesperson whenever possible.

PUBLIC FORUM

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Please provide written summaries or other materials to the Commission Assistant prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PRESENT YOUR VIEWS

Materials delivered to the Director's Office sufficiently in advance of the meeting will be distributed to the Commission prior of the meeting day; any correspondence or materials received less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be provided to the Commissioners the day of the meeting. If you have questions regarding this Agenda, please contact Michelle Tate, Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon, 97302, or call 503- 947-6033.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodation, such as assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotope, will be provided as needed. In order to ensure availability, please contact the Director's Office at 503.947.6044 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to make your request. TTY users can reach ODFW by using the Oregon Telecommunications Relay Service. Please dial 711 and ask to connect to 503-947-6044.