



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Friday, March 17, 2023 - 8:00 AM  
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife  
Commission Room/Hybrid  
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE  
Salem, OR 97302

### Friday, March 17, 2023

*The Fish and Wildlife Commission has moved to hybrid meetings, meaning that you have the option to attend in-person or virtually. Those who would like to provide testimony virtually must register ([Registration](#)) in advance to receive a testimony link to the meeting. In-person registration will be available at the meeting.*

*This meeting will be live streamed to YouTube and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW/videos>*

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**FIELD REPORTS** – in written form only

#### EXPENDITURE REPORT

Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director for Administration

#### ADAPTING TO CLIMATE AND OCEAN CHANGE REPORT

Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project (OCAMP) Final Priority Wildlife Connectivity Areas

Dr. Rachel Wheat; Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator

#### ELECTRONIC LICENSING SYSTEM (ELS) UPDATES AND PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS

Ken Loffink, Administrative Services Division Administrator

Kara Wymore, Administrative Services Division Deputy Administrator

Angela Ward, Operations and Policy Analyst 4

#### ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) 635-039-0080

Federal Actions and Management Measures Implemented for Recreational Groundfish Fisheries  
Adopted 2/24/2023: effective 3/1/2023 through 8/27/2023.

These amended rules adopt in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for the 2023-2024 Pacific Coast recreational groundfish fishery which increase the bag limit for the longleader gear recreational fishery from 10 to 15 fish.

2.) 635-041-0063

Treaty rule modifications to allow sales in Bonneville and The Dalles pools setline fisheries  
Adopted 2/24/2023: effective 2/24/2023 through 4/30/2023.

This amended rule allows the sales of white sturgeon landed during setline fisheries in Bonneville Pool (February 27 – March 1) and The Dalles Pool (March 6–9).

3.) 635-023-0125

Set recreational spring salmon season in the Columbia River

Adopted 2/24/2023: effective 3/1/2023 through 3/31/2023.

This amended rule sets the Columbia River, and modifies the Select Area, recreational salmon fisheries from March 1 through June 15.

4.) 635-039-0090

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5.) 635-017-0090

Close Angling in Willamina Creek 200 feet below the Lower Falls

Adopted 3/8/2023: effective 3/9/2023 through 8/15/2023.

This amended rule prohibits all angling in Willamina Creek approximately 200 feet below the lower falls in response to illegal targeting of winter steelhead.

## **COMMISSION UPDATES**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **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 A.M.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023. At least 48 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the public forum.

*Columbia River Steelhead*

*David Moskowitz, The Conservation Angler*

## **EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from February 17, 2023.

## **EXHIBIT B: OREGON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND (OCRF) PROJECT APPROVAL**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee's recommendations for projects from the Conservation and Recreation Fund.

Dr. Charlotte Regula-Whitefield, OCRF Coordinator

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

Approval

## **EXHIBIT C: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING APPROVAL AND BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

The Commission will be asked to approve project funding requests recommended by the Access and Habitat (A&H) Board at the January 24, 2023, A&H Board meeting, and appoint a Landowner Representative to the Access and Habitat Board.

Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Coordinator

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

**EXHIBIT D: COMMERCIAL MARKET SQUID FISHERY REGULATIONS**

The Commission will consider prohibiting light boats in the commercial market squid fishery and adding definition of seine skiff in OAR.

Greg Krutzikowsky, Nearshore Policy Project Leader  
John North, Deputy Fish Division Administrator

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission will hold an executive session to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of a public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(i).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission will hold an executive session 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 of a public body regarding current litigation or 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](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov) or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

### **April 21, 2023 – Welches**

*\*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2023*

- Oregon Game Bird Regulations – *Rulemaking*
- Pacific Halibut Fisheries- *Rulemaking*
- Ocean Salmon Fishery- *Rulemaking*
- Fish Screening Task Force Appointment- *Appointment*
- Marbled Murrelet Endangered Species Management Plans -*Approval*
- Annual Wolf report – *Directors Report*
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Hunting Agreement – *Approval*
- Petition To List Southern Resident Orcas (*Orcinus Orca*) As an Endangered Species Under The Oregon Endangered Species Act- *Petition*

### **May 12, 2023 - HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled***

*\*Written public comment period will open March 15, 2023*

### **June 16, 2023 - Newport**

*\*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2023*

- Access and Habitat Project Funding- *Approval*
- Auction/Raffle Tag Allocation- *Approval*
- Restoration and Enhancement Program Project Funding – *Approval*
- Conservation and Recreation Fund Project Funding- *Approval*
- Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fisheries Regulations -*Rulemaking*
- Crab Fisheries Regulations- *Rulemaking*
- STEP/STAC Rules- *Rulemaking*

### **July 14, 2023 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled***

*\*Written public comment period will open May 15, 2023*

### **August 4, 2023 - Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2023*

- Recreational Angling Regulations- *Rulemaking*
- Private Forest Accord Mitigation Fund – *Rulemaking*
- Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund rule revision -*Rulemaking*
- Coyote Killing Contest Ban -*Rulemaking*

### **September 15, 2023 - Bend**

*\*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2023*

- Access and Habitat Project Funding- *Approval*
- Big Game Regulations; Tag Setting, Seasons, and Regulations- *Rulemaking*

### **October 13, 2023 – Klamath Falls**

*\*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2023*

**November 17, 2023 – HOLD *No Meeting Scheduled***

*\*Written public comment period will open September 15, 2023*

**December 15, 2023 - McMinnville**

*\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2023*

- *Access and Habitat Project Funding- Approval*
- *Restoration and Enhancement Project Funding- Approval*
- *Groundfish Fisheries Regulations -Rulemaking*
- *Conservation and Recreation Fund Project Funding- Approval*

## PLEASE NOTE

### HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE COMMISSION MEETING

**Public Comment and Public Hearing Testimony:** Regular Commission meetings allow for in-person, virtual, or written public comment. When registering to testify please provide *first and last name, topic, a valid email address, and phone number*.

Comment and testimony are limited to three minutes. All parties interested in providing public comment or testifying as part of a public hearing shall participate using one of the following methods:

- In-Person Comment: Parties interested in providing in-person verbal public comment shall fill out a “Witness Registration” form available at the meeting.
- Video or Audio Conference Call: **If you wish to give virtual testimony on Exhibits scheduled on the Friday, March 17 agenda, *YOU MUST REGISTER (Registration) BEFORE 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.*** Staff will collect contact your information and provide information on how to access the meeting to provide comment.
- Written Comment: Send to [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov) or 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon, 97302. 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.

**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, or [ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov). ***YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE 8:00AM WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023; 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.

### THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PRESENT YOUR VIEWS

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 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.