



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:
Thursday June 15, 2023 8:15 AM
Best Western Plus Agate Beach, Lobby
3019 N Coast Hwy
Newport, OR 97365

Meeting:
Friday, June 16, 2023 - 8:00 AM
Best Western Plus Agate Beach
3109 N Coast Hwy/ Hybrid
Jasper/Onyx Room
Newport, OR 97365

Friday, June 16, 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/TEODFW/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

Amphibian Conservation Under a Changing Climate

Carolyn Eckrich, PhD., Acting Strategy Species Coordinator

Emily VanWyk, Acting Conservation Strategy Coordinator

ODFW'S 3-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR BEAVER MODIFIED LANDSCAPES

Davia Palmeri, Acting Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs

Adrienne Averett, Interdivisional Beaver Coordinator

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Curt Melcher, Director

1.) **635-041-0020**

Retention Period Extension for Treaty Subsistence Fishing in the Fifteenmile Creek Sanctuary

Adopted 4/27/2023: effective 4/29/2023 through 10/17/2023.

Under permanent rule, the annual closure date for treaty tribal subsistence fishing around the mouth of Fifteenmile Creek extends from November 16 through June 15. This amended rule allows subsistence fishing in this area to resume on April 29, 2023, to allow access to spring Chinook salmon.

2.) **635-017-0090**

Modify Closure Dates in Willamina Creek 200 feet below the Lower Falls

Adopted 5/15/2023: effective 5/21/2023 through 8/15/2023.

This amended rule allows angling to resume in Willamina Creek approximately 200 feet below the lower falls on May 22.

3.) **635-005-0490**

Allow Waivers to Retrieve Excess Derelict Crab Gear

Adopted 5/16/2023: effective 5/16/2023 through 8/14/2023.

This amended rule will allow state contracted vessels to recover more derelict gear under a waiver issued by ODFW than the amount otherwise allowed by rule.

4.) **635-023-0125**

Adopt Recreational Spring Salmon Season in the Columbia River

Adopted 5/18/2023: effective 5/19/2023 through 9/27/2023.

This amended rule adopts additional angling and retention opportunity for the mainstem Columbia River recreational salmon fishery.

5.) **635-023-0125**

Extend Recreational Spring Salmon Season in the Columbia River

Adopted 5/24/2023: effective 5/25/2023 through 9/27/2023.

This amended rule adopts additional angling and retention opportunity for the mainstem Columbia River recreational salmon fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.

6.) **635-016-0090**

Umpqua River Thermal Refuge Closures and Increase Harvest Methods for Bass in the Coquille River

Adopted 5/30/2023: effective 6/1/2023 through 6/30/2023.

This amended rule will prohibit angling at the mouth of tributaries of the Mainstem Umpqua River from the Scottsburg Bridge upstream to the River Forks Park Boat Ramp. This rule will also allow the use of bait, spears, and spear guns to harvest smallmouth bass in the Coquille River (mainstem), East Fork Coquille River, Middle Fork Coquille River, North Fork Coquille River, and South Fork Coquille River (mouth to USFS boundary near Powers) from June 1 through October 31.

7.) **635-019-0090**

Open Hatchery Chinook Fishing in Lookingglass Creek

Adopted 5/31/2023: effective 6/3/2023 through 6/26/2023.

This rule allows recreational harvest of hatchery Chinook in Lookingglass Creek from June 3 through June 11.

8.) **635-042-0145**

Modify Youngs Bay Select Area Commercial Fishery

Adopted 5/31/2023: effective 6/1/2023 through 7/31/2023.

This rule modifies the 2023 spring Youngs Bay Select Area commercial fishery by reducing the open hours in the current week and restricting the open area in the period scheduled for next week.

9.) **635-023-0125**

Close Recreational Spring Salmon/Steelhead Season Fishery in the Columbia River Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Adopted 5/31/2023: effective 6/1/2023 through 9/27/2023.

This amended rule closes the mainstem Columbia River salmon/steelhead recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.

10.) **635-039-0085**

Increase Recreational Halibut Days and Bag Limit in Central Coast and Southern Oregon Subareas

Adopted 6/2/2023: effective 6/12/2023 through 10/31/2023.

This amended rule will provide recreational anglers additional opportunity to harvest Pacific halibut by adding June 13 and June 20 to the Columbia River Subarea season and increasing the bag limit to two halibut in the Central Coast and Southern Oregon Subareas.

11.) 635-023-0128

Set Recreational Salmonid Fisheries and Thermal Angling Sanctuaries in the Columbia River During Summer Season

Adopted 6/8/2023: effective 6/16/2023 through 7/31/2023.

This amended rule sets the Columbia River recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries from June 16 through July 31 (summer season).

This rule also closes angling in portions of the mainstem Columbia River adjacent to the mouths of Eagle Creek and the Deschutes River, and that portion of Herman creek and lagoon within the Columbia River Zone beginning July 15.

12.) 635-041-0045, 635-041-0076

Authorize Commercial Sales for Treaty Indian Summer Fisheries

Adopted 6/12/2023: effective 6/16/2023 through 7/31/2023.

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in treaty fisheries.

- Platform hook and line fisheries are open in Zone 6 (between Bonneville and McNary dams) from June 16 through July 31.
- Platform hook and line fisheries are open downstream from Bonneville Dam from June 16 through July 31.
- Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributary (Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River) fisheries are open June 16 until further notice.
- Gillnet fisheries are open in Zone 6 (between Bonneville and McNary dams) during periods from June 19 through June 21 and June 26 through June 28.

13.) 635-019-0090

Steelhead Protections in Lower John Day River Waters

Adopted 6/12/2023: effective 6/16/2023 through 6/26/2023.

This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit for hatchery steelhead in the lower John Day River from June 16 through August 31.

14.) 635-018-0090

Steelhead Protections in Eagle Creek and Deschutes River Waters

Adopted 6/12/2023: effective 6/16/2023 through 10/11/2023.

This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit to one hatchery steelhead per day in the lower reaches of Eagle Creek and Deschutes River from June 16 through July 14 to align with regulations for the adjacent mainstem Columbia River mainstem enacted to provide additional protection for upriver steelhead. This rule also closes angling in the Thermal Angling Sanctuary portions of Eagle Creek and the Deschutes River beginning July 15.

COMMISSION UPDATES

Update on Wildlife Corridors, Crossings, and Connectivity Conference
Commissioner Mark Labhart

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, June 14, 2023**. At least 48 hours prior to the meeting to be included in the public forum.

Derelict Gear Recovery Program
Michael Pettis, Crab Fisherman

A Day of Celebration
Leonard Krugg, Oregon Anglers Alliance

Winchester Dam
Jeff Dose
Kirk Blain, Native Fish Society
Jim McCarthy, WaterWatch of Oregon

Columbia River Wild Summer Steelhead
David Moskowitz, The Conservation Angler

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from April 21, 2023.

EXHIBIT B: CONSERVATION & RECREATION FUND EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

The Commission will be asked to approve Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee recommendations for project funding.

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

Reva Gillman, Acting Oregon Conservation Fund Coordinator

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

EXHIBIT C: COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to adopt annual coastal pelagic species (CPS) rules.

Gregory Krutzikowsky, Nearshore Policy and Coastal Pelagic Species Project
Leader

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

EXHIBIT D: RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL & BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Commission will be asked to approve the Recreation and Enhancement (R&E) Board recommendations for project funding and appoint a new representative to the R&E Board to represent Commercial Fishing interests.

Martin Olson, R&E and STEP Programs Coordinator

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

EXHIBIT E: ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL

The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat (A&H) Board recommendations for project funding.

Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Coordinator
Public Testimony (Virtual Testimony 48- hour Advance [Registration](#) Required)
Approval

EXHIBIT F: 2023 AUCTION & RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS

The Commission will be asked to approve recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and ODFW staff for 2023 auction and raffle tag allocations.

Don Whittaker, Ungulate Coordinator
Travis Schultz, Access and Habitat Coordinator
Public Testimony (Virtual Testimony 48- hour Advance [Registration](#) Required)
Approval

EXHIBIT G: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODFW AND THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, AND SIUSLAW INDIANS

The Commission will be asked to approve a Memorandum of Agreement and adopt OARs to implement the terms of the agreement.

Davia Palmeri, Acting Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs
Public Testimony (Virtual Testimony 48- hour Advance [Registration](#) Required)
Rulemaking/Approval

EXHIBIT H: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODFW AND THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

The Commission will be asked to approve a Memorandum of Agreement and adopt OARs to implement the terms of the agreement.

Davia Palmeri, Acting Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs
Public Testimony (Virtual Testimony 48- hour Advance [Registration](#) Required)
Rulemaking/Approval

EXHIBIT I: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODFW AND THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

The Commission will be asked to approve a Memorandum of Agreement and adopt OARs to implement the terms of the agreement.

Davia Palmeri, Acting Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs
Public Testimony (Virtual Testimony 48- hour Advance [Registration](#) Required)
Rulemaking/Approval

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission will hold an executive Session 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 concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with respect to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

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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.

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*
- Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Rules -*Rulemaking*
- Fish Division Rule Structure Revisions- *Rulemaking*
- Employee Pride and Recognition Awards

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*
- Coyote Killing Contest Ban -*Rulemaking*
- Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund rule revision -*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*
- Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Project Funding- *Approval*
- 2024 Groundfish Fisheries Regulations And 2022 Nearshore Logbook Report-*Rulemaking*

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, June 16 agenda, ***YOU MUST REGISTER (Registration) BEFORE 8:00 AM WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023; a minimum of 48 hour prior to the meeting.*** Staff will collect contact information and provide information on how to access the meeting to provide comment.
- **Written Comment:** Send to 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 to 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. ***YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE 8:00AM WEDNESDAY, June 14, 2023; a minimum of 48 hours 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.