



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Friday, February 12, 2021 - 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

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

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 January 13, 2021 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.*

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from January 15, 2021.

EXHIBIT B: SUSPENSION OF RECREATIONAL ABALONE FISHERY

The Commission will be asked to adopt a rule to extend the current closure of the recreational abalone fishery for three years.

Staff: Dr. Steve Rumrill, Shellfish Program Leader

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT C: REMOVAL OF BORAX LAKE CHUB FROM THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

The Commission will be asked to remove Borax Lake Chub from the state list of threatened and endangered species.

Staff: Michele Weaver, ESA Program Specialist

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT D: 2020 LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER WHITE STURGEON POPULATION AND FISHERIES UPDATE

Staff will update the Commission on population status of white sturgeon and review 2020 sturgeon fisheries

Staff: Tucker Jones: Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required

Informational

EXHIBIT E: APPOINTMENT OF COMMERCIAL FISHERY PERMIT BOARD MEMBERS

The Commission will be asked to appoint members to the Commercial Fishery Permit Board.

Staff: Linda Lytle, License Services Manager

Public Testimony: 48 hour Advance [Registration](#) Required

Approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, as well as to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(h).

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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.

March 19, 2021 – Salem

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

- A&H Project Funding- Approval
- Rendering Recommendable Assistance to Other State Agencies- Rulemaking
- 2021 Ocean Salmon Fisheries Informational Briefing- Informational
- Review of Salmon Forecasts and Stock Status – Director's Report
- Commercial Market Squid Management – Rulemaking
- Fish Screening Task Force Member Appointment- Approval

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

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
- Groundfish 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. February 12, 2021 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 February 12 agenda, you **must register before 8:00AM Wednesday February 10, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.**

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE February 12, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING

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