

Exhibit A
June 2025 Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2025

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Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting Minutes



Tour:
Thursday, June 12, 2025 -8:15 AM
ODFW Pendelton Office site
1502 SW 37th St
Pendleton, OR 97801

Meeting:
Friday, June 13, 2025 - 8:00 AM
Pendelton City Hall.
The Vert Auditorium
480 SW Dorion Ave,
Pendleton, OR 97801

Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.

Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation.
Those attending part or all the meeting included:

Mary Wahl, Chair	Debbie Colbert, Director
Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Vice Chair	Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Sarah Reif, Acting Deputy Director of Fish & Wildlife Programs
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Nick Myatt, East Region Manager
Leslie King, Commissioner	Chris Kern, West Region Manager
Dallas Hall Defrees, Commissioner	Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator
	Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator
	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
	Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General
	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General

MEETING

On Friday, **June 13, 2025, at 8:00 AM**, Chair Wahl called the **Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION WELCOME REMARKS

Corinne Sams, Chair of the Umatilla Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FIELD REPORTS – in written form only; this report is available in the meeting materials and at

https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Field%20Report%20June%202025%20FINAL.pdf

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

Ken reported that as of April 30, 2025, the department held a total cash balance of \$144.3 million, with \$47.6 million in available unrestricted funds, aligning with budget forecasts. Expenditures for the 2023–25 biennium are tracking as expected, with 66% of the budget spent to date. The 2025–27 budget bill (HB 5009) and its companion revenue bills have passed out of the Joint Ways and Means Committee and are moving to the House and Senate floors for final approval.

This report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20June%202025.pdf

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Shaun Clements, Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs

This report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/June%20Commission%20Legislative%20Update.pdf

CLIMATE & OCEAN CHANGE POLICY REPORT

An approach to management in a changing climate: the Resist, Adapt, Direct Framework

Dr. Erik Beever, US Geological Survey Research Ecologist

This report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Climate%20and%20Ocean%20Change%20Policy%20Report_Dr.%20Erik%20Beever.pdf

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN INITIATIVE AND RESILIENT COLUMBIA BASIN AGREEMENT

Tucker Jones, OSCRP Program Manager

This report is available in the meeting materials and at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/CBRI%20Exec%20Order%20brief_tj.pdf

COMMISSION UPDATES

No Commission Action: Informational Only

OTHER BUSINESS

GOVERNANCE MANUAL

Donna Silverberg, DS Consulting

Donna reviewed the changes discussed by the commissioners at their last meeting. Commissioners discussed additional changes to be made.

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2 Action:

3 Commissioner Hall Defrees moved to adopt the Fish and Wildlife 2025 Governance
4 Manual incorporating the language discussed and agreed upon at the June 13, 2025,
5 meeting. Commissioner Spelbrink Seconded the motion, and the motion was carried
6 unanimously six (6) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall
7 Defees

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9 This information is available in the meeting materials and

10 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Best%20Practice](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Best%20Practice%20Gov%20Manual%20Cover%20Memo%2005-28-25.pdf)
11 [s%20Gov%20Manual%20Cover%20Memo%2005-28-25.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Best%20Practice%20Gov%20Manual%20Cover%20Memo%2005-28-25.pdf) and
12 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Commission%20](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Commission%20Governance%20Manual%20-%20For%20June%20OFWC%20Meeting.pdf)
13 [Governance%20Manual%20-%20For%20June%20OFWC%20Meeting.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Commission%20Governance%20Manual%20-%20For%20June%20OFWC%20Meeting.pdf)
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15 PUBLIC FORUM

16 This part of the agenda was for comments on topics not scheduled on the agenda.

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18 Oregon Bighorn Sheep and Rocky Mountain Goat Plan.

19 Kevin Martin, Oregon Wild Sheep Foundation

20 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Letter_Or](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Letter_Oregon%20Big%20Horn%20Sheep%20and%20Rocky%20Mt%20Goat%20Plan.pdf)
21 [egon%20Big%20Horn%20Sheep%20and%20Rocky%20Mt%20Goat%20Plan.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Letter_Oregon%20Big%20Horn%20Sheep%20and%20Rocky%20Mt%20Goat%20Plan.pdf)
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23 Orca Endangered Species Management Plan Development

24 Colin Reynolds, Defenders of Wildlife
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26 Adopt Temporary Rules

27 The Commission ratified the following temporary rules. The nine (9) temporary rules
28 were previously adopted by the director under her emergency action authority.
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30 1. 635-039-000

31 Correct Bag Limit for Longleader Fishery

32 Adopted 4/29/2025: 4/30/2025 through 10/26/2025

33 This amended rule modifies the recreational bag limit for the longleader fishery.

34 Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife
35 Commission on December 13, 2024.

36 2. 635-023-0125

37 Add Additional Days to the Recreational Spring Salmon Season Downstream and
38 Upstream of Bonneville Dam

39 Adopted 5/8/2025: 5/9/2025 through 6/15/2025

40 This amended rule adds days to the recreational spring salmon/steelhead fishery
41 downstream and upstream of Bonneville Dam. Modifications are consistent with
42 actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon
43 and Washington at a Columbia River Joint State hearing held on May 7, 2025.

- 1 3. 635-023-0125
2 Add Additional Days to the Recreational Spring Salmon Season Downstream and
3 Upstream of Bonneville Dam
4 Adopted 5/21/2025: 5/22/2025 through 6/15/2025
5 This amended rule adds days to the recreational spring salmon/steelhead fishery
6 downstream and upstream of Bonneville Dam. Modifications are consistent with
7 actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon
8 and Washington at a Columbia River Joint State hearing held on May 20, 2025.
- 9 4. 635-041-0072
10 Allow Sale of Warmwater Species Caught in Columbia River Treaty Indian
11 Research Fishery
12 Adopted 5/21/2025: 5/22/2025 through 9/7/2025
13 This amended rule provides state authorization of sales of yellow perch, bass,
14 walleye, catfish, carp, and northern pikeminnow caught in a new Treaty Indian
15 research fishery in several backwater areas and sloughs of the John Day Pool to
16 reflect recent tribal action to open this fishery.
- 17 5. 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170
18 Modify Select Area Commercial Fisheries in Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and
19 Tongue Point/South Channel
20 Adopted 5/21/2025: 5/22/2025 through 7/31/2025
21 These rules modify the open hours for a portion of the 2025 spring season
22 commercial fisheries in the Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Tongue Point/South
23 Channel Select Area sites from May 22 through June 13. Modifications are
24 consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the
25 States of Oregon and Washington at the Columbia River Compact hearing on
26 5/20/25.
- 27 6. 635-017-0090
28 Modify Willamette Falls Lamprey Harvest Regulations
29 Adopted 5/22/2025: 6/1/2025 through 7/31/2025
30 This amended rule modifies the harvest regulations pertaining to the Willamette
31 Falls Pacific lamprey fishery.
- 32 7. 635-041-0045, 635-041-0076
33 Authorize Sales in Treaty Commercial Spring and Summer Fisheries
34 Adopted 6/4/2025: 6/5/2025 through 7/31/2025
35 These amended rules authorize the sale of fish caught in multiple treaty fisheries:
36 Platform and hook-and-line fisheries are open in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville
37 Dam) from June 5 through July 31. Platform and hook-and-line fisheries are open
38 downstream of Bonneville Dam from June 16 through July 31. Yakama Nation
39 Zone 6 (Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River) fisheries are open from June
40 16 until further notice. Gillnet fisheries are open in Zone 6 (upstream of
41 Bonneville Dam) during periods from June 16 through June 25. Modifications are
42 consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the

1 States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on June 4,
2 2025.

3 8. 635-023-0125

4 Modify Regulations for the On-going Mainstem Columbia River Salmon/Steelhead
5 Fisheries

6 Adopted 6/5/2025: 6/6/2025 through 6/15/2025

7 This amended rule is needed to modify regulations for the recreational
8 salmon/steelhead fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River downstream and
9 upstream of Bonneville Dam.

10 9. 635-039-0085

11 Modify Pacific Halibut All-depth Fishing Days to the Columbia River Subarea

12 Adopted 6/6/2025: 6/9/2025 through 9/30/2025

13 This rule is needed to adopt in-season actions previously adopted by the federal
14 government for the recreational Pacific halibut fishery. The Columbia River
15 subarea has 55% of the allocation remaining, and the Central Oregon Coast
16 subarea has greater than 80% of the allocation remaining. Poor weather
17 conditions early in the season have resulted in low quota attainment. Adding days
18 to the Columbia River subarea will give anglers additional opportunity to harvest
19 the halibut allocation.

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21 Action:

22 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to ratify the nine (9) temporary rules set forth on the
23 June 13, 2025, agenda. Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion, and the motion
24 carried unanimously, six (6) in favor. Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde; Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King,
25 Hall Defees

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27 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

28 Action:

29 Commissioner King moved to approve April 18, 2025, meeting minutes with continued
30 authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Hall Defrees seconded the
31 motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart,
32 Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees.

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34 **EXHIBIT B: FISHING REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2025 OREGON COASTAL FALL**
35 **CHINOOK SALMON**

36 The Commission adopted rules establishing regulation changes for the 2025 Oregon
37 Coast Wild Fall Chinook Salmon in state-managed waters.

38 Commission Action: Rulemaking Hearing and Adoption of Rules

39 Tom Stahl, Fish Division Deputy Administrator

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Tom provided the Commission with a presentation on the fall 2025 regulations for wild Chinook salmon in coastal rivers, guided by the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) and, south of the Elk River, the Rogue Fall Chinook Conservation Plan. In response to very low returns in the Umpqua Basin, where the 2024 run was the lowest since the 1980s and fell below the critical threshold, the Commission limited Chinook harvest in the Umpqua population to 500 wild fish under a quota system allowing 1-per-day, 1-per-season (hatchery and wild) on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only. Elsewhere, bag limits are adjusted in select rivers: the Nehalem River's seasonal limit drops from 5 to 2, Floras Creek/New River's seasonal limit increases from 1 to 2, and Hunter Creek opens with a 1-per-day, 2-per-season limit from October through December. Additionally, a permanent low-flow season closure was established on the Sixes River to protect vulnerable fish at low flows, and the flow closure will continue until flows are adequate to support vulnerable fish.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Ex%20B%20PDFs%20for%20Web/Exhibit%20B%202025%20Coastal%20Fall%20Chinook%20Salmon%206-12-25.pdf

Public Testimony

Chris Boice	Douglas County Board of Commissioners
Jody Wilson	Douglas County - Winchester Bay
Elizabeth Elam	
Sara Potter	Salmon Harbor Tackle & For the Love of the Tug
Craig Hall	Recreational fisherman
Robert Gensorek	Sport Angler
Craig Augustynovich	
Steve Godin	Oregon Coast Anglers
David Moskowitz	Wild Fish and Wild Rivers
John Wibbens	Spot Angler Fishing Guide

Action:

Commissioner Spelbrink moved to adopt the draft rules for the 2025 Oregon Coast Wild Fall Chinook Salmon as proposed by staff in Attachment 3; with Alternative Number 2 for Umpqua Chinook (1/1 for Chinook, closed after 500 wild Chinook are harvested, open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday). Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission met in executive session to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and to consult with legal counsel concerning the

1 legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to
2 be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(f) and (2)(h).

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4 **EXHIBIT C: COMMERCIAL COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES RULE AMENDMENTS**

5 The Commission adopted rule amendments to conform with federally adopted limits and
6 management measures for Pacific sardines.

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8 Commission Action: Rulemaking Hearing and Adoption of Rules

9 Greg Krutzikowsky, Nearshore Policy and Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries Project
10 Leader

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12 Greg's presentation reviewed rules for the 2025–26 Pacific sardine season. Because the
13 number of sardines in the ocean is still very low, the main sardine fishing season will stay
14 closed. Only small amounts of sardines can be caught by boats fishing for other species.
15 For example, they can only keep up to 20% sardines in a catch of other coastal fish, or
16 just 2 metric tons if fishing for non-coastal species. If the total catch for the year reaches
17 2,100 metric tons, even tighter limits will apply. These rules follow federal guidelines and
18 are meant to protect the sardine population, which is an important food source for other
19 ocean animals.

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21 This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
22 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20C%20](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20C%20PDF's%20for%20Web/Ex%20C%20Presentation%20Coastal%20Pelagic%20Species.pdf)
23 [PDF's%20for%20Web/Ex%20C%20Presentation%20Coastal%20Pelagic%20Species.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20C%20PDF's%20for%20Web/Ex%20C%20Presentation%20Coastal%20Pelagic%20Species.pdf)
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25 No Public Testimony

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27 Action:

28 Commissioner Labhart moved to adopt the federal regulations, by reference, as shown in
29 Attachment 3 for Pacific sardine fisheries for 2025-26. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded
30 the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart,
31 Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees

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33 **EXHIBIT D: IMPORTATION, POSSESSION, CONFINEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND SALE**
34 **OF NONNATIVE WILDLIFE DIVISION 56 RULE AMENDMENTS**

35 The Commission conducted a public rulemaking hearing on proposed amendments to
36 rules regulating the importation, possession, confinement, transportation and sale of
37 non-native wildlife and receive public comment.

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39 NOTE: Public comments on this rulemaking was open until June 20, 2025. The
40 Commission will be asked to adopt proposed amendments at their August 15, 2025,
41 meeting.

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43 Commission Action: Rulemaking Hearing

44 Keith DeHart, Invasive Species & Wildlife Integrity Coordinator

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Keith provided a presentation at the June 13, 2025, meeting. The Commission held a public hearing on proposed amendments to OAR Chapter 635, Division 56, which governs the importation, possession, confinement, transport, and sale of non-native wildlife in Oregon, marking the first part of a two-step rulemaking process with final decisions expected at the August 15, 2025, meeting. The primary objective is to better protect Oregon's native species by categorizing non-native wildlife into four classes—Prohibited, Controlled, Noncontrolled, and Exempt based on their potential risk. Among key changes, the amendments propose permanently banning golden mussels, expanding prohibitions to include all non-native abalone, mystery snails (Viviparidae), and oyster drill (Muricidae); reclassifying sea turtles; adding new noncontrolled species like pythons, boas, geckos, and brush-tailed bettongs; adjusting management for controlled species including mute swans (removing male neutering requirement and adding egg-destruction requirements); and loosening restrictions on green crab harvest—removing prohibitions on returning catch to water and enabling commercial operations where previously banned.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20D_PD_F%20Files%20For%20Web/Exhibit%20D_Presentation.pdf

Public Testimony

Amanda Fox

Animal Research Initiative

EXHIBIT E: APPEALS OF PREFERENCE POINT REINSTATEMENT REQUEST DENIALS

The Commission reviewed appeals requesting to reinstatement of preference points for pronghorn antelope hunt 472A2 (Silvies Unit No. 2), and buck deer hunt 146 (Murderer's Creek), that have been denied by the department.

Commission Action: Deny

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

Ken provided the Commission with information on a series of appeals for reinstating hunting preference points under OAR 635-060-0046. In 2024, the department received 754 reinstatement applications—681 approved and 73 denied—and processed over 3,000 additional point adjustments tied to wildfire-affected hunts. Two specific appeal cases were highlighted: one involving pronghorn hunters in Unit 2 (Hunt 472A2) who ended their hunt early due to poor air quality and fire activity, and another involving a deer hunter in Murderer's Creek Unit (Hunt 146) who declined to hunt citing similar concerns. In both instances, ODFW staff determined that accessible areas remained and that the circumstances did not fit the rule's definition of events beyond the hunters' control, so the appeals were denied. Based on these evaluations, staff recommended the Commission deny the reinstatement requests

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2 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20E_PD](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20E_PD_F%20Files%20For%20Web/Exhibit%20E_Presentation.pdf)
3 [F%20Files%20For%20Web/Exhibit%20E_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20E_PD_F%20Files%20For%20Web/Exhibit%20E_Presentation.pdf)
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5 No Public Testimony
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7 Action:

8 Commissioner Hall Defrees moved to deny the appeal by Thomas D. Beck and Jesse T.
9 Beck for pronghorn antelope preference point reinstatement and deny the appeal by
10 Justin R. Herry for buck deer preference point reinstatement. Commissioner Spelbrink
11 seconded the motion, and the motion was carried six (6) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde,
12 Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees
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14 **EXHIBIT F: 2026 AUCTION RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS**

15 The Commission approved recommendations of the Access and Habitat Board and ODFW
16 staff for 2026 auction and raffle tag allocations.
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18 Commission Action: Approval

19 Dr. Don Whitaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

20 Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator
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22 Don and Travis provided the Commission with a presentation explaining how special
23 auction and raffle hunting tags for animals like bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope,
24 Rocky Mountain goats, deer, and elk generate funds for wildlife work. In 2025, one
25 special tag each for bighorn sheep, pronghorn, and goats raised money over \$652,000 for
26 sheep, \$71,710 for pronghorn, and about \$87,000 for goats: while tags for deer and elk
27 brought in nearly \$1 million for habitat and access programs.
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29 This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
30 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20F_PD](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20F_PD_F%20Files%20for%20Web/Exhibit%20F_Presentation.pdf)
31 [F%20Files%20for%20Web/Exhibit%20F_Presentation.pdf](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20F_PD_F%20Files%20for%20Web/Exhibit%20F_Presentation.pdf)
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33 No Public Testimony
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35 Action:

36 Commissioner Hall Defrees moved to approve the 2026 auction and raffle big game tag
37 allocations as proposed by staff and the A&H Board and shown in attachments 2 and 3.
38 Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion and the motion was carried five (5) in
39 favor; Wahl, Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees; one (1) absent; Hatfield-Hyde
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41 **EXHIBIT G: ACCESS & HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING**

42 The Commission approved the Access and Habitat Board recommendations for project
43 funding.
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1 Commission Action: Approval

2 Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

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4 Travis provided the Commission with a presentation sharing how the Access & Habitat
5 Program helps hunters and wildlife by recommending two new projects. One is the New
6 River Access Area, which provides hunters with access to about 3,500 acres and helps
7 reduce damage to farmland by Aleutian geese. The other is the large Jackson Cooperative
8 Travel Management Area, covering over 34,500 acres, which improves access, cuts down
9 on disturbing wildlife during winter, and supports better road management across
10 different landowners. These projects were proposed by staff to be approved by the
11 Commission to improve hunting opportunities and wildlife habitat in Oregon.

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13 This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
14 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20G_PD](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20G_PD_F%20Files%20for%20Web%20Posting/Exhibit%20G_Presentation_AH.pdf)
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17 No Public Testimony

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19 Action:

20 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to approve the two projects recommended for funding
21 by the Access & Habitat Board. Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion
22 was carried five (5) in favor; Wahl, Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees; one (1)
23 absent; Hatfield-Hyde

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25 **EXHIBIT H: OREGON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND WILDLIFE CONNECTIVITY**
26 **PROJECT FUNDING**

27 The Commission will be asked to approve the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
28 (OCRF) Advisory Committee's recommendations for wildlife passage project funding.

29 Commission Action: Approval

30 Reva Gillman, OCRF Coordinator

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32 Reva provided the Commission with a presentation on project proposals for \$574,500
33 from the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund to support two wildlife connectivity
34 projects. One project plans to add a wildlife shield over an Interstate 5 underpass near
35 the Mt. Ashland exit to help animals cross the highway safely. The other will restore
36 aquatic passage in Cackler Marsh at Baskett Slough, improving the stream and wetland
37 habitat so fish, turtles, and beavers can move more freely. Both locations are designated
38 Priority Wildlife Connectivity Areas, and the projects aim to help wildlife in response to
39 climate change, while also creating educational and public use opportunities.

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41 This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
42 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20H_PD](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20H_PD_F%20Files%20for%20Web/Exhibit%20H_Presentation.pdf)
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1 No Public Testimony

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3 Action:

4 Commissioner Labhart moved to approve expenditure from the Oregon Conservation
5 and Recreation Fund of up to \$574,500 for two projects: "Adaptive Plan to Improve
6 Wildlife Passage Under I-5" and "Cackler Marsh Aquatic Passage Restoration."

7 . Commissioner King seconded the motion, and the motion carried four (4) in favor;
8 Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King, Hall Defees. one (1) absent- Hatfield-
9 Hyde; one (1) reclused - Wahl

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12 **EXHIBIT I: R&E PROJECT APPROVAL**

13 The Commission will be asked to approve the Recreation & Enhancement (R&E) Board
14 recommendations for Cycle 25-1 Projects and the 2025-27 R&E Administration and
15 Operations Budget.

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17 Commission Action: Approval

18 Martin Olson, R&E/STEP Coordinator

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20 Martin provided the Commission with a presentation on final approval to seven projects
21 recommended by the Restoration & Enhancement (R&E) Board as part of the 2025–27
22 biennium Cycle 1. These include a major restoration of the Klamath Hatchery building
23 office, shop, and hatch house, which was destroyed by fire. The seven recommended
24 projects also include ODFW administration and operations support, covering
25 grant-management systems, STEP (Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program) education
26 materials and fish food, mini-grants through STAC, and emergency grant funding to keep
27 the R&E program running smoothly.

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29 This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at

30 [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20I%20](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20I%20PDF's%20for%20Web/Ex%20I%20Presentation%20Restoration%20and%20Enhancement%20Project%20Approval.pdf)
31 [PDF's%20for%20Web/Ex%20I%20Presentation%20Restoration%20and%20Enhancement](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/25/06_June/Exhibit%20I%20PDF's%20for%20Web/Ex%20I%20Presentation%20Restoration%20and%20Enhancement%20Project%20Approval.pdf)
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34 No Public Testimony

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36 Action:

37 Commissioner King moved to approve the projects recommended by the Restoration and
38 Enhancement Board as set forth in Attachment 2. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the
39 motion and the motion was carried five (5) in favor; Wahl, Labhart, Spelbrink, Khalil, King,
40 Hall Defees; one (1) absent; Hatfield-Hyde

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42 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.