



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:
Thursday, December 16, 2021-9:00-2:00
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual Meeting
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 97302

Meeting:
Friday, December 17, 2021 - 8:00 AM
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See notes on the last page of this agenda for instructions on how to register to testify on exhibit items.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FIELD REPORTS – in written form only

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director

ADAPTING TO CLIMATE AND OCEAN CHANGE REPORT

Habitat Division Update

Debbie Colbert, Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs
Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

KLAMATH ANADROMOUS FISHES REINTRODUCTION UPDATE AND COMPLETION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

Mark Hereford, Klamath Fisheries Reintroduction Coordinator

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-005-0387

Close Commercial Intertidal Cockle Fishery in Tillamook Bay

Adopted 11/10/2021: effective 11/10/2021 through 12/31/2021.

This amended rule closes the commercial Tillamook Bay intertidal cockle fishery on June 26. The annual harvest quota allowed for this fishery is 80,000 pounds, and the fishery is projected to have reached that quota on June 25.

2.) 635-004-0275

Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries.

Adopted 11/16/2021: effective 11/16/2021 through 12/11/2021.

This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2021-2022 Pacific Coast commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to extension of the primary sablefish season end date for bottom longline vessels from October 31, 2021 to December 31, 2021, and increase trip limits for lingcod and sablefish for Limited Entry and Open Access vessels using longline or other hook and line gear.

3.) 635-08-0126

Amend Minam River Wildlife Area (Wallowa County) Rules to Establish Seasonal Access Restrictions

Adopted: December 1, 2021 – Effective Dates: December 1, 2021, through May 29, 2022

Approximately 4,600 acres of land that was formerly in private ownership were acquired by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (department) on November 23, 2021, and added to the previously 440-acre Minam Wildlife

Area. These temporary rules will ensure the habitat values of the newly acquired property are protected until permanent rulemaking is initiated. The temporary rules will change the name of the wildlife area to Minam River Wildlife Area, restrict public access to protect wintering deer and elk, and prohibit ATV and snowmobile use to protect habitat.

4.) 635-004-0275

Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries.

Adopted 12/10/2021; effective 12/12/2021 through 12/31/2021.

This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2021-2022 Pacific Coast commercial groundfish fisheries, including but not limited to re-opening of the primary sablefish season for pot gear from December 10, 2021 to December 31, 2021 and increasing trip limits for lingcod and sablefish for Limited Entry and Open Access vessels using pot gear.

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMISSION UPDATES

Beaver Management Working Group Update
Trap Check Working Group Update

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 15, 2021 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.*

Planning for the Future of Oregon's Dungeness Crab Fisheries: 2040 Scenarios
Gway Kirchner, The Nature Conservancy

Mid-Columbia Tributary closures impacts on business
Mia Sheppard

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Prevention
Tyler Dugannon, Oregon Hunters Association

Recreational Angling River Closures Impact on Oregon Communities
Ben Kirsch, Deschutes River Alliance

Columbia River Fisheries Issues
Jim Coleman

Commission's Conservation Mission
David Moskowitz, The Conservation Angler

Status of the Summer Run Wild Steelhead
Becky McRea, North Umpqua Coalition

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from October 15, October 25, and November 4, 2021.

EXHIBIT B: ROGUE-SOUTH COAST MULTI-SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Commission will be asked to approve the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan.

Staff: Dr. Chris Lorion, Conservation Planning Coordinator

Dr. Shaun Clements, Deputy Administrator Fish Division

Testimony was taken on the ROGUE SOUTH COAST MULTI SPECIES CONSERVATION and MANGAEMENT PLAN Thursday, December 16.

Public Testimony: **Written testimony received at ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov will be accepted into the record until December 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. No verbal Testimony will be take on Friday December 17.**

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT C: 2022 GROUND FISH FISHERIES REGULATIONS AND 2020 NEARSHORE LOGBOOK REPORT

The Commission will be asked to adopt regulations for the 2022 recreational and commercial groundfish fisheries and review the 2020 commercial nearshore logbook report.

Staff: Maggie Sommer, Marine Fishery Management Section Leader

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

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT D: OREGON REVISED RULE FOR SB320: PROVIDE NO-CHARGE DAILY ANGLING LICENSES TO ORGANIZATIONS FOR EXCURSIONS WITH VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS

The Commission will be asked to amend rules to implement SB320 (2018 LAW)

Staff: Ken Loffink, Administrative Services Deputy Administrator

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

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT E: LATE TAG SALES IN ELECTRONIC LICENSING SYSTEM

The Commission will be asked to amend rules to facilitate late tag purchases using the Electronic Licensing System.

Staff: Steve Bergmann, Administrative Services Administrator

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

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT F: INCLUDE ELK IN URBAN DEER POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM

The Commission will be asked to amend the urban deer population control rules to include elk.

Staff: Brian Wolfer, Game Program Manager

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

Rulemaking

EXHIBIT G: INCLUDE BIGHORN SHEEP IN TAGS FOR TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN

The Commission will be asked to amend the Terminally Ill Children program rules to include bighorn sheep along with other big game species.

Staff: Brian Wolfer, Game Program Manager

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

Rulemaking

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@odfw.oregon.gov or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

January 14, 2022– Salem

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

- Access and Habitat Project Funding and Access Area Amendment- *Approval and Rulemaking*
- R&E Project Approval, Appointments-*Approval*
- Conservation and Recreation Fund Project Approval – *Approval*
- Schedule of Damages for Commercial Fishing Violations-*Rulemaking*
- Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Member Appointment – *Appointment*
- Jump Creek Fish Passage Exemption- *Approval*

February 17, 2022– Salem

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

- ODFW-ODOT Culvert Repair Agreement- *Approval*
- Regional Dry Maintenance Time Periods- *Rulemaking*
- Indian Creek Fish Passage Waiver- *Approval*
- ODFW-ODOT Culvert Repair Agreement- *Approval*

March 18, 2022 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open January 15, 2022*

April 22, 2022 – TBD

**Written public comment period will open February 15, 2022*

- 2022-2023 Oregon Game Bird Regulations - *Rulemaking*

May 13, 2022 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled*

**Written public comment period will open March 15, 2022*

June 17, 2022 – TBD

**Written public comment period will open April 15, 2022*

Furbearer and Unprotected Mammal Regulations - *Rulemaking*

July 15, 2022 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled*

**Written public comment period will open May 15, 2022*

August 5, 2022 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open June 15, 2022*

September 16, 2022 – TBD

**Written public comment period will open July 15, 2022*

October 14, 2022 – Salem

**Written public comment period will open August 15, 2022*

November 18, 2022 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled*

**Written public comment period will open September 15, 2022*

December 16, 2022 – TBD

**Written public comment period will open October 15, 2022*

PLEASE NOTE

AGENDA

The Commission meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. December 17, 2021. 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

The Commission will take verbal testimony on Thursday, December 16, for ROGUE SOUTH COAST MULTI SPECIES CONSERVAION and MANGEMENT PLAN, Exhibit B. **You must register before 9:00AM Tuesday December 14, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting if you wish to provide verbal testimony on this topic.**

If you wish to give verbal testimony on Exhibits C through Exhibit G scheduled on the Friday, December 17 agenda, you **must register before 8:00AM Wednesday December 15, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.**

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE COMMISSION MEETING

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

Listed below are three ways that you can register (Exhibit B [Register](#)) (Exhibits C through G [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@odfw.oregon.gov; in your email, the information listed above must be provided.
- 3) Call the Department at 503-947-6044

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.

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.

PUBLIC FORUM

If you wish to give testimony on any item not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda, please contact the Director's Office, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 503.947.6044, ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov; **you must register before 8:00AM Wednesday December 15, 2021; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.** Please provide written summaries or other materials to the Commission Assistant prior to your testimony. The Commission is unable to act on items brought to their attention in this forum.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodation, such as assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotape, 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.